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CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES 1:00 PM PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 1 2011

April 1, 2011 – Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) announces a press conference this afternoon at the CCTA office located at 15 Industrial Parkway, Burlington, VT, 05401. Cameras are welcome to set-up at 12:45 PM. Conference will start at 1:00 PM. The reason for the press conference is to offer clarification of recent press reports.

The public is rightly wondering about the status of the collective bargaining agreement between CCTA and its drivers. For the second time in six months, CCTA drivers are considering a proposed agreement. Since the first agreement was voted down in October 2010, CCTA and the Union have participated in mediation and Fact Finding. Upon the release of the Fact Finding Report and Recommendations, the Union proposed a second tentative agreement, which CCTA accepted. This second tentative agreement has been brought to the drivers and the voting results are expected on April 10 2011. CCTA feels the second tentative agreement offers a fair and reasonable contract that includes concessions from both sides.

Proposals in the second tentative agreement that have recently received attention include driver work schedules and part-time employees. These are both proposals that resulted from a specific effort to address the Union's concerns about long workdays and split shifts. At the press conference, CCTA will offer a review of these issues as well as an overview of the negotiations to-date.

Please join us at 1:00 PM to hear more about these issues.

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

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