



15 Industrial Parkway
Burlington, VT 05401

Phone (802) 864-CCTA
Fax (802) 864-5564

For Immediate Release

Contact:

June 15, 2006

Vermont Rideshare: Matching Commuters Needs
New Rideshare program offers enhanced services and cost savings

Montpelier, Vermont: The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is pleased to announce the completion of a year-long redesign of the Vermont Rideshare program. This service upgrade includes a consolidation of transit providers offering the Vermont Rideshare program with an emphasis on streamlining the program, ensuring a consistent statewide approach, upgrading the marketing materials and brand identity as well as controlling costs. These changes have also allowed for significant cost savings while still providing Vermonters with quality commuting alternatives.

“As gas prices continue to rise, it is even more important that the State to provide affordable transit options to Vermonters, which will save them money on their commutes and give them broader access to jobs and vital resources,” said Chuck Gallagher, Vermont Agency of Transportation’s Public Transit Administrator. “VTrans and the State are excited to bring Vermont commuters the next generation of commuting services and we anticipate participation in the Vermont Rideshare program will grow quickly as residents look for affordable transportation alternatives to driving alone,” added Gallagher.

With gas prices averaging \$2.80 per gallon statewide, Vermont’s State Rideshare Program offers a better alternative to paying at the pump. Commuting 60 miles a day costs approximately \$800 a month. That’s \$9,253 a year. If you carpooled with just one other person, your yearly savings would be over \$4500. The Vermont Rideshare program also provides an Emergency Ride Home benefit, which helps pay for the ride you need in case of an emergency or unscheduled overtime.

Van or carpool — we’ve got your match!

Vermont Rideshare is Vermont’s free carpool matching service for commuters and is provided through the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Vermont Rideshare service providers include Advance Transit, Inc., Rural Community Transportation, Inc. and the Chittenden County Transportation Authority. Whether you are traveling from Springfield or Swanton, Vermont Rideshare can help you find an alternative to driving alone. Simply log on to the new website at www.vermontrideshare.org or call toll-free at 1-800-685-RIDE.

Start saving money and stress. Catch a ride with Vermont Rideshare.