Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Meeting Notes March 8, 2022

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance: Fred Mastroianni, GPI; John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Lisa Wallin, MJ Engineering; Rima Shamieh, CDTC; Jen Hogan, NYSDOH; Ed Brennan, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Jack Mance, AGFTC; David Woodin, Waterford; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT; Jack Celuch, Albany County DOH; Ed Davidson, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Audrey Burneson, NYSDOT; Carrie Ward, CDTC; Peter Knutson, Schenectady County; Charles Welge, Albany County DOH; Chaim Simon, CDTC; Denniss Gaffney, City of Albany; Lindsey Bradt, CDTA; Steve Bratspis, CDTA; Sam Morreale, City of Albany; Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC; Martin Daley, CDRPC; Barbara Nazarawicz, Stantec; Mathieu Savarit, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson; Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs; Stephen Maples, CDTC; John Gillivan, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Meg O'Leary, Saratoga County Department of Health; Rogerio Rodriguez, CPMAC; Jen Ceponis, CDTC

2. Presentation: Bike/Ped Planning Updates from the Adirondack-Glens Falls Transportation Council (A/GFTC), Jack Mance

A/GFTC completed a <u>regional bicycle plan</u> last year, showing priority bicycle routes and projects. They also work on small bicycle/pedestrian connecting projects, and complete ADA Transition Plans for smaller municipalities in the region. This past year there were four station locations for CDPHP *Cycle!* in the A/GFTC region.

3. Presentation: Scotia Downtown Connections Plan, Lisa Wallin from MJ Engineering

The project is looking at Mohawk Avenue (Route 5) between North Reynolds Street and the Mohawk River. The study's objectives are to the improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit experience while preserving the quick and efficient movement of commuters and freight; enhancing the safety, accessibility, and enjoyment of the area for all user groups, and improve connections to the Mohawk Avenue corridor from throughout the village. It is envisioned that the plan will be used to pursue funding opportunities and guide implementation of improvements. There are heavy turning movements within the study area, with much lower traffic volumes at the western end of the study site. Sidewalks are throughout, with pedestrian crossing infrastructure, though decorative brick and tree pits reduces the accessible pedestrian route to almost two feet in places. At the first public meeting people said they use the corridor by foot but generally don't feel safe on a bicycle. Parking utilization during the study was about 50%. Recommendations will include reconstructing sidewalks to be ADA-compliant, shareduse lane markings on Glen Avenue, relocating lamp posts and assessing the need for additional fixtures, and repaving and restriping Mohawk Avenue. It also includes two new midblock pedestrian crossings, a gateway feature, a raised center median near the eastern end of the corridor, opening the slip ramp at Schonowee Avenue and raising the island, moving a curb line back at Route 50 to accommodate turning trucks, and moving stop lines at Route 147 to accommodate turning trucks.

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4. CDPHP Cycle! & Scoot Updates, CDTA

Lindsey Bradt report that rollout is expected the second week of April, with over 400 bikes throughout the system, including about 30-35 bikes in Warren County. The check-out procedure will be new this year, using a QR code and a smart phone instead of the keypad. RFID cards will be available for people who don't have a smart phone. E-bikes are on order and are expected to be in service by mid-late summer. The scoot program is expected to be fully functional this summer, and will be rolled out after the bikes. Scooters will be in Albany, Troy, and Schenectady, and possibly in Saratoga Springs. There will be an early bird promotion for CDPHP *Cycle!* distributed later this week.

