



Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date: June 14, 2022
Start Time: 9:00 a.m.
End Time: 10:10 a.m.
Facilitator: Jen Ceponis
Task: 4.67 Active Transportation Planning

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance

Scott Reigle	BMTS
Charles Welge	Albany County Department of Health
Ethan Warren	CDTA
Linda von der Heide	Rensselaer County
Jennifer Hogan	NYSDOH
Valerie Deane	NYSDOT Region I
Rima Shamieh	CDTC
Audrey Burneson	NYSDOT Region I
Jim Moore	DASNY
Ed Brennan	Albany Bicycle Coalition
Meg O'Leary	Saratoga County Department of Health
John Mitchell	Halfmoon Trails
Martin Daley	CDRPC
Jen Ceponis	CDTC
John Scavo	Town of Clifton Park
Mark Schaeffer	CDTA Board of Directors
Chaim Simon	CDTC
Kyle Hatch	LaBella Associates
Megan Fennell	NYSDOT
Karen Lorf	NYSDOT

2. Presentation: Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Plan, Scott Reigle

Scott Reigle presented on the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study's report. Staff split the approximately 11 miles of trails into roughly 1/10th/mile segments to assign scores on the existing conditions. Pavements were rated one a 1-4 scale, and maintenance on a 1-3 scale. Major hazards were also noted, along with damage or issues with existing signage. The information in the report was provided directly to the municipal departments responsible for maintenance. Scott noted that staff intends to collect the data every two years.



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3. Bike to Work, Walk and Roll to School Day, and Ditch the Car

Rima summarized this year's Bike to Work Challenge, which was on a Wednesday in June and had a new standings page to streamline team member tracking and recruitment. There were 275 participants in 33 teams. There was a popular "community team" option. A post-event survey and trophy and raffle winners will be posted this week.

This year "Bike to School" was changed to "Walk and Roll" to try to be more inclusive of different rolling modes, and it was held the same day as Bike to Work Day.

The second annual Ditch the Car Challenge has launched and will extend from June 4th to September 9th. The goal is to shift any trip for which people would otherwise drive their car into a trip via biking, walking, carpooling, or bus trips.

4. 2022-2027 TIP Update

Jen noted that the Planning Committee and Policy Board dates have changed. The Policy Board will meet on June 23rd and is expected to release the TIP for public review, which will extend from June 27th to August 12th. The Policy Board is then expected to finalize the TIP at its September 1st meeting. Jen provided an overview of the proposed funding summary, as well as each bike/ped beyond preservation project. explained that there have been additional delays of the TIP programming. Information that is now available includes candidate lists by project type, fact sheets, and federal funding allocations. CDTC will see a 13% increase as compared to the 2019-24 TIP, however after accounting for projects "rolling-in" to the new TIP, the increase will be approximately 3.3%. We received 19 bicycle and pedestrian project proposals. Jen provided an overview of each of them. Jen advised reading through the descriptions of each and submitting any comments to cdtc@cdtcmpo.org.

At the next Planning Committee meeting, multi-site and block funded projects and programs as well as site specific projects are expected to be proposed for funding, and a draft TIP is expected to be released for public review at the May 4th Planning Committee meeting. The June Policy Board meeting will be moved to June 16th to allow time for public review and to address any unforeseen issues.

5. Discussion items

a. Capital Coexist

The solicitation is currently open, with \$20,000 available for demonstration projects and \$15,000 for safety events led by local police departments.

b. CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program



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The call for 2022 projects is open, please email techassist@CDRPC.org to discuss project ideas. The program requires a 25% match in cash or in-kind.

c. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The law includes many discretionary grant programs. CDTC is providing information on these at www.cdtcmpo.org/BIL. Information on new formula programs is forthcoming

d. Livingston Avenue Bridge

Funding for this project was announced and it is anticipated to include a bicycle/pedestrian path. There are two options being considered. Public comments are due tomorrow.

e. New Visions Virtual Learning Series

The next webinar will be on June 21st on TDM in the Capital Region.

f. Status of Planning Initiatives

Jen Ceponis referred to the table of ongoing projects and plans distributed with the meeting materials. Jen highlighted new projects.

