

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: April 11, 2023

Start Time: 9:00 AM

End Time: 10:15 AM

Facilitator: Jen Ceponis

Study/Project/Task: 4.67 Active Transportation

Attendance

Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1
Charles Welge, Albany Co. Dept. of Health
Kris Alonso, NYSDOH
Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County
Ed Brennan, Albany Bicycle Coalition
Kathleen Bell, EPA Region 2
Christina Akey, NYSDOH
Ben Luke, Albany Co. Dept. of Health
Rogerio Rodrigues, Clifton Park resident
Thomas Hotaling, NYSOPRHP

Meghan Fennell, NYSDOT
Karen Lorf, NYSDOT Main Office
John Gillivan, Albany Bicycle Coalition
Peter Knutson, Schenectady County
Ivan Vamos, NYBC
Dennis Gaffney, City of Albany
John Mitchell, Town of Halfmoon
Alexandra Barr, Saratoga Co. Dept. of Health
Jen Ceponis, CDTC
Chaim Simon, CDTC

Agenda Items:

1. Regional Trail Planning:

a. Spring -Fall 2023 Trail Count Schedule

Counts are planned in Albany, Schenectady, and Clifton Park. Link to request a count: <https://form.jotform.com/230714850888061>

Counts will be collected as part of the Livingston Ave Bridge project.

b. [Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail 2022 Trail Visitation Report](#)

Includes four counts within our region. Full report can be found here:

2. Discussion items:

a. NYS Active Transportation Plan, NYSDOT

This plan will set objectives and goals for active transportation facilities on all NYSDOT projects. Will include policy guidance and conceptual designs for state owned facilities. The plan is for it to be completed in 18 months.

If there are any issues regarding pedestrian or bicycle access on DOT roads, you can email activetransportation@dot.ny.gov.

b. Bike Month (May)

i. 2023 Bike to Work Day

[Capital Streets](#) is running the program this year. The date will be shared with this group when it is finalized.

ii. [Walk & Roll to School](#)

iii. [Safety & Education Programming](#)

Small grants are available for law enforcement to organize community events. The maximum request is \$4,000.

There will also be new safety giveaways with an order form available only in the coming weeks.

c. CDTC Complete Streets Policy

Nothing to share yet but updates will be provided to this group.

d. [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL)

See CDTC website for update:

e. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (*New Visions*)

All previous [New Visions Learning Series](#) are here:

The metropolitan transportation plan is starting to be updated with an anticipated adoption date of 2025.

f. CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program – [2023 call for projects is now open!](#)

i. [Program Guidelines](#)

- ii. If your community is interested in applying, you must contact CDRPC and CDTC to discuss your request. Send an email to techassist@CDRPC.org or call 518-458-2161 and provide your name, phone number and a time convenient for representatives to call you.

g. Status of Planning Initiatives

Attached to the end of the notes.

3. Other Updates

- Albany Bicycling Coalition is holding a bike training on April 28 and 29.
- On May 17 ABC will be holding the annual Ride of Silence commemorating bicyclists who have been killed or seriously injured.
- The city of Albany is working with Capital Streets to publicize Bike to Work Day.
- Mechanicville is getting a bike repair station and bike racks downtown.
- Champlain Canalway Trail is holding two events for the bicentennial of the trail.

- May 21 and 22 – Family Bicycle Celebration by Champlain Canalway Trail Working Group (CCTWG) – Waterford Canal Festival – Saturday, 5/20, 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday, 5/21, 10 AM – 4 PM. More info here.
- June 3 – Move Your Way Trails Day – Saturday, Mullen Park, 32 McIntyre St., Fort Edward. Ride, walk, play games, and have food on the Champlain Canal / Empire State Trail. Multiple sponsors – healthcare, trail promotion, law enforcement, recreation, youth services, and Washington County.

Please provide ideas for our May trail visit. You can email Jen with suggestions.

