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The State Transportation Improvement Program includes 600 projects in its long-range program. The program is an aggressive one including highway resurfacing and the maintenance and enhancement of the existing system as well as increased capacity. Highway projects are grouped as follows:

System Preservation

- Resurfacing, rehabilitation, restoration
- Rail-highway crossing projects
- Bridge rehabilitation or replacement with minor roadway approach work

System Management

- Signing and pavement marking projects
- Signalization projects
- Projects to improve operational efficiency when the length of the project is 0.2 mile or less and when the cost is \$500,000 or less and the right-of-way impacts are minimal

New Capacity

- Projects including significant widening or additional lanes
- Highway relocation projects
- New interchanges or ramps

Local Aid

- Town highway and bridge improvements
- Projects that are on the Federal-aid system and also under local jurisdiction (urban system projects and Secondary Class II projects)
- Any other project not on the state system such as the Town Highway Bridge Inspection Program

The maintenance and improvements of roads is extremely important due to the amount of trucks travelling between Vermont and Canada. Truck weight on secondary roads is a point of concern because transportation officials believe that weights often exceed the recommended level. The interstate issue of truck size is also an important one and one that is being considered for stricter state regulations.

Ongoing projects:

- Alberg-Swanton bridge replacement