6. News around the table

- Management of the Empire State Trail (EST) was transitioned to NYSOPRHP (Parks) in May 2022. This transition does not change ownership of the trail or the rules that apply – jurisdiction still falls to the trail segment owner. Parks is looking at the next phase of the effort – sustaining the trail. The main goals of Parks in this effort are communication, marketing and funding (when available). There shouldn't much of a change to stakeholders. There are new tools available on the EST website – <https://empiretrail.ny.gov/>. There are two emails for use to contact Parks staff about the EST - ESTProgram@parks.ny.gov for use by trails owners and local governments, and EST@parks.ny.gov for use by the public. You can also reach Parks staff directly - Chris Morris – christopher.morris@parks.ny.gov and Molly Reilly – Molly.reilly@parks.ny.gov.
- The NYS Climate Action Council is accepting written comments on the Draft Scoping plan to implement CLCPA until July 1: <https://climate.ny.gov/Our-Climate-Act/Draft-Scoping-Plan>

7. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12th at 9:00 a.m.** Please [register in advance](#). All meetings are recorded and live streamed to the CDTC YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb-8bzvqrkwNSCpjcD1N_BA.

Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Report

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2021 Snapshot



Photo 1 Binghamton | Curb ramp at the Intersection of the S. Washington Bridge Entrance and Route 363 in poor condition



