Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Meeting Notes February 8, 2022

1.0 New Business

1.1 Welcome & Introductions

Attendance: Valerie Deane, NYSDOT; Rima Shamieh, CDTC; Sam Morreale, City of Albany; Ethan Warren, CDTA; Jennifer Hogan, NYSDOH; Lynn Walkuski, Glenville; David Woodin, Waterford; Darlene McGraw, Saratoga County resident; Peter Kutson, Schenectady County; Wally Elton, Champlain Canal Trail; Jim Mearkle, Albany County; Chaim Simon, CDTC; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Dennis Gaffney, City of Albany; Charles Welge, Albany County Department of Health; Janette Kaddo Marino, Bikeatoga; John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park; Ivan Vamos, NY Bicycling Coalition; Fred Mastroianni, GPI; Lindsey Bradt, CDTA; Liz King Podowski, Bergmann; Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs; Rogerio Rodriguez, CPMAC; John Gillivan, Albany Bike Coalition; Barbara Nazarawicz, Stantec

Presentation: Patroon Creek Greenway Feasibility Study: Alignment Analysis, Liz Podowski King, PLA, AICP from Bergmann

Liz King provided an overview of the project's purpose and goals, schedule, the alternatives analysis underway, and public engagement opportunities. The project started with an alignment developed as part of a 2004 study. The project's goals center around equitable access, connectivity, quality of life, and public health. Compilation of existing conditions was finished last fall and the alignment analysis is underway. From Fuller to Everett, the trail is proposed to use mostly a county sewer easement located between I-90 and the railroad as well as some city-owned property. There are three options between Everett Road and Tivoli Preserve. The first follows Exchange St under I-90 to existing or replaced rail trestles over the railroad. The second follows Everett Road south to Commerce Ave, Terminal Street, and Livingston Ave before connecting to an Albany Water Board connection into Tivoli Preserve. The third would follow much of the second option but connecting straight from Commerce Ave to the new Tivoli Preserve trail network, which would require some private property. The trail is proposed to run through the Tivoli Preserve. East of Tivoli there are three options. The first follows Northern and Manning Boulevards and Ten Broeck Street south and Easton protected on-road facilities. The second option would extend straight across Northern Boulevard as a trail on city-owned property under the I-90 ramps to Lark and Arbor Drives and Ten Broeck Street. The third would follow the second option under the I-90 ramps but then turn north over a new bridge over the railroad to Tivoli Street and Broadway. There is an open survey on the alignments, located at www.patroongreenway.com/get-engaged.

1. Discussion items:

a. 2022-27 TIP Update

Jen Ceponis reviewed the currently planned schedule for the TIP update and noted that we anticipate programming to begin in mid-February. The public review period was shortened to 25 days to accommodate the schedule delay from the lack of funding allocations.

b. 2022-2023 UPWP

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Jen Ceponis noted that a draft one year <u>Unified Planning Work Program</u> was released for public review. CDTC solicited for projects to include in the upcoming work program. New and highlighted tasks include an asset management plan for the Town of Hoosick, three linkage studies, health impact assessments, resiliency and security planning, capital coexist, and active transportation planning. There will be a virtual public workshop on February 16th at 4:30pm.

c. Capital Coexist

Jen Ceponis noted that we're proposing to reserve \$20,000 for traffic safety infrastructure demonstration projects, \$5,000 for bike skills safety training and maintenance workshops, and \$15,000 for bicycle and pedestrian safety events led by police departments.

d. Bike to Work Day / Ditch the Car

Rima Shamieh discussed tentative plans for these two programs, as well as Bike to School. Goals are increasing visibility of cycling, building support for bike infrastructure, encouraging "interested but concerned" cyclists, and educating adults and youth. We are currently planning to hold Bike to Work Day 2022 mid-week this year, on June 12th. We did develop a leader-board website two years ago, which we can roll out this year. Bike to School will coincide with the Bike to Work day. The Ditch the Car Challenge covers all modes and all non-recreational trips. It will start after Bike to Work Day, ending the week of Labor Day. We are also planning educational programming this year, with adult bike safety trainings. We'll be releasing a call for entities to host trainings. We'll also plan to hold youth bike safety trainings.

e. New Visions 2050 Implementation

The next training will be on February 22nd, on air quality and transportation planning/modeling. Jen Ceponis noted that we will begin planning for the next Long Range Transportation Plan in this coming year.

f. ADA Transition Plans

There was no update this month.

g. Status of Planning Initiatives

Jen Ceponis referred to the distributed project status spreadsheet.

Other Updates

 Charles Welge updated the group that the next cycle of planning for the Albany and Rensselaer County Community Health Needs Assessment for 2023-2025 is underway.
 One of the priorities is obesity and its related risk factors. Physical activity and active transportation are woven into this priority item. In the next few months the counties will be soliciting ideas and input for implementation strategies for active transportation.

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- John Gillivan discussed a Keeler Motor Car developed on Route 7 and an opportunity to create a connection to the Empire State Trail, as discussed in the Regional Trails Plan.
- We received information about the first ever New York State Bicycling Census sponsored by NYSERDA and wanted to pass along the details. According to information provided, the purpose of the survey is to undertake a statewide effort to develop data on cycling. This incentivized survey will provide county-level (and municipal-level depending on local response volume) information, on where and why people bike, as well as barriers and other opportunities to expand active transportation all over the state. This is part of a larger study for NYSERDA on bicycle integration with transit. Any and all data collected (both local and statewide) will be freely shared with any agency, club or organization that can benefit. Please feel free to complete the survey and/or share it with others:

https://nyserda.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aaOKnyxZSgkskmi

2.4 Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th at 9am via Zoom. Please register in advance.



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 8, 2022



Upcoming Meeting: Meetings Open to the Public: The next meeting is scheduled for **March 8** at **9:00am**

- 1. Welcome & announcements
- 2. Presentation: Patroon Creek Greenway Feasibility Study Alignment Analysis
- 3. Discussion items:
 - 1. 2022-27 TIP Update
 - 2. 2022-23 UPWP
 - 3. Bike to Work Day / Ditch the Car
 - 4. New Visions 2050 Implementation
 - 5. ADA Transition Plans
 - 6. Status of Planning Initiatives
- 4. Other Updates
- 5. Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 8**th at **9:00 a.m.**



