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### **CCTA ANNOUNCES REGIONAL TRANSITION**

Burlington, VT (June 15, 2011) – The Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is pleased to announce that as of July 1, 2011, the CCTA charter will allow municipalities outside Chittenden County to join CCTA as member communities, thereby allowing CCTA to become the state's first and only regional transit authority. In July, the CCTA Board of Commissioners will expand to include representatives from Washington County, Franklin County, Lamoille County, and Grand Isle County. The transition to a regional entity builds upon the successful relationship CCTA has had with the Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) since 2003 and offers a practical approach to the merging of two respected service providers.

In 2003, CCTA created GMTA to provide public transportation services in Central Vermont. In subsequent years, GMTA's service area expanded to include the Mad River Valley, Stowe and Morrisville in Lamoille County, and Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. For the past several years, GMTA has operated as an independent 501(C)(3) non-profit under its own Board of Directors, with management services provided by CCTA through a management contract. As of June 30, 2011, the GMTA non-profit will formally dissolve, with CCTA assuming the GMTA name when operating rural public transportation services in Washington, Lamoille, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

The public, including passengers, should not notice any changes in GMTA services or established branding identity. The high quality of service currently provided by CCTA and GMTA will continue and no noticeable changes are expected to affect passengers in any way. After the transition on July 1st, the public transportation services currently provided by GMTA in rural areas will continue to operate as they do now under the name GMTA, and all vehicles, facilities, and fares will remain the same.

Over the past eight years, CCTA staff has worked collaboratively with GMTA staff to provide professional services in the areas of Finance, Human Resources, Operations, Planning, Grants Management, Marketing, and Maintenance. Therefore, the same skilled and knowledgeable staff will be doing the same work as before the transition, only in a more cohesive manner.





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CCTA looks forward to continuing to improve the vital rural public transportation services in the GMTA regions. Having a unified regional transit authority for Northwest and Central Vermont that serves 47% of the state's population will provide the maximum opportunity for service coordination and connectivity.

The following points of contact will remain in effect after July 1, 2011:

**CCTA**

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**GMTA Central Vermont**

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**GMTA -Franklin/Grand Isle**

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*The mission of CCTA is to operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development and enhance the quality of life for all.*

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