Photo 2. Binghamton | Large hole in the pavement of a ramp at Confluence Park



Photo 4. Binghamton | Interpretive Sign at Confluence Park not ADA accessible

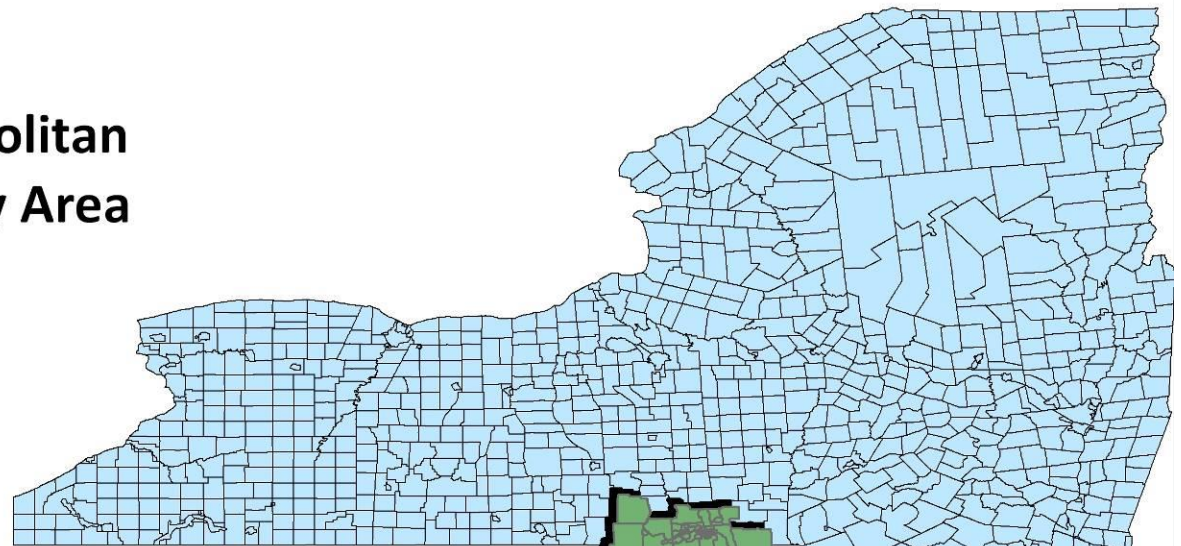


Photo 5. Binghamton | Sign damage at MLK Promenade

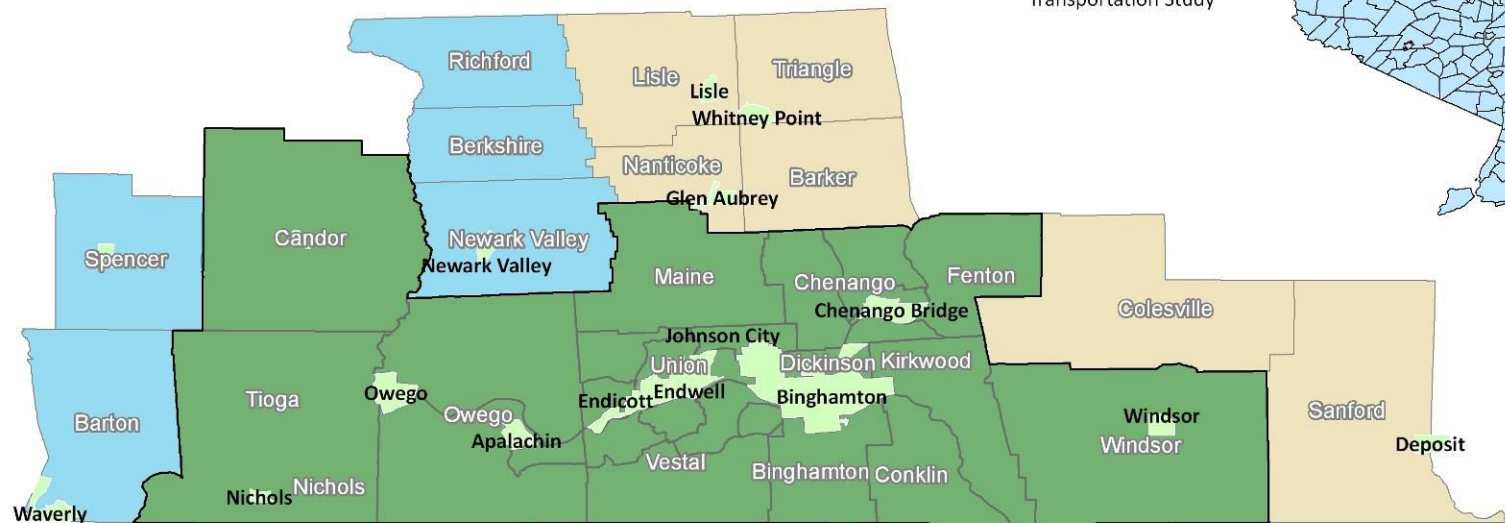
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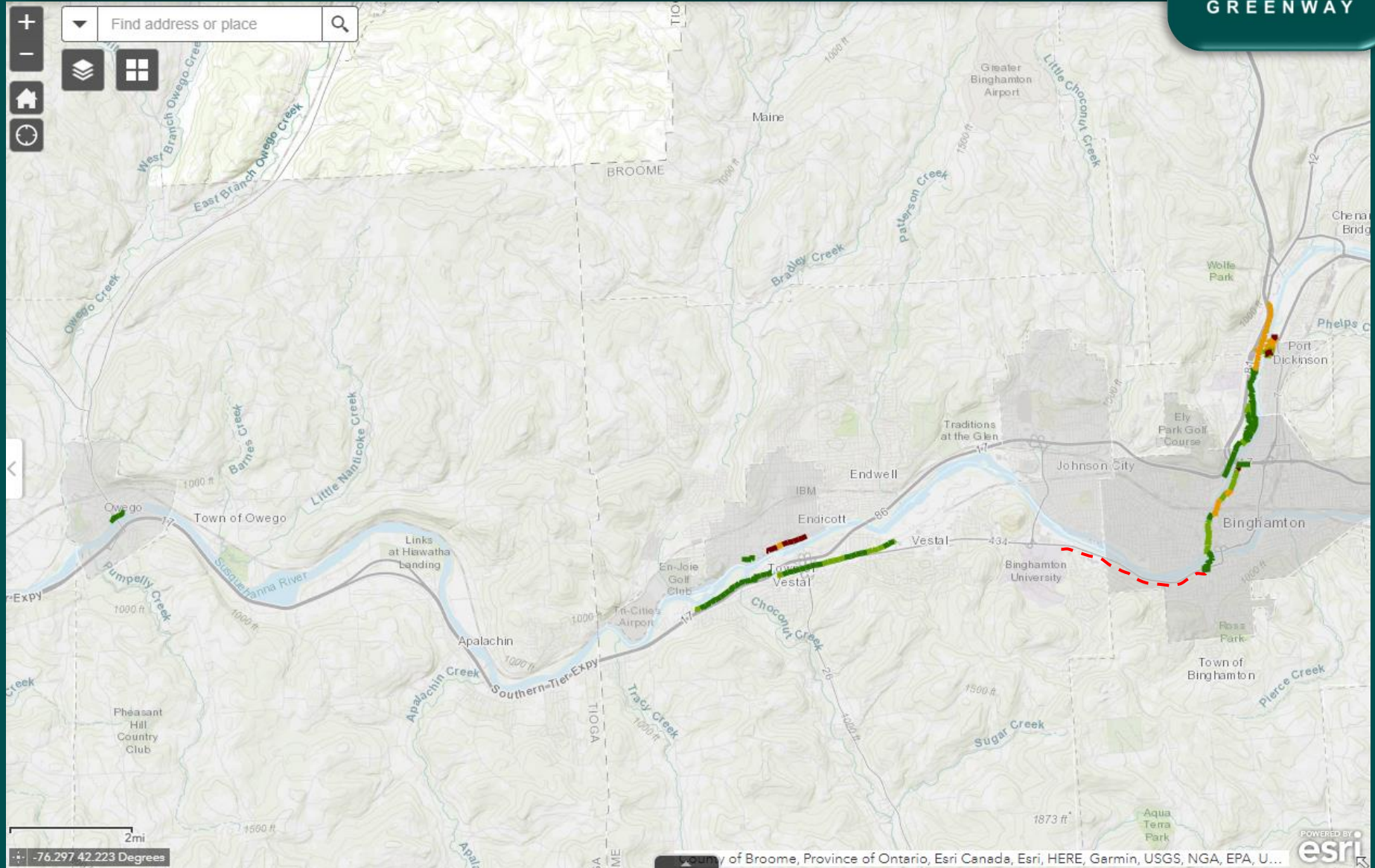