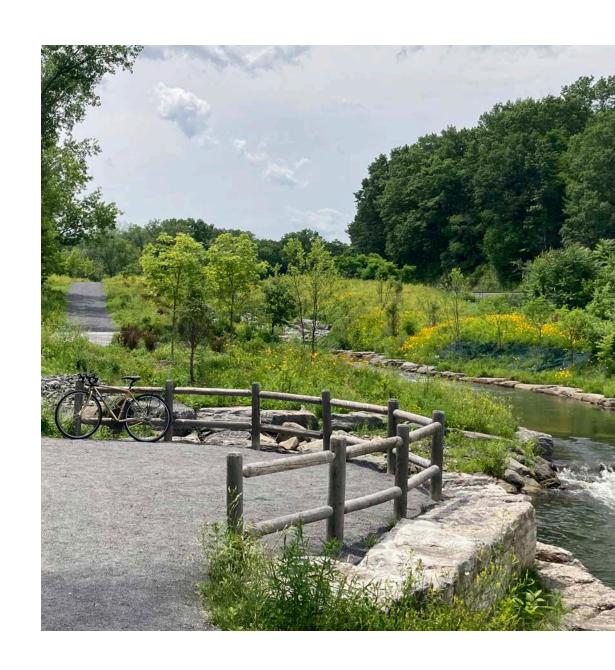


Project purpose and goals

Project schedule

Alternatives analysis

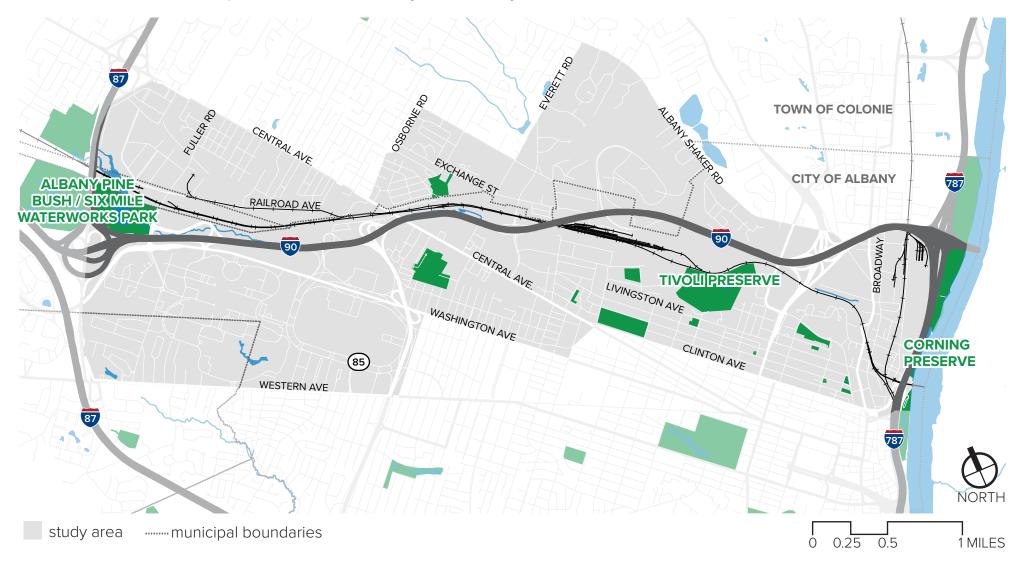
Public engagement



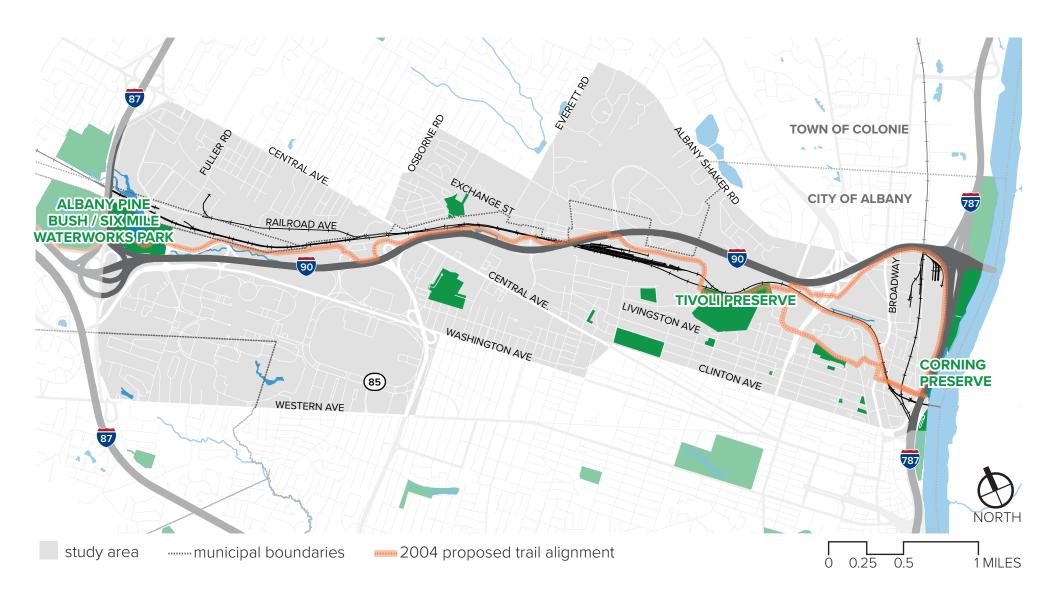


/// PURPOSE

To identify a feasible, multi-use trail connection between Albany's Hudson River waterfront west to Six Mile Waterworks Park. This approximately 9 mile trail would provide a much needed east-west connection for cyclists, pedestrians, and other forms of active transportation in the City of Albany.



//// BUILDING ON THE 2004 PATROON LINKAGE STUDY







create safe, accessible linkages between the Greenway and neighborhoods, with a focus on potential environmental justice communities

QUALITY OF LIFE

enhance the City's attractiveness, expand public space, and increase mobility options

CONNECTIVITY

provide connections between the Greenway and other recreational, economic, educational, and social opportunities

PUBLIC HEALTH

provide new opportunities for active transportation and improve air quality by reducing emissions

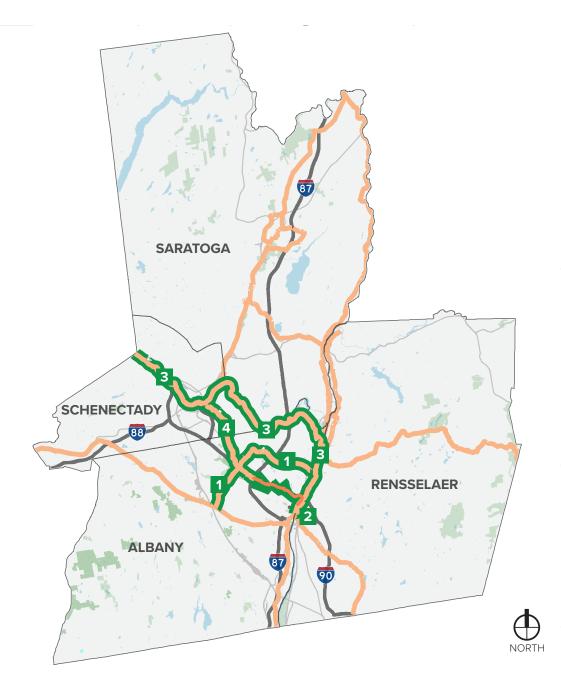
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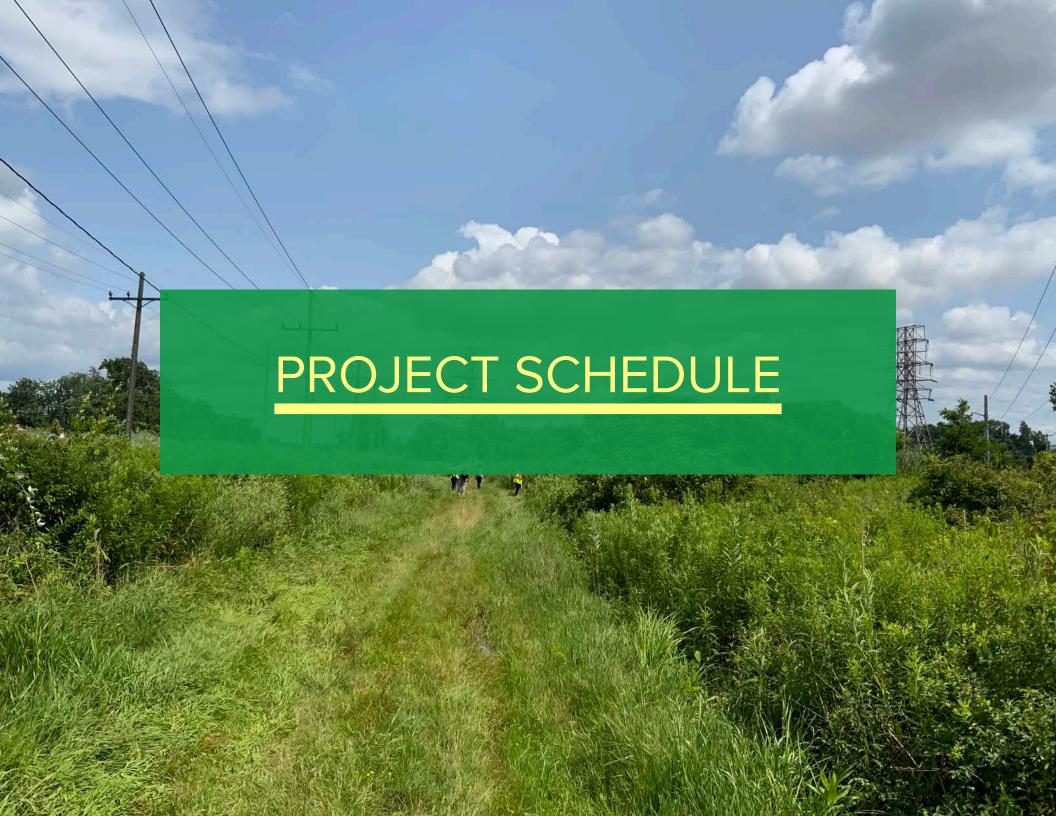
The Patroon Creek Greenway is identified as a priority core trail in CDTC's Capital District Trails Plan.