5. Discussion items

a. ADA Transition Plans

Carrie Ward discussed progress on Transition Plans already funded – the project team expects to receive an initial Saratoga Springs draft document the final week of March. Interns will be back out in Albany around that time to continue collecting data. CDTC expects to release a new solicitation for both consultant assistance and municipal participation this calendar year.

b. 2022-27 TIP Update

Jen Ceponis noted that we do not have program funding information yet. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 23rd.

c. 2022-2023 UPWP

Jen Ceponis announced that the Policy Board adopted the UPWP on March 3rd. Key tasks relevant for this group include four new local plans, research on health impact assessments, support for resiliency and security planning, continuing capital coexist, and renaming bike/ped planning to active transportation planning.

d. Capital Coexist

Jen Ceponis noted that we've reserved \$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. Staff aims to release program information by April 1st.

e. Bike to Work Day / Ditch the Car

Rima Shamieh noted that Wednesday June 1st will be this year's regional Bike to Work Day. We hope the Wednesday will enable more people who have partial work-from-home schedules to participate. Staff plans to organize bike safety trainings prior to Bike to Work Day, with at least one in each County. There will be an invitation for groups to host the trainings. The Ditch the Car campaign will launch in tandem with Bike to Work Day and extend through the summer. It includes all non-single occupancy vehicle modes and will include badge and other incentives.

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f. Walk & Roll Program

This year the Bike to School Challenge will be a "Walk and Roll" program held the same day as Bike to Work Day, and we aim to include some safety trainings in conjunction with schools.

g. New Visions 2050 Implementation

The virtual learning series is ongoing, with the next sessions focusing on climate and on regional planning agencies.]The Advisory Committee will have a role in advising on the scope of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which should be complete by next March.

h. Status of Planning Initiatives

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

6. Other Updates

- Sandy Misiewicz noted that at least one attendee of the Advisory Committee has
 recently signed a letter to a municipality using this Advisory Committee as a signatory.
 This is inappropriate. Committee members aren't appointed and don't represent CDTC
 policy.
- Martin Daly noted that CDRPC will be holding its spring webinar series on Wednesdays and Fridays between May 4th and June 3rd. They are designed for Planning and Zoning Board members and will include discussion of a wide range of issues. If you have ideas for sessions, please let Martin know.

7. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12th** at **9:00 a.m.** Please <u>register in advance</u>. All meetings are recorded and live streamed to the CDTC YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb-8bzvqrkwNSCpjcD1N_BA. We normally meet in person at the site of a recently completed project for the May meeting. Please contact Jen if you would like to host, and could have staff from the host municipality and the design or construction firm available for questions.



Study Team

Project Sponsors

Village of Scotia, Capital District Transportation Committee

Consultant

MJ Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C.

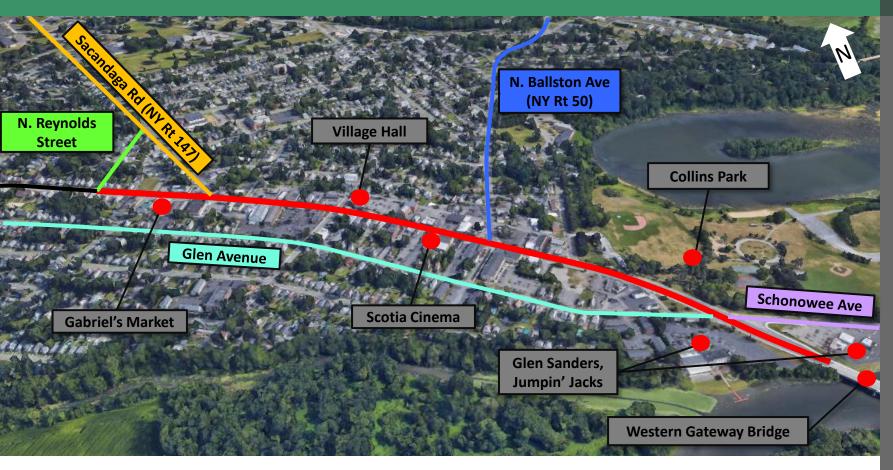
Study Advisory Committee

Village of Scotia, Scotia BID, CDTA, NYSDOT, Schenectady County, and residents





Study Overview: Project Limits









Study Overview: Objectives

- Improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit experience in the Village's Central Business District along Mohawk Avenue
- Preserve the quick and efficient movement of commuters and freight through the Village
- Enhance the safety, accessibility, and enjoyment of the area for all user groups
- Improve connections to the Mohawk Ave corridor from points throughout the Village