- Erie Canal Community Connector
- South End Connector
- Albany Skyway

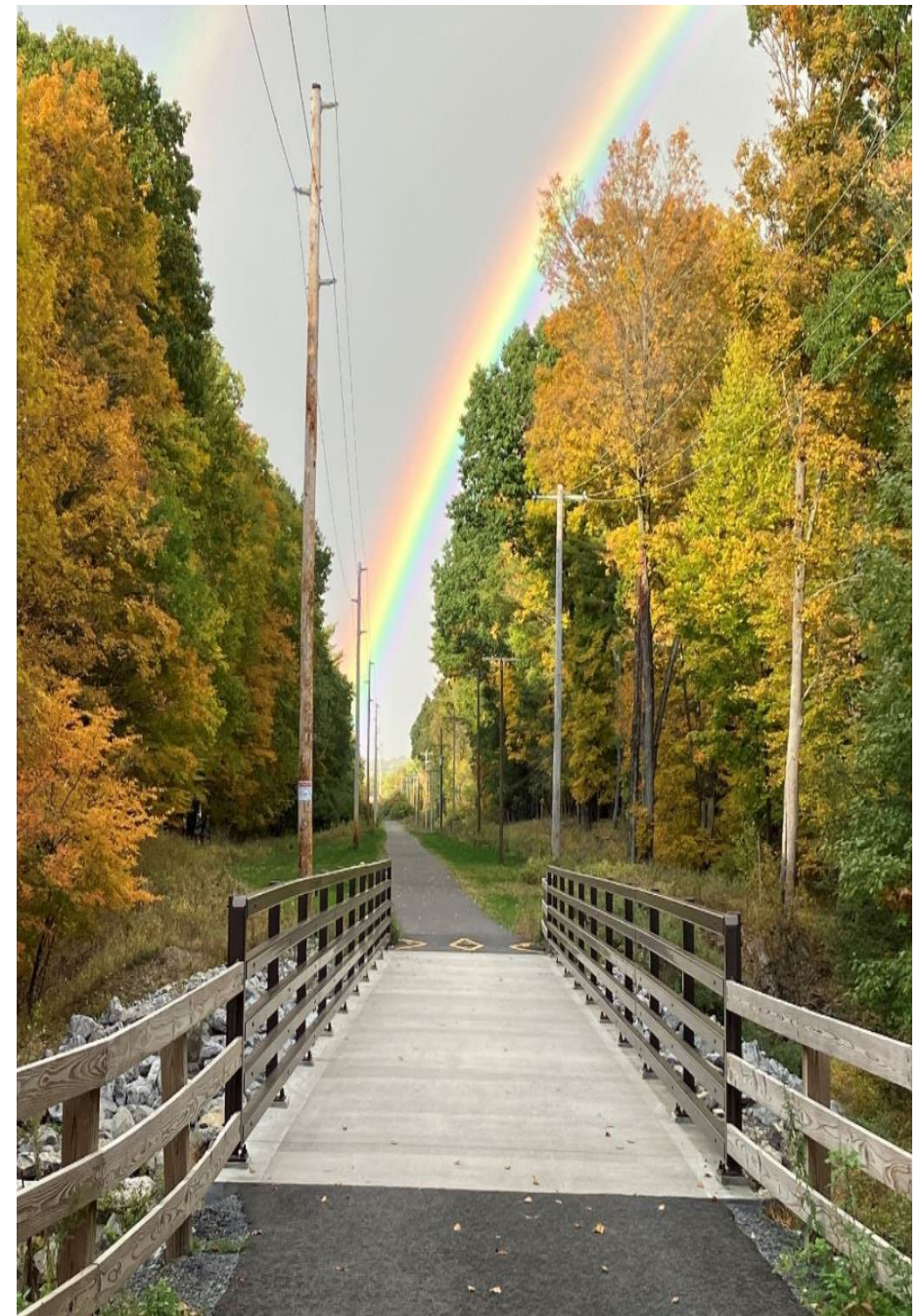


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April 11, 2023

1. Welcome & announcements
2. Regional Trail Planning
 - a. Spring – Fall 2023 Trail Count Schedule
 - b. Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail 2022 Trail Visitation Report
4. Discussion items:
 - a. NYS Active Transportation Plan, NYSDOT
 - b. Bike Month (May)
 - i. 2023 Bike to Work Day
 - ii. Walk & Roll to School
 - iii. Safety & Education Programming
 - c. CDTC Complete Streets Policy
 - d. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - e. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (New Visions)
 - f. Status of Planning Initiatives
5. Other Updates

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the CDTC Office, 1 Park Pl, Albany, NY 12205.