- core trails directly connected to the Patroon Creek Greenway
- Albany Loop
- 2 Rensselaer Riverwalk / RPI Trail
- 3 Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail
- 4 Schenectady Park Connector

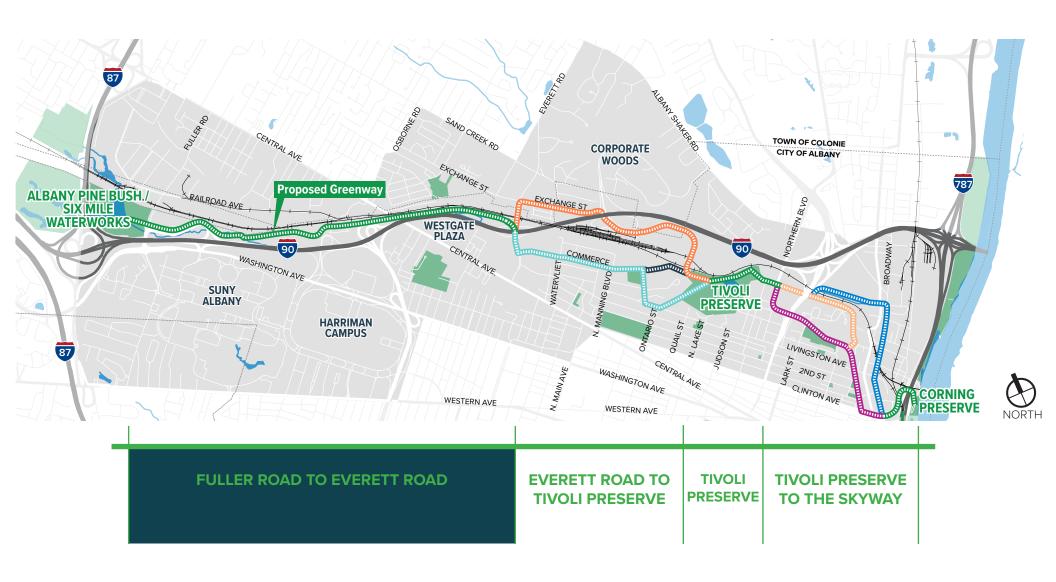




JULY 2021	AUG. 2021	SEPT. 2021	OCT. 2021	NOV. 2021	DEC. 2021	JAN. 2022	FEB. 2022	MAR. 2022	APR. 2022	MAY 2022
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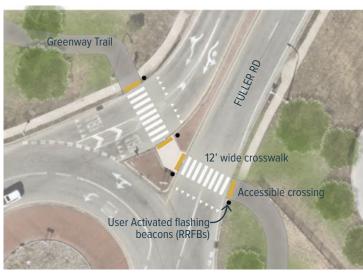
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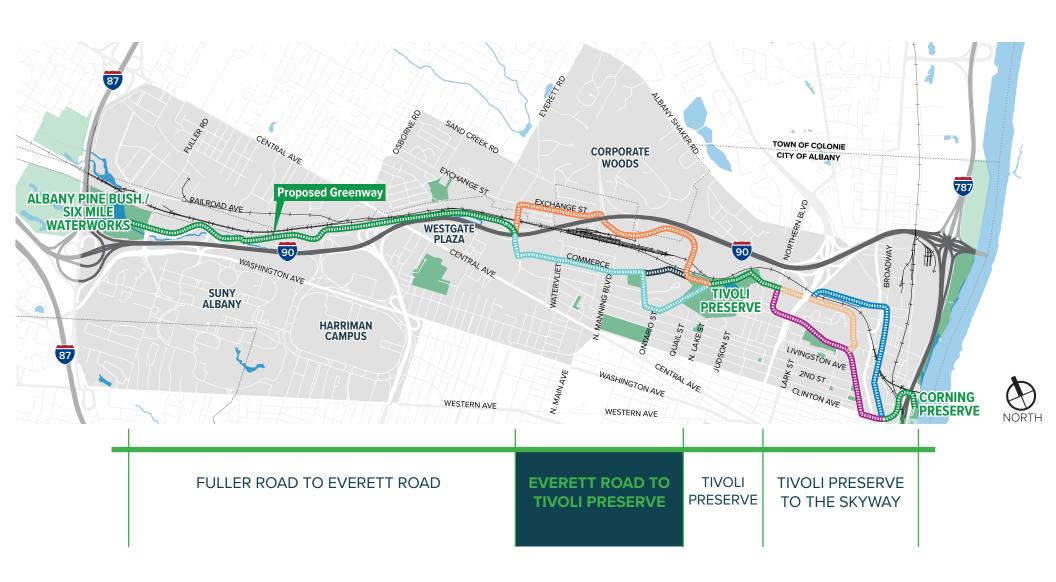
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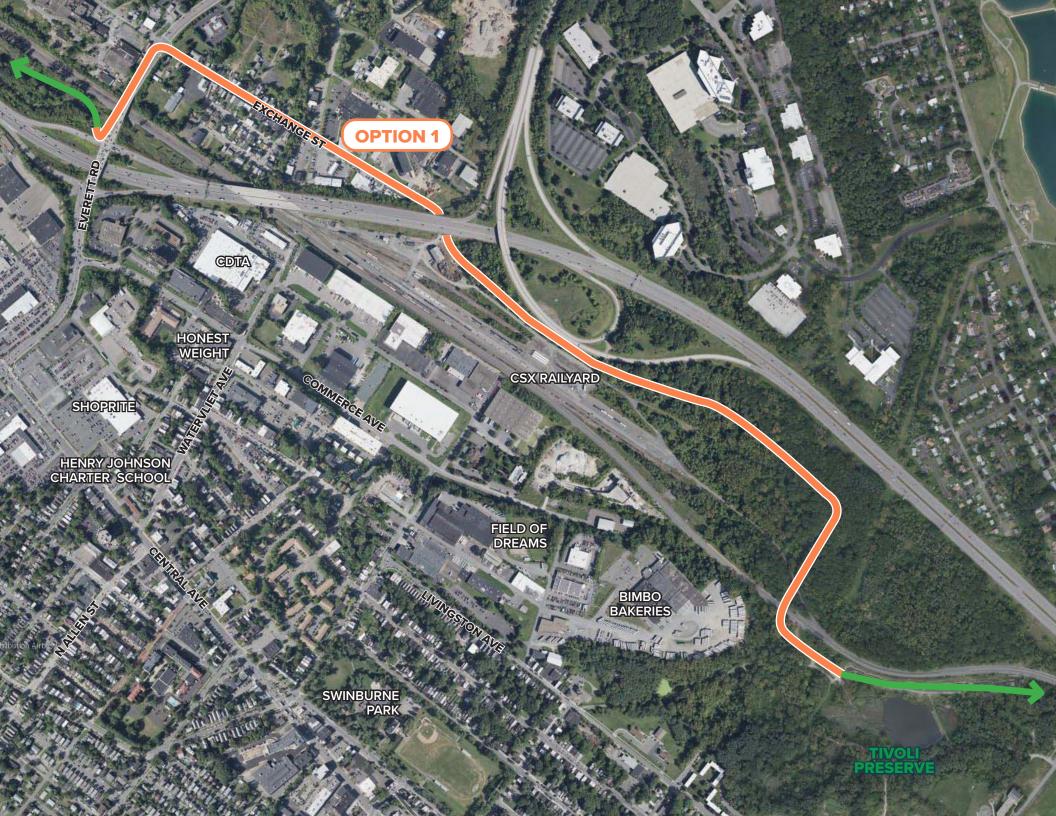