Goal:
Develop a Plan,
endorsed by the
Village, that will be
used to pursue
funding opportunities
and guide
implementation of
improvements





Consultant's Scope of Work

- Task 1: Initial SAC Meeting
- Task 2: Existing Conditions Inventory and Assessment
- Task 3: Public Workshop #1
- ➤ Task 4: Develop Draft Scotia Downtown Connections Concept Plan
- Task 5: Public Workshop #2
- Task 6: Develop Final Scotia Downtown Connections Concept Plan
- Task 7: Present Final Plan to Village









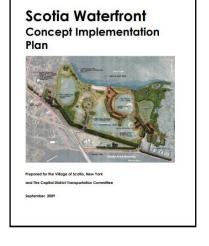
Previous Related Studies

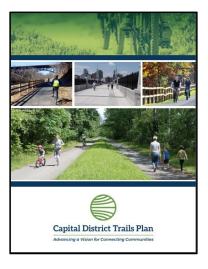
Previous studies can be accessed from the project website:

www.ScotiaConnections.com















Existing Conditions

- Data Collection
- Zoning & Land Use
- Roadways Characteristics & Traffic Data
- Pedestrian Accommodations
- Bicyclist Accommodations
- Freight

- > Transit
- Parking
- Crash History
- Environmental,Social, EconomicResources





Existing Conditions: Roadway

Mohawk Avenue Corridor

- NY Route 5
- > 5 signalized intersections, 2 intersections stop-controlled

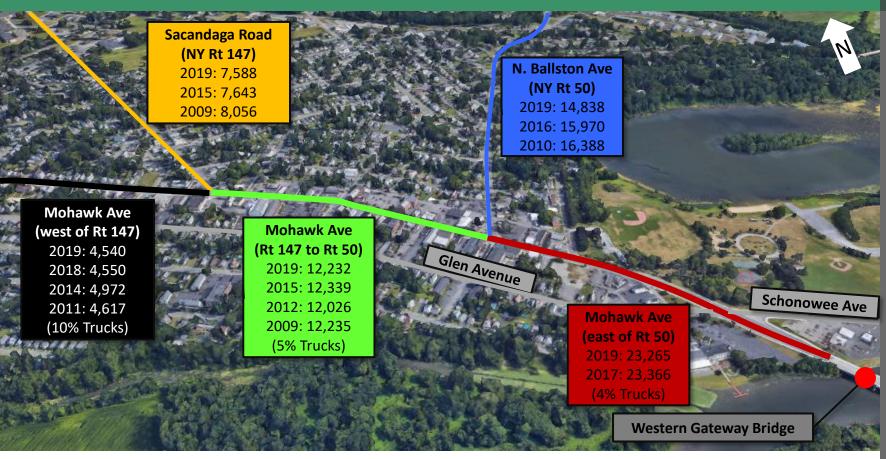








Existing Conditions: Traffic Data







(Traffic volume reported in vehicles per day)



Existing Conditions: Pedestrian Accommodations

Sidewalks 4-5 ft wide minimum

Curb ramps & crosswalks at crossing locations

Pedestrian signal equipment at the 5 signalized intersections

Benches, trash receptacles

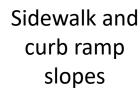
Decorative pedestrian lighting





Existing Conditions:
Pedestrian Accessibility

Pedestrian path width reduced at street tree locations







8-in wide stamped asphalt / brick inlay



Existing Conditions: Bicycle Routes & Accommodations

- Two CDTA bike-share hubs at Village Parking Lot
- Mohawk Ave is a part of NY Bicycle Route 5, a signed on-road route





