

Circ-Williston EIS- Scoping Vermont



Description

FHI was selected to assist in the development of a public outreach program for a highly controversial highway bypass through towns on the eastern edge of Burlington, VT. The EIS is being done in response to a court ruling that a previous EIS update was inadequate, in part because public involvement had been insufficient. FHI's role included the development and implementation of a public involvement plan, which had an important project website component. FHI designed and established the project website (www.circeis.org), created a user-password protected intranet site for the EIS team, and designed a public comment web page with a link for transmitting public and agency comments directly to the project team. For receiving comments via the internet, FHI designed a Microsoft Access database for storing and sorting comments and comment responses. FHI has also been responsible for identifying individual comments, topics, and response tracking.

Besides website design and management, other responsibilities for this project included: developing a media strategy and materials; facilitating logistics and staffing of public meetings, forums and workshops; and ensuring public access to meetings for all persons, including the hearing impaired.

Client

Vermont Agency of Transportation