Regional Trail Planning

- Spring-Fall 2023 Trail Count Schedule
 - Use new form to submit a request:
<https://form.jotform.com/230714850888061>
- Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail 2022 Trail Visitation Report

2023 Spring-Fall Schedule

- Albany Skyway, Albany
- Erie Canal Towpath Community Connector Trail
- Schenectady Riverside Park
- Submit a request at <https://form.jotform.com/230714850888061>

Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail 2022 Trail Visitation Report

Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail
12-Month Trail Counts

Trail Segment Name	Count Location	Annual Total	12-Month Count Period
Champlain Canalway Trail	Fort Ann, Washington County	10,291	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Champlain Canalway Trail	Schuylerville, Saratoga County	23,671	Dec 2019 to Nov 2010
Champlain Canalway Trail	Waterford, Saratoga County	24,165	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail	Watervliet, Albany County	30,003	Jan 2022 to Dec 2022
Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail	City of Albany, Albany County	120,594	Oct 2018 to Sept 2019
Albany-Hudson Electric Trail	East Greenbush, Rensselaer County	54,555	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Albany-Hudson Electric Trail	Nassau, Rensselaer County	31,798	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Albany-Hudson Electric Trail	North Chatham, Columbia County	33,379	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Albany-Hudson Electric Trail	Kinderhook, Columbia County	48,506	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Wallkill Valley Rail Trail	New Paltz, Ulster County	101,934	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Walkway Over the Hudson	Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County	559,886	March 2022 to Feb 2023
WRS Dutchess Rail Trail	Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County	121,451	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Maybrook Trailway	Brewster, Putnam County	51,397	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
North County Trailway	Elmsford, Westchester County	64,474	Nov 2021 to Oct 2022
Total Trail Counts, All Sites		1,276,496	

Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail 2022 Trail Visitation Report



March 23, 2023



Hudson River
Valley Greenway





Discussion Items



NYS Active Transportation Plan





Bike Month

- 2023 Bike to Work Day
- Walk & Roll to School
- Safety & Education Programming




CDTC Complete Streets Policy



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

www.cdtcmpo.org/BIL



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Federal Transportation Funding Available

The Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**, was enacted on November 15, 2021 providing \$350 billion for Federal highway programs over a five-year period (fiscal years 2022 through 2026), new formula programs (Bridge Investment Program, National EV Charging Program (NEV), Carbon Reduction Program, PROTECT program (resiliency)) and 40+ discretionary funding programs. This page provides up to date information on current grant opportunities, resources and other information related to the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Deliver for New York's Department of Transportation

For more information or questions, [contact CDTC](#).

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW



Guidance and Support

The **Thriving Communities Initiative** provides technical assistance and capacity building resources. A new online portal, the **DOT Navigator**, helps communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. One of the key features is a **mapping tool** for identifying transportation disadvantaged census tracts. In addition, the USDOT is partnering with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to improve the coordination of housing and transportation planning to advance residents' access to opportunity and increase housing supply.

Additional resources include:

[White House Website](#)[FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas](#)[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook and Policy Memo](#)[FY 2022 allocations under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide](#)[FTA Funding Programs](#)

Grant Opportunities

[Competitive Grant Programs Matrix](#)
[Upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) Announcements](#)

- Bridge Investment Program
 - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
 - [Program Website](#)
 - Planning Project Application Due: July 25, 2022, at 11:59 PM EDT
 - Large Bridge Project Application Due: August 9, 2022, at 11:59 PM EDT
 - Bridge Project Application Due: September 8, 2022, at 11:59 PM EDT
- Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG)
 - Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) [Program Website](#), applications due on May 23, 2022.
 - National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) [Program Website](#), applications due on May 23, 2022.
 - Rural Transportation Program (RURAL) [Program Website](#), applications due on May 23, 2022.
- National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration Grant Program
 - Details available soon
- Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program
 - [2022 Grant Opportunity](#), applications due on October 24, 2022
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
 - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), application due on October 4, 2022

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), applications due on April 14, 2022
[Program Information](#)
[RAISE Program Awards FFY 2022](#)

- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants
 - [Grant Program Website](#), applications are due on Thursday, October 13, 2022
 - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
 - [Understanding Non-Federal Match](#)
 - [Webinars Page](#)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
 - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), applications due on September 15, 2022
 - [How to Apply](#)
 - Completed [Self-Certification Checklist](#) for CDTC's Local Road Safety Action Plan and New Visions 2050. A completed checklist is needed to certify eligibility to apply for implementation funds.
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program
 - [SMART Grant Program Website](#), Notice of Funding Opportunity will open in September 2022
 - [Program Factsheet](#)
 - [Program Webinar Recording](#)
 - [DRAFT CDTC Smart Mobility Toolbox](#)
- Tribal Transportation Program (TTP)
 - [Program Q & A](#)
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Pilot Program
 - [Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development \(TOD\) Planning Grant Information](#)
 - Eligible applicants and eventual grant recipients under this program must be FTA grantees, such as CDTC. A proposer must either be the project sponsor of an eligible transit capital project as defined above or an entity with land use planning authority in an eligible transit capital project corridor. Evidence of a partnership between these two types of entities will be required unless the applicant has both responsibilities. Refer to the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for more information.
 - Applications are due on July 25, 2022. Only one application per transit capital project corridor may be submitted to FTA.
 - Visit the [USDOT Grants webpage](#) for additional grant information

Upcoming webinars:
September 15, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern.
Register at
<https://us02t.zoomgov.com/join/91264515165>
September 21, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern.
Register at
<https://us02t.zoomgov.com/join/91264515165>

PROTECT Formula Program

[Factsheet](#)
[Guidance](#)

Have Questions? Contact Us!

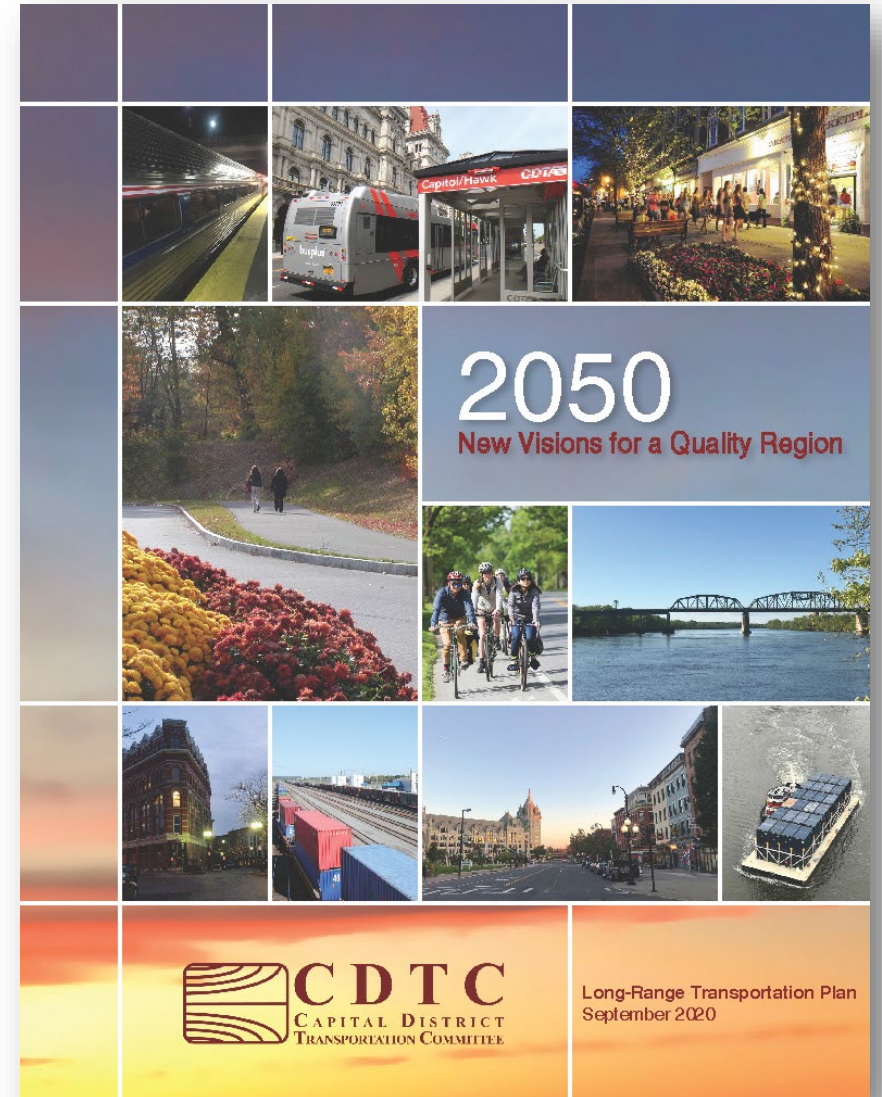
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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Safe Streets for All – grant received and expected to be reopened April 2023
- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) – expected to open in Winter/Spring 2023
- Reconnecting Communities Program & Neighborhood Access & Equity Grant Program – expected to open Late Spring 2023
- Carbon Reduction Program – statewide plan in development; programming of formula funds expected by Late Spring 2023