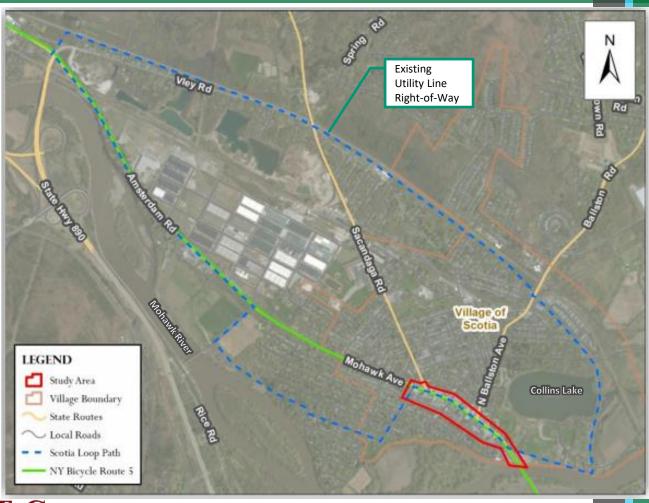






Existing Conditions: Bicycle Routes & Accommodations

- NY Bicycle Route 5
- Signed on-road route, 365 miles from Niagara Falls to NY/MA state line
- Scotia Loop Path
- 8.2 mile on/off road route, existing Scotia Glenville
 Trail to MHBT
- Additional planned adjacent bike connectivity projects

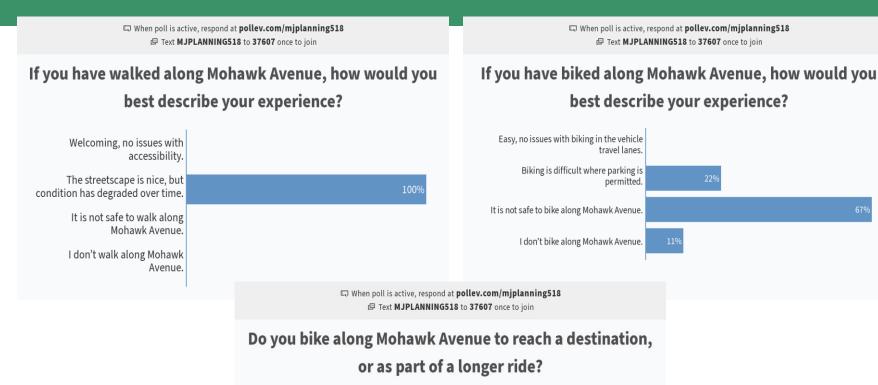








Live Polling Feedback



To reach a

destination.

Mohawk Avenue is

part of my route.

I don't bike along

22%

11%

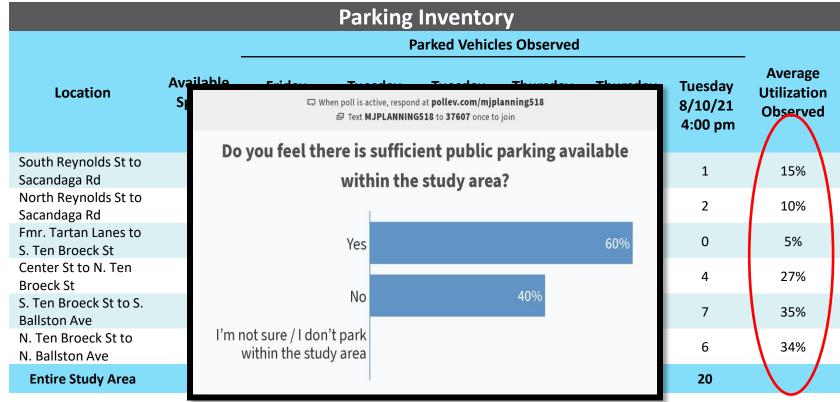






67%

Existing Conditions: Parking



Consider historic observations due to pandemic effects

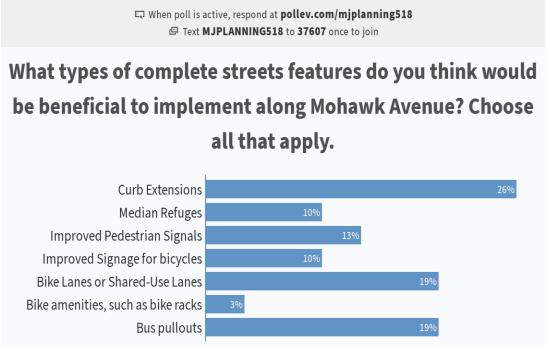






Concepts: Early Public Input

- Reviewed complete street definition and examples
- Explained modal hierarchy and maintenance implications
- Asked the public what was needed!