Binghamton Metropolitan
Transportation Study



-  BMTS Area
-  Broome County Subdivisions
-  Tioga County Subdivisions

Two Rivers Greenway





About the 2021 Trail Maintenance Report



In the Summer of 2019, BMTS Staff released the Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Plan. This plan makes recommendations for maintenance of the trail sections that comprise the Two Rivers Greenway; it documents each trail in the system, including its infrastructure, needs, and plans for maintenance.

Within that plan, on-site trail assessments were performed to document each trail's design and usage, access and visibility, community attitudes toward the site, the site amenities, general site condition, corrective actions needed, planned capital improvements, and the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities of the site.

The original plan detailed a need for conducting these site assessments every two years to ensure proper upkeep of the pavement and the trail surroundings. This 2021 report includes the basic updated assessment for pavement scores, maintenance condition, takes note of issues with signage, and any pressing corrective actions needed.

- Update to the 2019 Trail Maintenance Plan
- BMTS split the trails into roughly 1/10th mile sections. Using the ArcGIS Collector App, BMTS collected data on:
 - **Pavement:** Scores range from 1-4. **1: Poor, 2: Fair, 3: Good, 4: Excellent.** When assessing pavement, collectors looked at the frequency and depth of cracking.
 - **Maintenance:** Scores range from 1-3: **1: Poorly Maintained, 2: Maintained, 3: Well Maintained.** When assessing maintenance, collectors analyzed the trail and surrounding conditions; whether there was trash, overgrown vegetation, encroachment on to the trail, etc.
 - **Events:** When traversing the trails, collectors looked at any major hazards or items to note that should be addressed. Examples of these could be large potholes in the pavement that could cause a hazard for pedestrians.
 - **Signage:** When traversing the trail, collectors looked at the signage along the trails to see if any damage is noted. These signs are included in the report for municipalities to address.

