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CHITTENDEN CIRCUMFERENTIAL SITE VISIT  
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TALKING POINTS

Thank you .... When I first heard of the "Chittenden Circumferential" I thought it was the name of a new mystery or spy novel -- like the "Bourne Identity."

But it's no secret to those who work in the area of what's going on here -- the construction of a highway bypass to reduce congestion in the greater Burlington area.

This demonstration project is well under way, as some \$28 million is being used to construct four miles of highway: from Susie Wilson Road to Vermont Route 117.



Because of the work that needs to be done on the highway -- like paving and construction of a bridge abutment -- dozens of new, good paying jobs are being created for Burlington area residents.

In fact, more construction will be going on throughout the state as surface transportation funding will rise from \$71.7 million in 1992 to \$75.3 million in 1993.

Given that IBM has a major chip production facility right here in Essex Junction, we know how important this highway will be to the large number of IBM employees who commute here daily.

The building of transportation infrastructure here in Vermont -- and throughout all America -- is vital to our nation's competitiveness.



It helps us move goods quickly, either to neighboring states or to foreign markets like Canada . And it creates employment opportunities for hundreds of thousands of Americans.

When the President signed into the law the new surface transportation bill -- called ISTEA -- last December, he moved forward to resolve our nation's infrastructure deficit and to bolster our economic growth and productivity.

So what we are doing here today -- building needed roads and creating jobs -- is being repeated all over America.

Keep up the good work ... thank you.

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