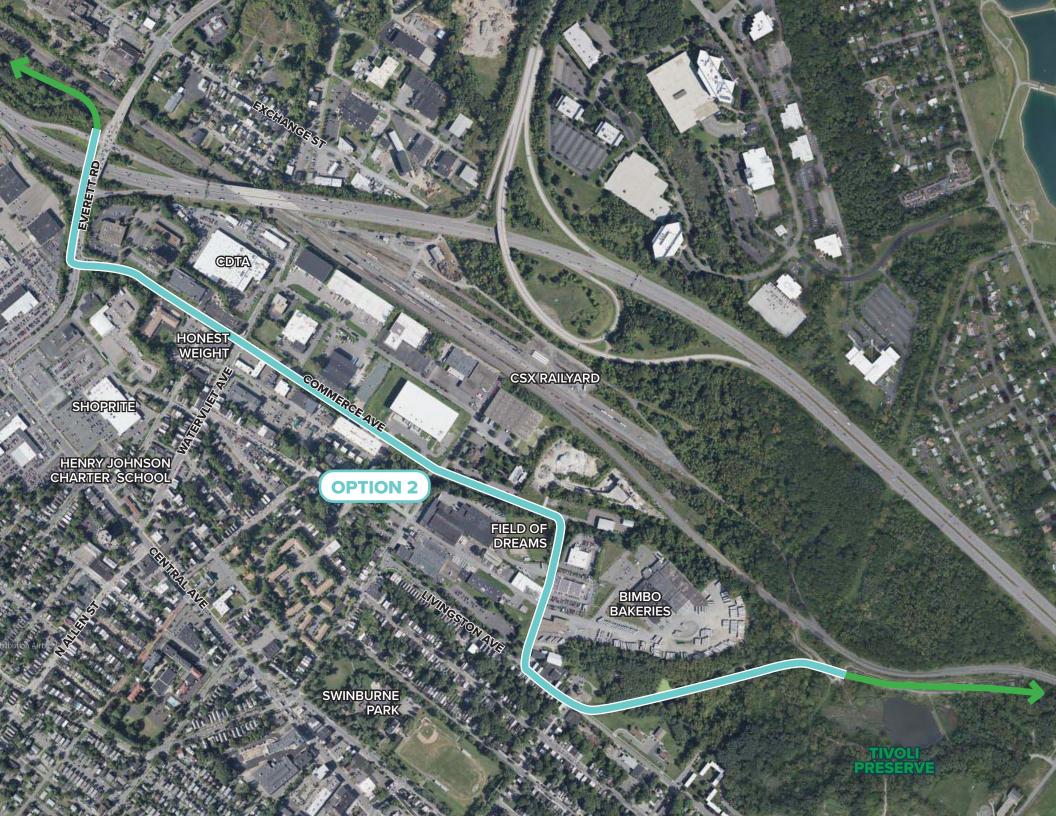


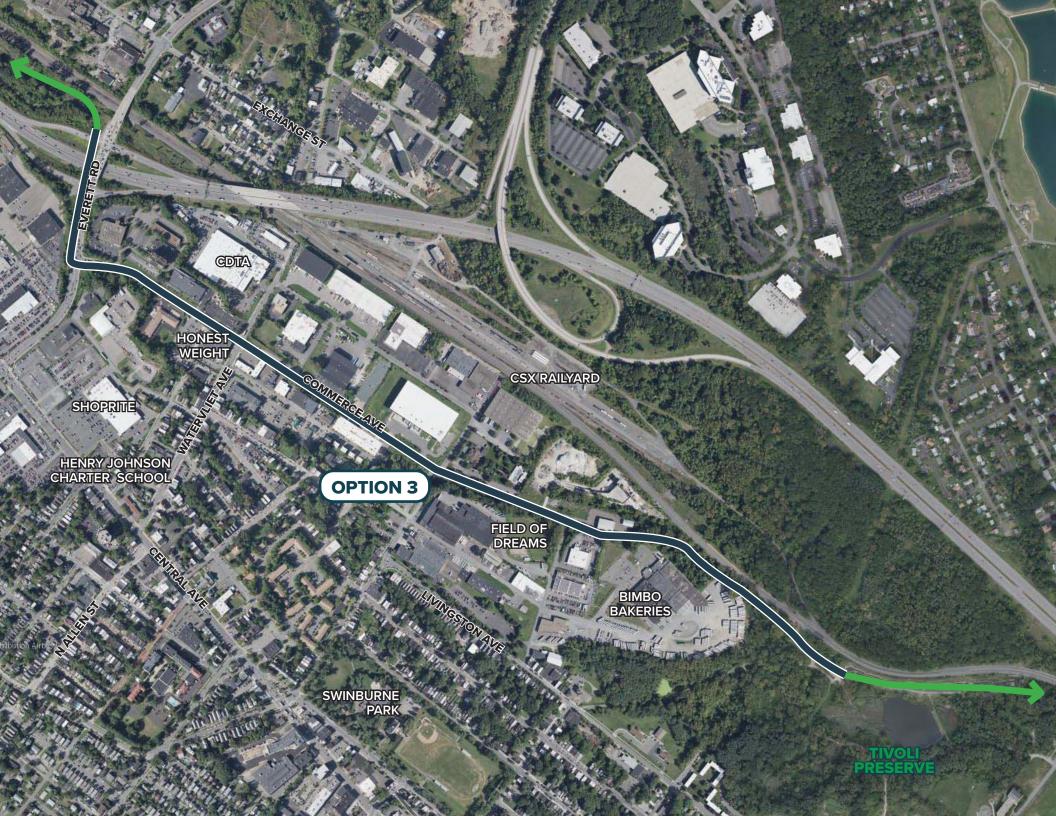
▲ ENHANCED AT-GRADE AND SEPARATED CROSSING OPTIONS OF MAJOR ROADS