Overall Two Rivers Greenway Condition

Pavement



of Pavement is in Excellent
or Good Condition



out of 4
Average Pavement Score

Maintenance



of the Trail is Maintained or
Well Maintained



out of 3
Average Maintenance Score



Comments

- The Trail System is generally in good condition. However, with the system aging, municipalities should use Preventative Maintenance techniques to extend the life of the pavement: crack sealing, patching, seal coating.
- The Trail System is generally well maintained. In more suburban areas or areas with vegetation, routine maintenance (mowing, cutting back overgrown vegetation) should be completed.

Trail Rating Information Available Online



TRAIL RATINGS

2021 Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Report

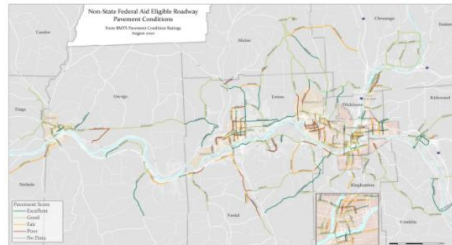
[2021 Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Report - 2021 Update](#)

[Interactive Map](#) 

PAVEMENT RATINGS

2021 Pavement Condition Rating for Non-State Federal Aid Eligible Roadways

[Interactive Map](#) 



Links to Reports

- [Pavement Condition Report](#)
- [Roadway Segments](#)
- [Sidewalk Inventory Supplement](#)

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- [Data and Maps](#)
- [Traffic Counts](#)
- [Bicyclist and Pedestrian Counts](#)
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- [Maps](#)
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STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF June 1, 2022

NAME AND LOCAL SPONSOR	CONSULTANT OR STAFF, PROJECT COST, CDTC CONTACT	FUNDING APPROVAL DATE	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
LINKAGE PROGRAM					
1. Land Use Regulations Update Village of Menands	The Chazen Companies \$80,000 Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	The consultant team is drafting the new zoning code and design guidelines.	July 2022	https://villageofmenands.com/government/land-use-regulations-zoning-update/
2. Scotia Downtown Connections Plan Village of Scotia	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying \$60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	Final presentation to Village Board was held on May 3rd. Study final report delivered by consultant. Study is complete.	May 2022	https://www.scotiacoconnections.com/
3. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-Municipal Update Town of East Greenbush	TBD \$90,000 Chris Bauer	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	The initial coordination meeting for the Project Team was held on April 28, 2022. CDTC has compiled existing conditions information. The team has began collecting existing traffic conditions data. The first SAC meeting will be held in June/July.	February 2023	TBD
4. Rensselaer Waterfront Connectivity Study City of Rensselaer	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC \$60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	Study website now live. Draft existing conditions memo prepared by consultant. Second Study Advisory Meeting to be held on May 25th. Bike-ped data collection to begin first week in June.	December 2022	https://www.rensselaerwaterfrontconnections.com/
5. Federal Street Corridor Study City of Troy	Creighton Manning Engineering \$50,000 Carrie Ward	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	The first round of public input will be virtual and is scheduled for June 2022.	December 2022	www.FixFederalStreet.com
6. Town of Brunswick Hoosick Road Corridor Study Town of Brunswick	TBD \$63,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	New Study in the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Award letter, Memorandum of Understanding, and Administrative Procedures sent to the Town in March 2022. MOU signed April 26th; CDTC staff beginning to prepare study scope of work.	September 2023	TBD
7. Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility Study Village of Colonie	TBD \$35,000 Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	New Study in the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Award letter, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and Administrative Procedures sent to the Village in March 2022; Village returned MOU. Coordination has started with the Village to schedule an initial project scoping meeting in June 2022.	September 2023	TBD
8. City of Schenectady Albany & Crane Streets Linkage Study City of Schenectady	TBD \$90,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	Signed MOU was received and CDTC staff is developing a draft REI.	September 2023	TBD

