



**Irene Local Roads Response Resource Coordination Center
September 9, 2011**

VTrans Secretary, Brian Searles, has requested that **Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions** coordinate local highway flood recovery efforts under the leadership and direction of VTrans. The attached Memo from VTrans Secretary Brian Searles outlines the duties VTrans expects the RPCs to carry out. An Irene Local Roads Response Resource Coordination Center has been set up to coordinate local roads needs, organize resources and communicate logistics with the State Emergency Operations Center and VTrans.

Municipalities will work directly with their Regional Planning Commission in the local highway recovery efforts. Local officials may also call the Irene Local Roads Response Resource Coordination Center at 802-660-4071 if you cannot reach your Regional Planning Commission.

RPCs will work together to document and verify local road damage and resource needs on a daily basis. We will work with communities to help prioritize repairs and connect you to the contractors to complete those repairs. In addition, we will communicate your needs to the State Emergency Operations Center and VTrans and follow up on any needs already reported to the State EOC. Existing mapped data and databases will be updated regularly, enhanced with information we receive from local officials and distributed regularly to all interested parties. This work will be organized by the Irene Local Roads Response Resource Coordination Center, which has been set up at Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and is being staffed by RPCs from the less affected areas.

Two other organizations will be offering resources to assist in this effort, under the coordination of the RPC Resource Coordination Center:

- **VLCT** has agreed to assist us by acting as an information clearinghouse for efforts related to local highway recovery efforts. They will host the key web location (<http://www.vlct.org/league-resources/irene-recovery-resources/>) for posting of information regarding meetings and post notices of forms, weblinks, and other key communications which municipalities would benefit from. *VLCT will be directing questions related to highway recovery for municipalities and local highway related FEMA Public Assistance back to the respective RPCs which serve the communities who contact them.*

- The Associated General Contractors of Vermont (AGC/VT) members are commercial contractors that can assist in meeting the municipal and businesses needs quickly and responsibly. The AGC/VT contact is Cathy Voyer: 802-223-2374, cathy@agcvt.org.

In summary, your Regional Planning Commission will be the main point of contact for local roads damage reporting, resource coordination and recovery planning.

For more information, contact your local RPC or Michele Boomhower at 802-660-4071.