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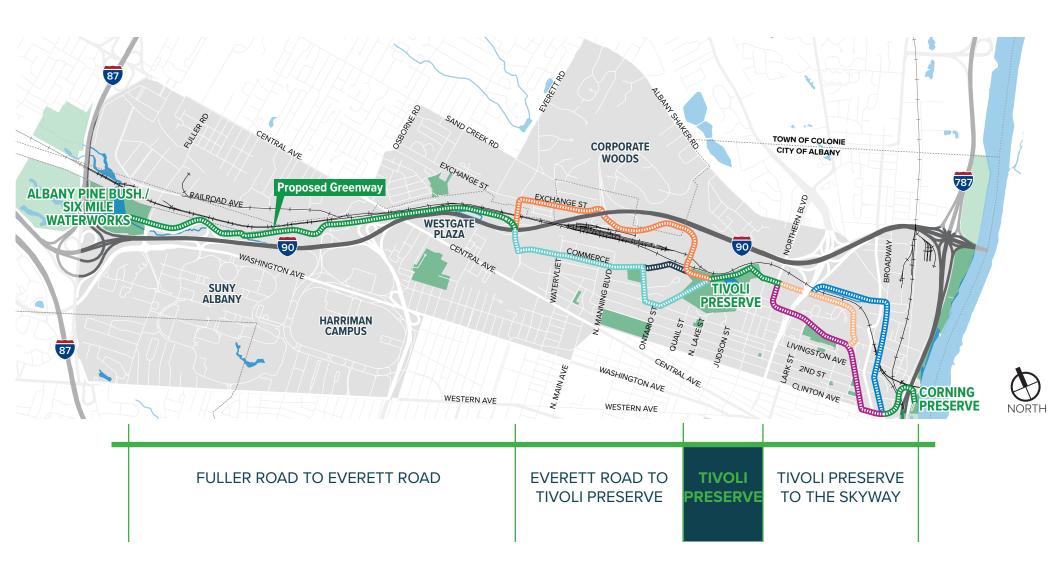








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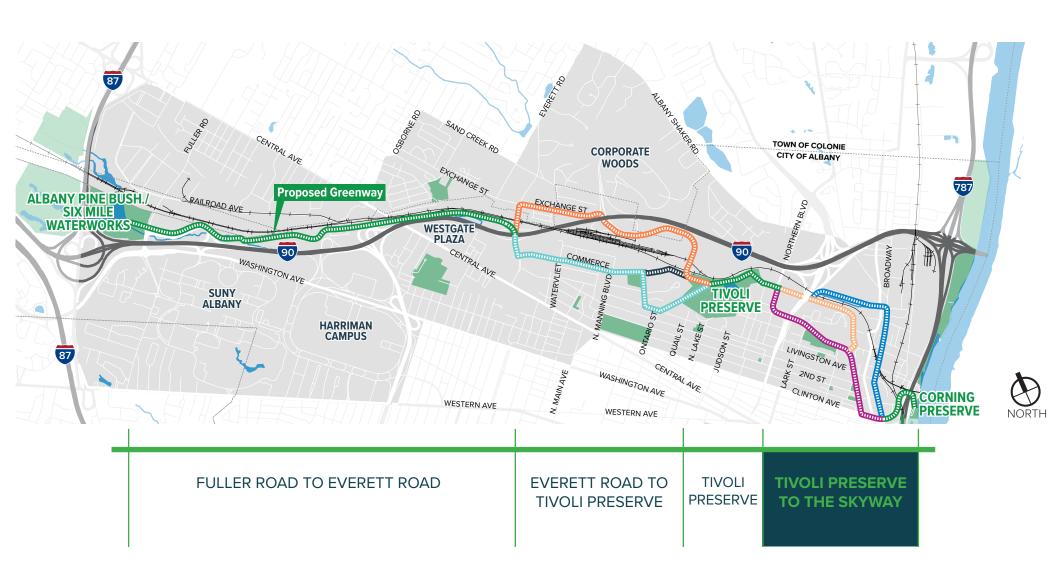