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COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Development Growth Trends Analysis Town of Guilderland	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$12,765 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 6/2/21	The Traffic Trends analysis, CDTC's portion of the project, is complete. CDRPC is preparing their final report.	March 2022	N/A
2. Development Growth Trends Analysis Village of Castleton-on-Hudson	CDTC, CDRPC and Village Staff \$12,765 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 11/3/21	The Transportation Trends analysis, CDTC's portion of the project, is complete. CDRPC is working on the existing conditions report.	March 2022	N/A
3. Saratoga Greenbelt – Wilton Connector Trail Project City of Saratoga Springs/Saratoga County/Town of Wilton	CDTC, CDRPC and Municipal Staff \$14,101 Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Approved 8/4/21	The final Technical Memo was delivered.	May 2022	N/A

ADDITIONAL CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES

1. New Visions 2050 CDTC - Regional	CDTC Staff \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	CDTC continues to offer the Virtual Learning Series and Virtual Local Government Training. View the schedule and sign up for training at www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050 . CDTC is also monitoring mobility trends and will update and amend the plan accordingly. Webinars have been scheduled through October 2022 - 6/21: What's TDM? More info at: https://www.cdtcmpo.org/news/nv-webinars . CDTC staff is monitoring local trends and preparing to develop a scope for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update that is anticipated to begin in 2023.	Adopted September 3, 2020	https://www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050
2. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	City of Saratoga Springs Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Public review of the draft Transition Plan is being planned for this summer.	Spring 2022	N/A
3. Patroon Creek Greenway CDTC and City of Albany	Bergmann Associates \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved December 2020	A series of pop-up events and a virtual public meeting were held in May. The final PAC and CAC meetings were also in May. Public comments are being collected through the end of May and the final report will be delivered in June.	June 2022	www.patroongreenway.com
4. Bus Lane Feasibility Study CDTA/CDTC - Regional	Foursquare ITP \$200,000 Sandy Misiewicz	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	A study advisory committee meeting will be held on June 1st and a leadership meeting is scheduled for June 15th to share draft concepts for five corridors in Albany, Schenectady and Troy.	August 2022	https://www.buslane-study.com/
5. 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	The NYSDOT Regional Design Services was used to select the consultant for this effort. Kickoff held Sept 2. Call held on December 16th to discuss Scope of Services.	TBD	TBD

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ADDITIONAL CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES (continued)

6. Albany County Loop Trail Feasibility Study	CDTC Staff \$30,000 Jen Ceponis	Albany County support contract 12/8/20	CDTC staff is collecting data and developing an outline for a trail concept plan.	February 2023	N/A
7. Regional Truck Parking Study	CDTC Staff \$137,750 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The consultant team has began preparing Task 1 and 2 deliverables including existing conditions and the public participation plan. The consultant team has surveyed all local facilities, and has initiated the purchase of ATRI truck parking data.	February 2023	TBD
8. Smart Communities Guidebook	WSP \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The consultant team completed stakeholder interviews which will be used to develop final Toolbox materials. The consultant team presented the draft concepts to the ROSAC in April and a Draft Report is expected in June.	July 2022	https://www.cdtcsmartmobility.com/
9. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	City of Albany Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Data collection is complete and compilation of the draft Transition Plan is underway.	Summer 2022	TBD
10. Data Collection Services	Quality Counts, LLC \$40,000 Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Remaining counts delivered by consultant on May 23rd; two count locations pending further QA/QC. CDTC staff are reviewing count data.	Spring 2022	N/A
11. Hoosick Asset Management Plan Town of Hoosick	TBD \$33,000 Teresa LaSalle	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	The draft Scope of Work is in development.	September 2023	N/A