Draft Plan Development

- Developed the concept through the Fall
- Early coordination with Village, NYSDOT and CDTA
- Distributed to the SAC for comments in December.





Draft Plan Development

NYSDOT

- Mid-block crosswalks not recommended in 4lane sections
- Consider PSAP recommended safety measures before RRFBs, Engineering Study required
- Future development

CDTA

- CDTA prefers not to have bus turnouts on roadways with this traffic volume and speed due to time involved with merging back in
- If implemented on Mohawk Ave, frequency of bus and bicycle activity is not likely to create a conflict

SAC

- Curbed median vs. business access
- Multi Use path termini
- Mid-block crossing locations
- Gateway features
- Opportunity for bus lane







- Reconstruct ADA-compliant sidewalks, decorative hardscape buffer along curb line
- Shared-use lane markings on Glen Ave
- Relocate lamp posts, assess need for additional fixtures

New wearing course, striping









> Raised center median, access management



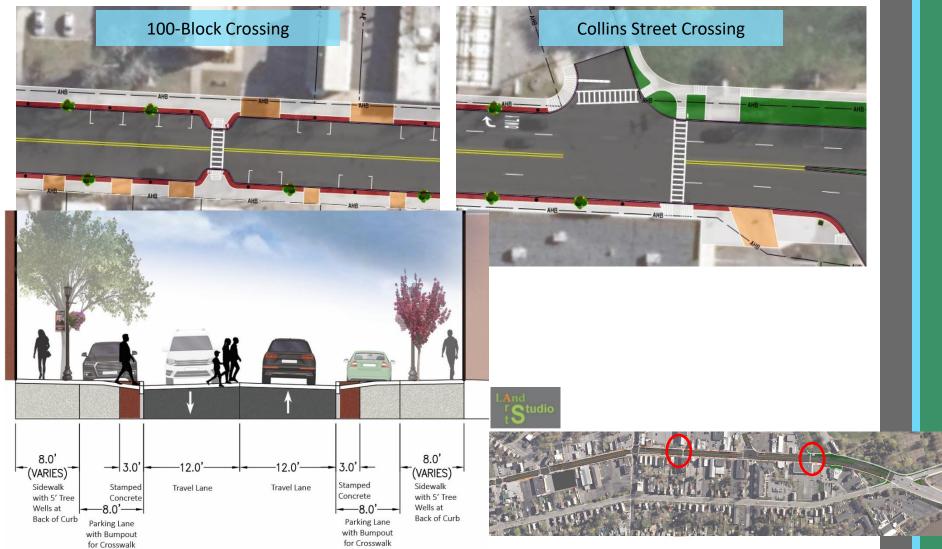




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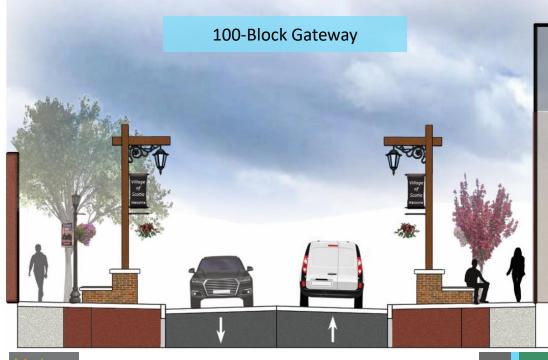
Mid-block Crossings