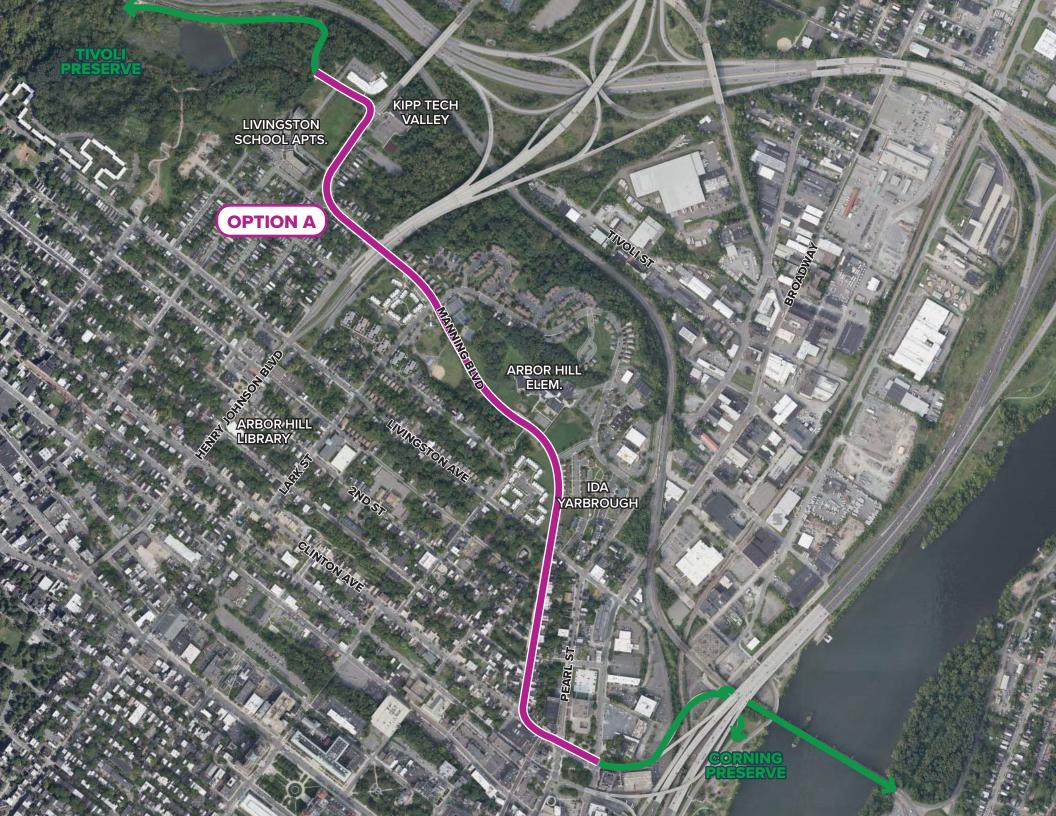


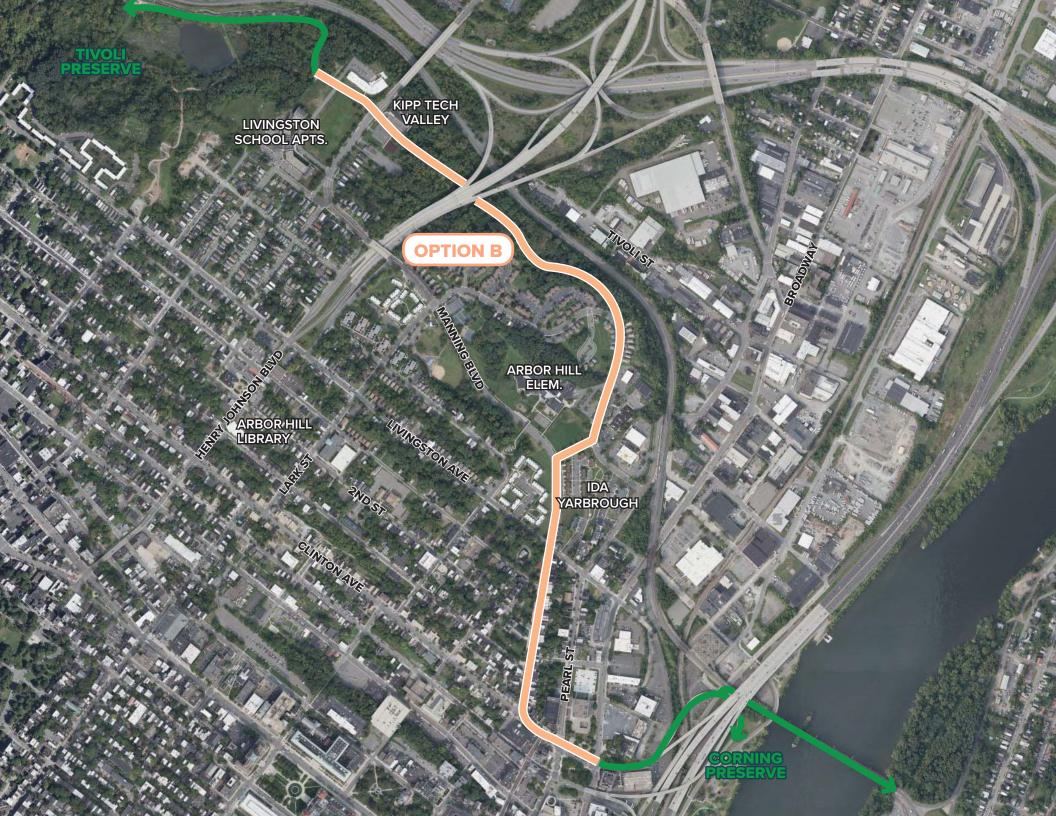


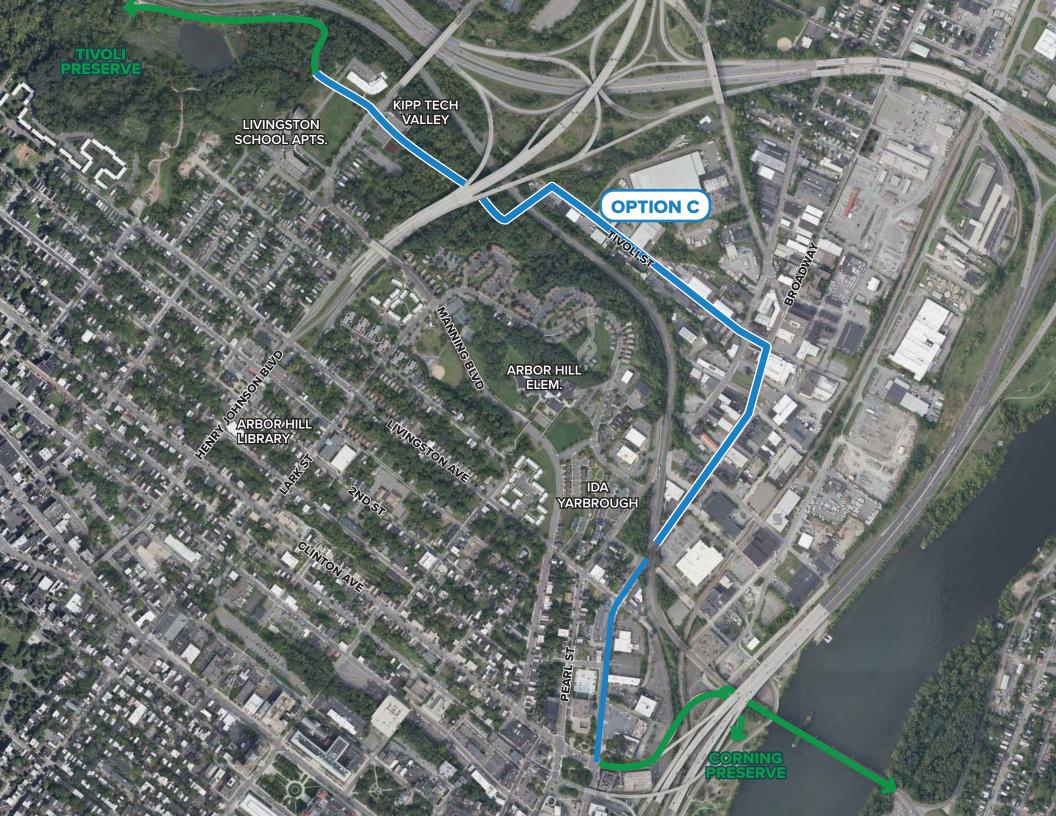


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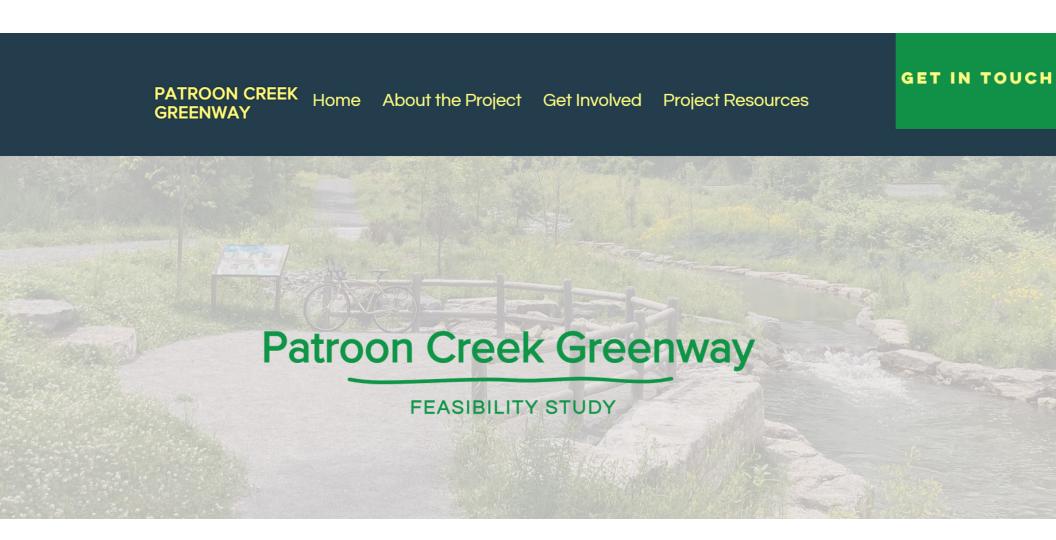












www.patroongreenway.com/get-engaged



Tabling at UAlbany in February / March

Outdoor events in the spring





No change

COVID-19 Update

- CDTC Office is open 5 days/week
- Staff is in 4 days/week on shift schedule
- Staff can now be reached more easily via the office phone number
- Visitors are allowed at CDTC with an appointment and must wear masks
- Meetings continue to be mostly virtual; Planning Committee & Policy Board is "hybrid"
- Staff continues to follow local & state public health guidelines



2022-27 TIP Update Schedule

9/10/21

The 2022-2027 TIP update schedule is subject to change.