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

- New Visions Virtual Learning Series
- All materials & upcoming training opportunities are on website at www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050
- MTP Update & scope (2025)



CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program

Comprehensive/Neighborhood Planning

- Guidance in goal setting, plan development and procedural requirements
- Data collection and analysis
- Research into a planning issue
- Identification of innovative solutions to local planning challenges

Community Design Assessment

Evaluate a subsection of a community to consider:

- active living
- food choices
- transportation choices
- public safety
- social cohesion
- social equity
- environmental health

General Community Planning

- Public input and community visioning
- Meeting facilitation and coordination
- Surveys and communications activities
- Training
- Professional advisement

Land Use Plan Implementation

Initiate recommended actions in Comprehensive Plans, Linkage Program Plans or other plans such as:

- zoning language related to electric vehicle infrastructure, access management, groundwater or open space protection
- vacant property data gathering
- re-evaluating PDD requirements

Data Collection

- Identify issues and/or opportunities for collecting data
- Set data collection goals
- Plan approach and identify data collection methods
- Collect data

Data Analysis and Mapping

- Analyze demographic, building permit, and other community development trends
- Data research and visualization
- GIS mapping and analysis

Recreation Trail Planning

- Recreation plan guidance
- Management plan guidance
- Nonmotorized trail plan guidance

Transportation Safety and Operations Planning

- Crash data analysis
- Road safety assessments
- Traffic signal operational analysis
- Intersection analysis
- Before and after studies of capital projects
- Recommendation and scoping of ITS strategies

Zoning and Site Planning

- Guidance on best practices towards the implementation of planning policies and goals
- Zoning ordinance audits
- Development of zoning ordinance amendments
- Site plan review assistance
- Planning for development of regional impact

- 2023 call for project is now open.
- Proposals will be accepted through September 30, 2023 (as funding allows).
- Eligible applicants include municipalities and municipally convened groups (i.e. planning boards).
- To apply, email techassist@cdrpc.org with your contact information and CDRPC and CDTC will schedule a meeting to discuss your request.

Status of Planning Initiatives

(as of April 1, 2023)

STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF APRIL 1, 2023

NAME AND LOCAL SPONSOR	CONSULTANT OR STAFF, PROJECT COST, CDTC CONTACT	FUNDING APPROVAL DATE	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
LINKAGE PROGRAM					
1. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-Municipal Update Town of East Greenbush	M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying \$90,000 Chris Bauer	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	The consultant team is finalizing the existing conditions report. The project team is completing the first round of public outreach, including an online survey and in-person public meeting on March 27, 2023.	November 2023	https://nyroute4study.com
2. Rensselaer Waterfront Connectivity Study City of Rensselaer	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC \$60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	Draft Final Report reviewed by CDTC staff, City of Rensselaer, and SAC. Final Report to be delivered by end of March. Project to be completed by end of March.	March 2023	https://www.rensselaerwaterfrontconnections.com/
3. Federal Street Corridor Study City of Troy	Creighton Manning Engineering \$50,000 Carrie Ward	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	This project is complete.	March 2023	www.FixFederalStreet.com
4. Town of Brunswick Hoosick Road Corridor Study Town of Brunswick	Creighton Manning Engineering \$63,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	Traffic data collection scheduled for week of March 27. Consultant team preparing traffic models. Existing conditions assessment is being prepared.	September 2023	TBD
5. Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility Study Village of Colonie	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying \$65,000 Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	SAC Meeting #1 was held on 3/15/2023. Traffic data was collected on the corridor the week of 3/6/23. Consultant currently working on the existing conditions report and draft is expected in mid-April.	September 2023	https://www.sandcreekcompletestreets.com/
6. City of Schenectady Albany & Crane Streets Linkage Study City of Schenectady	PLACE Alliance \$90,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	A Draft Existing Conditions Report is being reviewed by the Project Team and Study Advisory Committee meeting #2 is scheduled for early April.	November 2023	https://www.craig-main-connection.com/albany--crane-streets.html

