City of Burlington, VT

# Downtown City Employee Commute Pilot Project

#### A partnership between:

- Burlington Sustainability Action Team (BSAT)
- Campus Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA)
- Chittenden Country Transportation Authority (CCTA)
- CarShare Vermont









# Policy Framework and Goals

- Burlington Legacy Project
  - 30-yr vision for a sustainable community
  - http://burlingtonlegacyproject.org/
- Burlington Municipal Development Plan
  - Burlington Transportation Plan
    - TDM, public transit, Downtown TMA, parking management
- Burlington Climate Action Plan
  - Reduce VMT
  - http://burlingtonclimateaction.com/



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# **BSAT Pilot Project**

- 11 Downtown City Departments
  - ~100 employees targeted
- Energy Efficiency Block Grant
  - \$9,000 for City participation in CarShare VT
  - \$6,000 for CATMA membership
- Focus on Awareness and Education
  - Department Heads
  - Department staff meetings
  - Events



# Transportation Expenditures

## Employee Parking

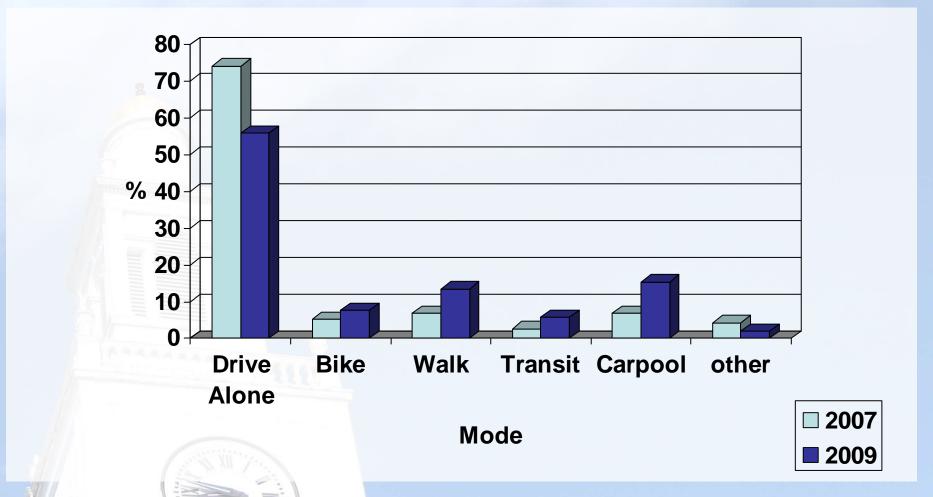
- \$19,000/yr for downtown parking paid by City
- \$20/month/employee

### CCTA Bus Passes

 from 5/09-5/10 HR distributed CCTA bus passes with a total value of \$6,428



# Commuting Characteristics





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## **Alternative Commuting Options**



#### If you want to...

Take the Bus	Walk, Bike or Carpool	(
CCTA bus passes are available <u>for</u> <u>free</u> to all City employees! You can choose from a Local 10 Ride, Local	Register with the Campus Area Transportation Management Assoc. (CATMA) and be eligible for:	If you need car (or even meeting for
31 day, or Link Express 10 ride pass and ride as much or as little as works for you.	•Bike/Walk Reward Program – receive \$15 gift cards to local businesses for biking or walking to/from work (3 days/wk for 8 wks).	own person CarShare V
Contact Stephanie Hanker in the Human Resources Dept. at 865-7145, <a href="mailto:shanker@ci.burlington.vt.us">shanker@ci.burlington.vt.us</a> or stop	•Confidential Carpool Matching Service - find a carpool unique to the downtown area.	CarShare V to a grant ac Get register
by their office at 131 Church St.  Visit <a href="https://www.cctaride.org">www.cctaride.org</a> to learn more	•Emergency Ride Home Program – Free taxi ride home in an emergency.	start car sha
about CCTA routes and schedules.	Covers up to \$60/ride, and can be used 2x month, 8x year.	Contact Jen



Contact CATMA at 656-RIDE or email at <a href="mailto:catma@uvm.edu">catma@uvm.edu</a>
Visit <a href="mailto:www.catmavt.org">www.catmavt.org</a> to register.

•Monthly Drawings - gift cards at

local restaurants.



#### **Car Share**

If you need to have ready access to a car (or even a truck!) to get to a meeting for work, or even for your own personal use during the day, use CarShare Vermont!

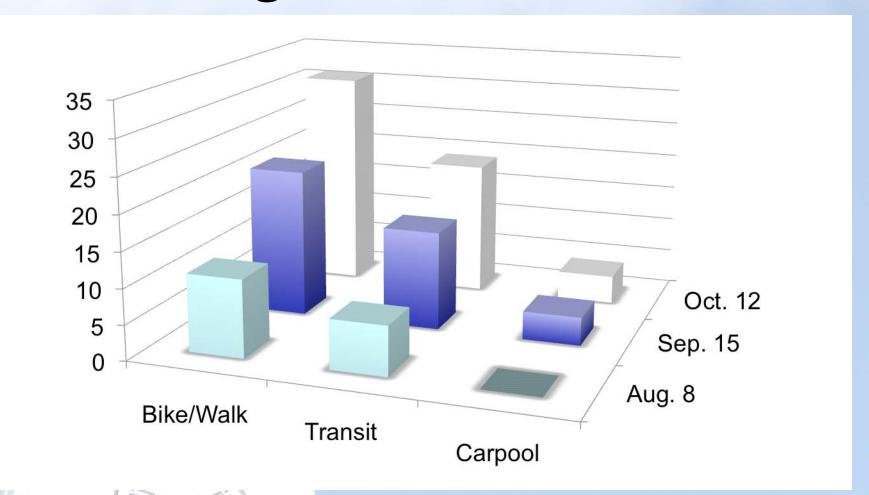
City Departments can join and use CarShare Vermont for free thanks to a grant administered by CEDO. Get registered, attend a training and start car sharing.

Contact Jennifer Green in CEDO at <u>jgreen@ci.burlington.vt.us</u> or call 865.7532 to sign-up.

Visit <u>www.carsharevt.org</u> for more information.



# Progress - CATMA





# Progress - CarShare VT

- 6 Departments participating
- 28 employees registered as users
- Anticipate ~100 trips this year





# Progress - CCTA

## Between July-Oct 2010:

- 37 10-Ride passes
- 32 LINK passes
- 11 Monthly passes





# Challenges & Opportunities

- Behavioral/Routine Change
- Flexible Choices
- Sustainable Funding
- Administrative Support







# Where we want to go...

- Citywide Participation
  - Schools and Burlington Electric
- City "CommuteFlex" Card
  - Transit, Parking, Bike/Walk
- Telecommute/Remote Access
- Model/Impetus for other Downtown Employers