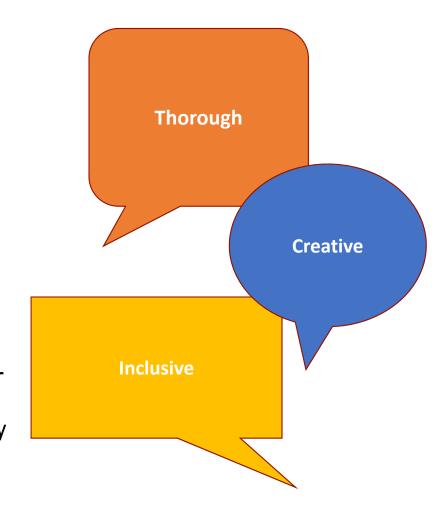
- December 3, 2021 Project Proposals Due
- January 2022 Projects Evaluated. CDTC Planning Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. on January 12, 2022.
- February 2, 2022 CDTC Planning Committee meets (no programming)*
- February 16, 2022 CDTC Planning Committee meets (begin programming)**
- March 2022 CDTC Policy Board authorizes CDTC Planning Committee to complete the TIP update process.
- April 2022 CDTC Planning Committee approves Draft 2022-2027 TIP for public review. Begin 25 day public review process
- April/May 2022 Virtual Public Workshop held (Date/Time TBD)
- June 2022 Final 2022-2027 TIP Approved by CDTC Policy Board

*What's Happening Now vs. Past Practice

Past Practice Steps in Order	What's Happening Now
NYSDOT Main Office determines the federal fund planning targets (allocations) for the 8 county region,	NYSDOT has not yet provided allocations.
further sub-allocated to CDTC in coordination with NYSDOT and A/GFTC	One factor is the status of the Federal budget – Congressional action needed for February 18 th for Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations.
NYSDOT Region 1 and CDTC staff determine the funding needed for existing TIP projects and regional set-asides. Planning Committee approves.	Planning Committee completed existing project review and approval on January 12 th .
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Depending on the fund balance, call letters are mailed to all 77 municipalities requesting project candidates.	CDTC opted to solicit for project candidates in fall of 2021 to understand the regional needs.

2022-2023 UPWP

- Key tasks:
 - Town of Hoosick Asset Management Plan
 - Brunswick Hoosick Road Corridor Study
 - Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility Study
 - City of Schenectady Albany & Crane Streets Linkage Study
 - Health Impact Assessments
 - Resiliency & Security Planning
 - Capital Coexist
 - Active Transportation Planning
- Draft 2022-23 UPWP materials are available for review at www.cdtcmpo.org/2022upwp
 - Register for the virtual public workshop on February 16th at 4:30 p.m.
 - Submit comments by email / text / voicemail



Capital Coexist



- Reserve \$20,000 for community led short-term traffic safety infrastructure demonstration projects related to CDTC planning studies and other community plans.
- Reserve \$5,000 to support bike skills safety training and maintenance workshops, by LCI trainers, leading up to CDTC's Bike to Work Day Challenge.
- Reserve \$15,000 for bicycle and pedestrian safety events led by local police departments.

Bike to Work Day / Ditch the Car

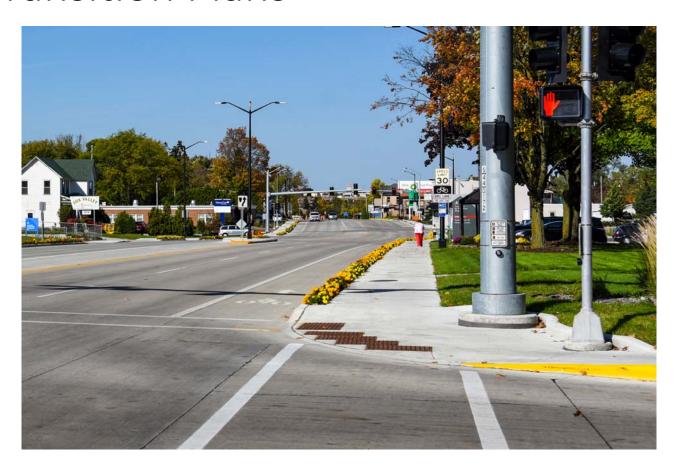








ADA Transition Plans



New Visions

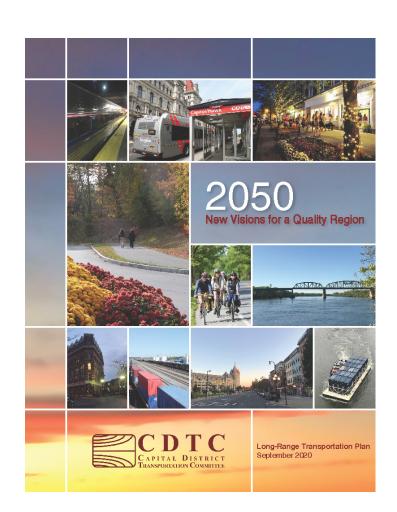
New Visions Virtual Learning Series

Tuesday, February 22 at 3:30 – 5:00 pm: Air Quality & Transportation Planning / Modeling

Tuesday, March 22 at 3:30 – 5:00 pm: The Climate Crisis & How to Plan for a Resilient Transportation System

Tuesday, April 19 at 3:30 – 5:00 pm: What Can Your Regional Planning Agency do for You?

