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### **CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AWAITS UNION VOTE ON TENTATIVE AGREEMENT**

March 31, 2011 – The Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) would like to share the following information about our ongoing Union negotiations. CCTA and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers of America, Local 597 (the Union) have received their Fact Finder's Report and Recommendations. CCTA and the Union have a tentative agreement and are awaiting a Union members' vote.

CCTA negotiated with the Union for eight months, and reached a tentative agreement with the Union Stewards and Business Agent. The Drivers' Bargaining Unit voted against the agreement. More recently, the Mechanics' Bargaining Unit and the CCTA Board of Commissioners approved the Mechanics' contract. To continue working on the Drivers' contract, CCTA and the Union went to Mediation, followed by Fact Finding. At the conclusion of Fact Finding, CCTA offered to mediate with the Union and they declined. Following review of the Fact Finder's Report and Recommendations, CCTA and the Union crafted another tentative agreement, which is now being considered by the Drivers.

The Fact Finder's Report and Recommendations are available for review at <http://www.cctaride.org/news/labor.html>. CCTA encourages the public to review these documents.

*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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