



Regional Operations and Safety Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting Agenda Thursday, June 15, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1. Introductions/Meeting Attendance

- Andrew Tracy, Transportation Council
- Carrie Ward, Transportation Council
- Rebecca Odell, Transportation Council
- Chaim Simon, Transportation Council
- Chris Bauer, Transportation Council
- Thomas Werner, Interested Citizen
- Chris Wallin, City of Schenectady Engineer
- Ethan Warren, CDTA Planning
- Ben Wolfe, LaBella
- Mark Sargent, Creighton Manning
- Brian DiPalma, GTSC - Rensselaer
- Andrew Sattinger, NYSDOT

2. Congestion Management Process Update

- Andrew Tracy, CDTC
 - Andrew presented a progress update on the Congestion Management Process, including information on CMP federal requirements, stakeholder and public involvement, congestion data and statistics, and portions of the report.
 - The FHWA eight-step process will be followed, and congestion data will be used to identify the appropriate congestion management strategies for many major regional roadways
 - Potential for before and after studies
 - Take the survey!
 - Help us circulate the Congestion Survey: <https://www.cdtcmpo.org/2023CMP>

3. Safe Streets 4 All Grant Program Update

- Carrie Ward discussed progress among the co-applicants of Albany, Green Island, Saratoga Springs, Troy, and Watervliet as well as on a scope of work and asked for feedback on types of infrastructure that would be useful to show in demonstration projects, as well as suggestions for people or groups to include in public engagement. Mark Sargent asked if demonstrations will be pop-ups for one day or in place for a longer period of time. Carrie said we know it will be temporary, but we haven't determined implementation timelines. It could include bump outs and bike infrastructure.
- Ethan Warren asked if the project could look at places that are likely high risk for pedestrian crashes but where there isn't a history of crashes because people avoid the area on foot? Carrie said the project will be looking at risk factors. Andrew noted that we are looking at very short vehicle trips for the CMP and hoping to use this as a focus for building out bike ped infrastructure and encourage mode shift. This information could also highlight places people don't feel comfortable walking

4. Additional Updates:

- Name change – Capital Region Transportation Council
 - Slow roll out of new brand
- Additional updates from ROSAC members
 - Andrew Sattinger: NYSDOT just had the second stakeholder meeting for the update to the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The draft has been sent out for comments, which are due June 19th. Please contact Andrew Sattinger if you would like to review the draft.
 - Reminder that this is a state plan that we all contribute to creating as well as implementing. We all have a role to commit to the actions and strategies over the next five years. This makes opportunities for everyone.
- Carrie Ward: we are working with Bethlehem to reduce the speed limit on certain roads to 25mph - they would like to keep some at 30mph. The Town of East Greenbush has also been working to reduce the speed limit on some of their roadways.
- Chris Wallin: Also looking at lowering speed in Schenectady. Issue is that they can only lower for local roads because it would quadruple the number of signs they are using, big budget increase. If it were citywide, they would need 75, if it was only local roads it was 450 signs. This is causing us to pause on the roll out. We look forward to hearing about how these communities handle it.
- Mark Sargent: There's a downstate city, maybe NYC, with sign "speed limit 25 unless otherwise noted", so non local roads have to be signed for a higher speed limit. I will send you details.

5. Wrap Up and Next Meeting

- Next ROSAC Meeting – Thursday, September 21st at 1:00pm