Amenities and Gateway Improvements







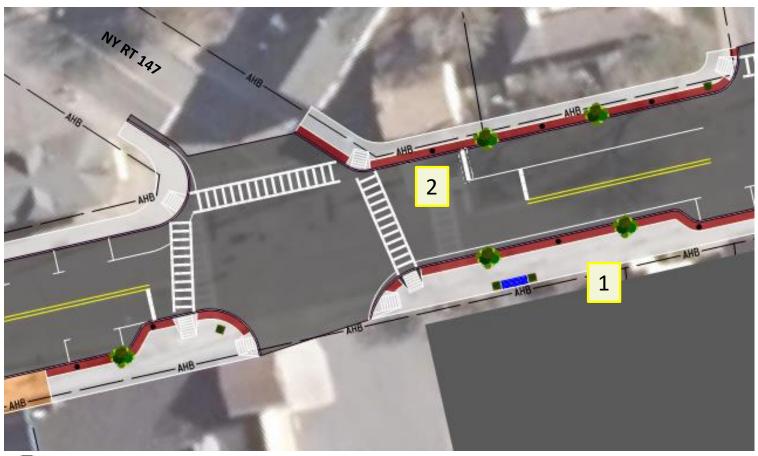
Mohawk / Schonowee / Glen



Mohawk Ave / Ballston Ave (NY 50)



Mohawk Ave / Sacandaga Rd









Looking Ahead

1. Public Workshop #2: March 23 6:30pm

Objective of Second Public Workshop

Present the (Revised) Draft Downtown Connections Plan and provide an opportunity for the public to comment

- 2. Address public comments
- 3. Final Presentation to Village: Mid-April





Thank You!

The Draft Downtown Connections Plan will be posted the last week of March: www.ScotiaConnections.com

Questions?

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Associate, Sr. Project Engineer

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Agenda Item IX-A

STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF MARCH 1, 2022

NAME AND LOCAL SPONSOR	PROJECT COST,	FUNDING APPROVAL DATE	STATUS		PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
INKAGE PROGRAM		T		T	I
1. 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.	March 2022	https://projects.vhb
Master Plan	\$60,000	Approved	Consultant is working on providing final printed copies of the plan to CDTC and the Village. Once final		om/ballstonspapbn default.htm
Village of Ballaton Con	Jacob Barrara	3/5/20	materials are provided, this study will be considered complete.		<u>default.ntm</u>
/illage of Ballston Spa	Jacob Beeman				
Land Use Regulations Update	The Chazen Companies	Policy Board	The draft zoning audit and technical review was released in January, 2022. The consultant team	April 2022	https://villageofme
zama ese megananens epaare	\$80,000	Approved	drafting the new zoning code and design guidelines.	, .p 2022	nds.com/governme
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	Rima Shamieh	-,-,			zoning-update/
3. Scotia Downtown Connections Plan	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying	Policy Board	Study Advisory Committee meeting #4 held on January 24; feedback received on Draft Concept Report.	April 2022	https://www.scotia
	\$60,000	Approved	Consultant is preparing materials for Public Workshop #2.		nnections.com/
/illage of Scotia		3/5/20			
	Andrew Tracy				
I. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-	TBD	Policy Board	The consultant selection and contracting process has been completed. The project will be initiated in	February 2023	TBD
Nunicipal Update	\$90,000	Approved	the coming month. CDTC has begun compiling existing conditions data.		
		3/4/21			
own of East Greenbush	Chris Bauer				
. Rensselaer Waterfront	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC	Policy Board	Consultant and CDTC staff preparing existing conditions memo. SAC membership list prepared by City.	December 2022	TBD
Connectivity Study	\$60,000	Approved	Consultant and CDTC start preparing existing conditions memo. SAC membership list prepared by city.	December 2022	TBD
connectivity Study	300,000	3/4/21			
City of Rensselaer	Andrew Tracy	3/4/21			
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5. Federal Street Corridor Study	Creighton Manning Engineering	Policy Board	The consultants are compiling existing conditions. The first Study Advisory Committee is expected to be	December 2022	TBD
	\$50,000	Approved	held in April.		
City of Troy		3/4/21			
	Carrie Ward				
OMMUNITY PLANNNING TECHNICAL Regional Growth and Infrastructure		Planning	CDTC and CDRPC have completed and distributed final versions of the technical memoranda and	March 2022	N/A
apacity Analysis	\$16,626	Committee	deliverables; the project is complete.	IVIAICII ZUZZ	IN/A
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City of Troy	Chris Bauer	11/4/20			
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. 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
nalysis	\$12,765	Committee	2021, which were reviewed by the Town. CDRPC is addressing comments from the Town and edits to		
		Approved	the memo will be made as needed. CDTC's portion of the project is substantially complete.		
own of Guilderland	Chris Bauer	6/2/21			
B. Development Growth Trends	CDTC, CDRPC and Village Staff	Planning	CDTC staff developed a Draft Traffic Growth Trends Analyses, and technical memorandum, which were	March 2022	N/A
nalysis	\$12,765	Committee	distributed to the Village for review and comment.		
		Approved			
'illage of Castleton-on-Hudson	Chris Bauer	11/3/21		1	I

