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**CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REMINDS RIDERS
WITH SHORTER DAYLIGHT HOURS IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE SEEN**

Burlington, VT (October 26, 2011) – The Chittenden County Transportation Authority reminds riders and motorists that with clocks turning back on November 6, 2011, daylight hours are getting shorter. Riders will be standing in the dark more often – in the early morning and in the evening. To help our riders be safe by being seen, starting on Friday, November 4th, early morning and evening riders should ask their driver for a CCTA safety clip-on blinker. We also ask motorists to watch out for passengers waiting at bus stops and for pedestrians accessing bus routes.

While there are 36 solar-lighted shelters located throughout the Burlington area, and eight more shelters going solar between now and the end of June 2012, there are still a lot of dark spots. With over 700 bus stops in Chittenden County, riders should remember that it's easy to see the bus headlights coming your way, but in the dark, it may be hard for the driver to see you.

To use the blinker, press the button on the back and make sure to face the oncoming bus so the blinker is visible to the driver. If your blinker stops blinking, don't discard it, just unscrew the back plate and replace the small battery. Small flashlights are nice to have on hand if you are walking, biking, or catching a bus in the dark. One small note of caution...if using a flashlight, don't shine them directly into the driver's face, please wave them while facing the front of the bus. We'll all be safer.

Don't forget – be seen to be safe. Use your CCTA blinker!

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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