

## **Healthy Communities & Public Transportation**

It recently came to our attention that there is high community interest in the local public transportation system, CCPT and its procurement of bike racks for the busses. We would like to provide some clarification on the issue.

CCPT did have bike racks on the majority of its busses in the past. However, when new busses were purchased, the bike racks could not be transferred from the old busses to the new busses because of a different style of “nose” on the bus. Busses that were not replaced due to old age, maintained their bike racks. These include bus numbers 1, 6, 7 and 10. In February 2010, the Clinton County Health Department used remaining money in a grant to buy CCPT 3 bike racks. These bike racks arrived in May and were put on bus numbers 15, 18 and 19. Together, these constitute more than half of our fixed route busses. These seven busses primarily cover the following routes: North City, Champlain/Rouses Point, Grand Isle Commuter, AuSable, Mooers, and West City. These buses were chosen to have bike racks installed on them first following a rider survey that indicated where bike racks were needed most.

Additionally, we are happy to relay to you that CCPT has made it a priority to ensure that all future busses procured by the County arrive with ready to use bike racks. This includes one new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded bus expected to arrive late summer 2010 that will cover the South City route. Finally, we have included a photo of one of our buses with a bike rack. It is our hope to install bike racks on all of our buses to help create healthier communities.

