

MEMORANDUM

TO: Municipal Officials

FROM: Brian R. Searles, Secretary of Transportation 

DATE: September 7, 2011

RE: Regional Planning Commissions' Role in Local Road Recovery following Tropical Storm Irene

VTrans, in cooperation with Vermont Emergency Management and the State Emergency Operations Center, has asked the Regional Planning Commissions to play a key role in the recovery coordination of local roads in conjunction with FEMA and VTrans. Regional Planning Commissions throughout the state will be assuming major responsibilities associated with the coordination of assisting municipalities with the resources they need for the reconstruction of local roads below the major collector level. The RPCs will also provide technical assistance with the FEMA eligibility and reimbursement process for local roads.

VTrans will be focusing the majority of our efforts to rebuild and repair state and federal highway roads in addition to major collector routes before winter conditions arrive. This division of effort will help provide additional qualified personnel to expedite the recovery of the local road network.

Each municipality will be receiving a call from their respective RPC establishing the points of contact for local road recovery efforts. Applicants' briefings to file damage reports with FEMA will be held on Friday, September 9th, Saturday, September 10th and Monday, September 12th. Details on times and locations will be announced shortly.