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COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Riverside Avenue Access Improvements City of Rensselaer	CDTC, CDRPC and City Staff \$10,035.50 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 8/3/22	CDTC prepared the final Riverside Access Improvements Tech Memo, and transmitted that to the City. The project is complete.	March 2023	N/A
2. Reconnecting the West Side City of Saratoga Springs	CDTC, CDRPC and City Staff \$13,512 Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Approved 10/5/22	A Stakeholder Meeting, coordinated by CDRPC, was held in February and staff is finalizing the Existing Conditions Memo.	April 2023	N/A
3. East Greenbush Natural Resource Inventory East Greenbush	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$13,552.34 Teresa LaSalle	Planning Committee Approved 1/4/23	CDTC and CDRPC converted the Town's Natural Resource Inventory GIS files into a publicly available online map viewer that will enable increased the use of this valuable data resource by the town's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), Planning Board, Town Board, developers and residents. The final deliverable has been shared with the Town.	March 2023	

ADDITIONAL CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES

1. New Visions 2050 CDTC - Regional	CDTC Staff \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	The New Visions Virtual Learning Series has ended. An update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is anticipated to begin in Spring 2023.	Adopted September 3, 2020	https://www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050
2. NY 378 Bridge Transportation Scoping/PEL Study NYSDOT	WSP \$400,000 Susan Olsen, NYSDOT Andrew Tracy	TIP Project A605/R344: NY 378 Troy Menands Bridge Study	Troy-Menands Bridge PEL (Planning and Environment Linkage Study) Steering Committee meeting held on March 15, 2023. New project manager is Bernard Kalus, WSP. Draft concept alignments were presented to the Steering Committee.	TBD	TBD
3. Albany County Loop Trail Feasibility Study	CDTC Staff \$30,000 Jen Ceponis	Albany County support contract 12/8/20	This project is complete.	February 2023	N/A
4. Regional Truck Parking Study	CDTC Staff \$137,750 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The consultant team is executing the public and stakeholder outreach phase. The consultant team is preparing an analysis of the truck parking data collected, a first draft of the project report, and truck parking toolkit.	May 2023	TBD

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ADDITIONAL CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES (continued)

5. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	City of Albany Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	The final draft that incorporates public comments is under review.	March 2023	https://www.albanynv.gov/ADA-webpage
6. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	Village of Ballston Spa Town of Guilderland City of Troy Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Approved 11/2/2022	Ballston Spa and Guilderland kicked off in March, with staff training for data collection planned for April. Troy will kick off in April.	December 2023	N/A
7. Hoosick Asset Management Plan Town of Hoosick	TBD \$33,000 Teresa LaSalle	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	CDTC received two proposals, which are currently under review.	March 2024	N/A
8. Design-Engineering Feasibility and Planning Study for Reimagining the I-787 Corridor NYSDOT	TBD \$5,000,000 Greg Wichser, NYSDOT Kelly Kircher, NYSDOT Chris Bauer Jen Ceponis	TIP Project A609 Reimagining the I-787 Corridor Planning Study	NYSDOT posted an Engineering Opportunity Designation for the RFQ to Parsons Transportation Group of NY, Inc. in association with Foit Albert Associates; AKRF, Inc.; Fisher Associates; and Creighton Manning Engineering LLP. A project briefing meeting was held in February to provide elected officials and stakeholder groups with an overview of the proposed project scope.	March 2026	N/A
9. On-Demand Motor Vehicle, Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Services	NDS (National Data & Surveying Services) Up to \$160,000 Teresa LaSalle	Included in the 2022-2023 UPWP	Several locations have been counted to date. Limited counts are expected to occur between January 2023 and March 2023.	18 month contract with an optional one year extension.	N/A
10. Regional Signal Timing Program	TBD \$100,000 Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2022-2023 UPWP	Proposals received January 25, 2023. Consultant selection process underway. Kickoff anticipated April 2023.	March 2024	N/A



Other Planning & Project Updates

Thank you!

Next meeting: **May 9, 9:00 a.m.**

Location: **TBA**