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COMMUNITY PLANNNING TECHNICAL	. ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Continued)				
4. Saratoga Greenbelt – Wilton Connector Trail Project	CDTC, CDRPC and Municipal Staff \$14,101	Planning Committee Approved	The final Existing Conditions report was completed. The project team is has evaluated the route alternatives and is preparing the final project deliverables.	March 2022	N/A
City of Saratoga Springs/Saratoga County/Town of Wilton	Jen Ceponis	8/4/21			
5. Glenridge Road Pedestrian Connections	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$7,766	Planning Committee Approved	Site reconnaissance is complete. Data is being compiled and summary of findings is being drafted.	March 2022	N/A
Town of Glenville	Rima Shamieh	10/6/21			
ADDITIONAL CDTC PLANNING INITIAT	IVES				
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,	https://www.cdtcmpo
CDTC - Regional	\$100,000 Jen Ceponis	2020-2022 UPWP		2020	.org/nv2050
	эсп серопп		Regional Planning Agency do for You? More info at: https://www.cdtcmpo.org/news/nv-webinars.		
2. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	City of Saratoga Springs Program capacity: \$75,000	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	The advisory committee met mid-February and provided feedback on the data that was collected.	Spring 2022	N/A
	Carrie Ward	2020-2022 OPWP			
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	Jen Ceponis	December 2020	team also met with NYSDOT, FHWA, administration at Arbor Hill Elementary School, and other 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. A survey is currently open to collect public opinions about the trail route alternatives.		
4. Bus Lane Feasibility Study	Foursquare ITP \$200,000	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	The third Study Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 3rd to discuss the Baseline Corridor Assessment and Prioritization, the final draft Phase 1 Public Participation summary and the	July 2022	https://www.buslane
CDTA/CDTC - Regional	Sandy Misiewicz		next Leadership Committee meeting to be scheduled in April. Next steps include finalizing the screening and further developing bus lane concepts.		
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 378 Troy	2. Call held on December 16th to discuss Scope of Services.		
NYSDOT	Susan Olsen, NYSDOT Andrew Tracy	Menands Bridge Study			
6. Albany County Loop Trail Feasibility	CDTC Staff	Albany County	CDTC staff met with Albany County staff to discuss next steps to move forward to develop a trail	February 2023	N/A
Study	\$30,000	support contract 12/8/20	concept plan.	,	
	Jen Ceponis				
7. Regional Truck Parking Study	CDTC Staff \$137,750	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The project team has established regular status update meetings. CDTC staff has begun collecting existing conditions data. The first Study Advisory Committee meeting is expected in March 2022.	February 2023	TBD
	Chris Bauer	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			

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		Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The consultant team completed consultant interviews and which will be used to develop final Toolbox materials.	,	https://www.cdtcsm artmobility.com/
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Project partners agreed to redirect data collection efforts toward the consultant team, which is currently interviewing new interns.	Summer 2022	TBD
	Quality Counts, LLC \$40,000 Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Quality Counts LLC collected horizontal curve safety data, provided to CDTC. Four traffic count sites were collected in early December to support ongoing planning studies. Remaining sites planned to be collected March 2022.	Spring 2022	N/A