- All materials & upcoming training opportunities are on website at www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050
- Request virtual training



ADA Transition Plans

Other Planning & Project Updates

STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022

	CONSULTANT OR STAFF,	FUNDING		ESTIMATED COMPLETION	DDOIECT WEDSITE
	PROJECT COST,	APPROVAL	STATUS	DATE	LINK
	CDTC CONTACT	DATE		DATE	LINK
LINKAGE PROGRAM					
Ballston Spa Pedestrian & Bicycle	VHB	Policy Board	The Final Plan was presented to the Village Board on 1/10/22 and was adopted by the Village.	November 2021	https://projects.vhb.c
	\$60,000	Approved	Consultant is working on providing final printed copies of the plan to CDTC and the Village. Once final	November 2021	om/ballstonspapbmp
Waster Flam	700,000	3/5/20	materials are provided, this study will be considered complete.		default.htm
Village of Ballston Spa	Jacob Beeman	5/ 5/ =5			
2. Land Use Regulations Update	The Chazen Companies	Policy Board	The fourth Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting was held 12/15/21 to review the draft zoning	April 2022	https://villageofmena
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Village of Menands	700,000	3/5/20	begun drafting the new zoning code and design guidelines.		land-use-regulations-
_	Rima Shamieh	3/3/20	began drawing the new zoning code and design galdelines.		zoning-update/
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3. Scotia Downtown Connections Plan	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying	Policy Board	Draft Concept Report was prepared by the consultant team and shared with CDTC and Village staff.	April 2022	https://www.scotiaco
	\$60,000	Approved	Draft report is under review and will be provided to the broader Study Advisory Committee for further		nnections.com/
Village of Scotia		3/5/20	review in January.		
	Andrew Tracy				
4. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-	TBD	Policy Board	The Consultant Selection Committee made a tentative selection in 2021; the consultant contracting	February 2023	TBD
	\$90,000	Approved	process is currently underway.	2020	
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Town of East Greenbush	Chris Bauer				
5. Rensselaer Waterfront	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC	Policy Board	Kickoff held November 30th. Existing conditions data is being compiled. Monthly status calls to be held.	December 2022	TBD
Connectivity Study	\$60,000	Approved			
		3/4/21			
City of Rensselaer	Andrew Tracy				
6. Federal Street Corridor Study	Creighton Manning Engineering	Policy Board	The project team held its first meeting in January. The consultants are compiling existing conditions.	December 2022	TBD
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City of Troy	435,555	3/4/21			
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1. Regional Growth and Infrastructure	1	Planning	The draft Transportation Tech Memo was distributed to the City of Troy in August 2021. Once	March 2022	N/A
Capacity Analysis	\$16,626	Committee	comments are received, they will be reviewed and edits to the memo will be made as needed.		
City of Tuess	Chris Davier	Approved			
City of Troy	Chris Bauer	11/4/20			
2. Development Growth Trends	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff	Planning	CDTC and CDRPC distributed finalized drafts of the Development Growth Trends Analyses in December	March 2022	N/A
•	\$12,765	Committee	2021, which are being reviewed by the Town. Once comments are received, they will be reviewed and		.,,,
, 515	7,- 33	Approved	edits to the memo will be made as needed.		
Town of Guilderland	Chris Bauer	6/2/21	The state of the s		
		Planning	CDTC staff is currently developing the Draft Traffic Growth Trends Analyses, and technical	March 2022	N/A
·	CDTC, CDRPC and Village Staff				
2. Development Growth Trends Analysis	CDTC, CDRPC and Village Staff \$12,765	Committee	memorandum.		
Analysis			memorandum.		

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NAME AND LOCAL SPONSOR	CONSULTANT OR STAFF, PROJECT COST, CDTC CONTACT	FUNDING APPROVAL DATE	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
COMMINITY DI ANNNING TECHNICAI	L ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Continued)				
3. Existing Conditions and Resource	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff	Planning	This project has been completed.	December 2021	N/A
Mapping	\$12,364	Committee	project has seen completed.	2000111001 2021	.,,,,
		Approved			
Town of North Greenbush	Teresa LaSalle	6/2/21			
1. Saratoga Greenbelt – Wilton	CDTC, CDRPC and Municipal Staff	Planning	The final Existing Conditions report was completed. The project team is evaluating route alternatives	March 2022	N/A
Connector Trail Project	\$14,101	Committee	and their feasibility.		,
		Approved			
City of Saratoga Springs/Saratoga	Jen Ceponis	8/4/21			
County/Town of Wilton					
5. Glenridge Road Pedestrian	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff	Planning	New Project funded in October 2021.	March 2022	N/A
Connections	\$7,766	Committee	·		
		Approved			
Town of Glenville	Rima Shamieh	10/6/21			
ADDITIONAL CDTC PLANNING INITIAT				T	
1. New Visions 2050	CDTC Staff	Included in the	CDTC continues to offer the Virtual Learning Series and Virtual Local Government Training. View the	Adopted September 3, 202	
CDTC Declarat	\$100,000	2020-2022 UPWP	schedule and sign up for training at www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050. CDTC is also monitoring mobility trends		.org/nv2050
CDTC - Regional	lan Canania		and will update and amend the plan accordingly. Webinars have been scheduled through April 2022 -		
	Jen Ceponis		2/22: Air Quality & Transportation Planning / Modeling; 3/22: The Climate Crisis & How to Plan for a Resilient Transportation System; 4/19: What Can Your Regional Planning Agency do for You? More info		
			at: https://www.cdtcmpo.org/news/nv-webinars.		
2. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition	City of Saratoga Springs	Included in the	Project partners met to discuss the draft maps in January. An advisory committee meeting is planned	Summer 2021	N/A
Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	Program capacity: \$75,000	2020-2022 UPWP	for February.		
	Carrie Ward				
3. Patroon Creek Greenway	Bergmann Associates \$100,000	Policy Board Approved	An alignment analysis has been shared with both the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Project Advisory Committee (PAC) which have met to discuss each proposed trail alignment. The consultant	March 2022	TBD
CDTC and City of Albany	7200,000	December 2020	team also met with NYSDOT, FHWA, administration at Arbor Hill Elementary School, and other		
	Jen Ceponis		stakeholders, individually, to discuss the proposed alignments and refine route options. The community		
			liaisons will plan and coordinate outreach events for February as it works to finalize the draft report.		
4. Bus Lane Feasibility Study	Foursquare ITP	Included in the	The consultant team developed and reviewed several scenarios based on the evaluation/screening	May 2022	https://www.busla
	\$200,000	2020-2022 UPWP	methodology to see what factors had the most influence on the identified bus lane corridors. The third		study.com/
CDTA/CDTC - Regional			Study Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 3rd to discuss the screening, the final draft		
	Sandy Misiewicz		Phase 1 Public Participation summary and the next Leadership Committee meeting.		
5. NY 378 Bridge Transportation	WSP	TIP Project	The NYSDOT Regional Design Services was used to select the consultant for this effort. Kickoff held Sept	TBD	TBD
Scoping/PEL Study	\$400,000	A605/R344: NY	2. Call held on December 16th to discuss Scope of Services.		
NYSDOT	Susan Olsen, NYSDOT	378 Troy Menands Bridge			
WI SDO I	Andrew Tracy	Study			
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,	CDTC Staff \$30,000 Jen Ceponis	Albany County support contract 12/8/20	CDTC staff is developing recommendations for implementing an Albany Loop Trail.	February 2023	N/A
,	CDTC Staff \$137,750 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The final consultant contract has been signed and distributed and the project has been initiated. The project team has established regular status update meetings. The first Study Advisory Committee meeting is expected in February or March 2022.	February 2023	TBD
	WSP \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	Focus Group meetings were held through December and the consultant team is planning and scheduling stakeholder interviews which will be used to develop final Toolbox materials.	May 2022	https://www.cdtcsm artmobility.com/
	City of Albany Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Consultant data collection continues. We are re-evaluating the City's role in hiring data collection staff.	Summer 2022	TBD
	Quality Counts, LLC \$40,000 Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	The project kickoff was held on November 8th with the consultant Quality Counts LLC. Four sites were collected in early December to support ongoing planning studies. Remaining sites will be collected in early 2022 (weather permitting).	Spring 2022	N/A

Thank you!

Next meeting: March 8, 9:00 a.m.

