

**Capital District Transportation
Committee Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee
May 9 at 9:00am at American Legion,
Bethlehem, NY Agenda**

Attendees:

John Mitchell, CCTWG; Jim Mearkle, ACDPW; Lorenz Worden, ABC; Lauren Alpert, City of Albany; Michael Lalli, Albany County; Ken Kovalchik, Town of Bethlehem; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT; Steve Godlewski, Creighton Manning; Linda vonder Heide, Rennselaer County; Daniel Berheid, Alta; Ivan Vamos, NYBC; Scott Duncan, ACDPW; Lisa Ramundo, ACDPW; Lauren Bailey, CDTA; Scott Lewendon, FORT/MHLC; Mike Lyons, Town of Colonie; Brent Irving, Capital Roots; David Downes; Jen Ceponis, CDTC; Aaron Xaevier, CDTC.

1.1 Welcome & Introductions

1.2 CDTC /Capital Coexist Updates

1.2.1 2017 Capital Coexist Mini-Grants

1.2.2 Bike Share Update- Lauren said that the bikes for the upcoming Cycle! program were being shipped and that there was lots of feedback on locations for stations that was helpful in planning the rollout. She said the deployment of the program is on schedule to begin later this summer.

1.2.3 Reminder(s): May 10 – Bike to School Day / May 19 - Bike to Work Day- Jen noted that registration for Bike to work and school days have been up online for several weeks and that shirts for those who signed up were in and could be picked up or delivered soon.

1.2.4 Bike/Ped Data Collection – Jen noted that the CDTC sidewalk data inventory continues to be augmented, and that CDTC could use any data held by attendees or their associates related to bike/ped infrastructure either from GIS or other programs.

1.3 NYSDOT Updates

1.3.1 TAP/CMAQ –Jen discussed the recent results for the TAP/CMAQ solicitation. She noted that the region did well overall, and listed the projects that were funded through the project (list is available in reminder email for May meeting with the schedule)

1.4 Trail Count and Survey Update – Jen discussed trail survey and count data recently collected by CDTC. She noted that the highest return on the surveys came from the ACRT, and discussed popular uses of the trail as well as problems reported overall through the data collection. The most prominent issue was that some trails were too popular, and that etiquette for interacting with different uses/people was unclear. Most surveyed thought trails were a good use of public funds.

1.5 Presentation/Discussion: Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail-Trail with Albany County, Town of Bethlehem and City of Albany- Mike Lalli gave a summary of the upcoming work on the trail, noting further paving of the trail to Voorheesville, the installation of a fix-it station by S. Pearl Street with the help of Capital Roots, and a mini-library. He also noted that they are looking for places to direct funds from citizens wishing to contribute to the betterment of

the trail, and noted a buy a bench program as a way to address this. He also discussed issues raised by residents adjacent to the trail, like issues with trespassers, but noted the county did not want to start a precedent of funding fencing as a remedy.

Scott L. discussed the trail ambassador program, where volunteers provide information to trail users if needed, observe usage, and keep the trail clean of rubbish. He also detailed the conversion of historic train stations into trail amenities, and that signage had been and will continue to be installed to let users know the history of the trail.

Ken talked about the Delaware Ave streetscape project as it related to trail connections with the ACRT, such as the connection at Howard St. He noted that a road diet was being assessed for feasibility given the traffic volumes of the road.

Lauren Talked about the City of Albany's efforts to connect the trail to the MHBHT. Currently the Rail Trail stops at S. Pearl, and the city wanted to increase the connectivity of their system, as well as its accessibility and attractiveness. She mentioned that on 5/23 the City, Alta, and CDTC would be hosting a public meeting outlining the preferred alternative.

Scott L Discussed the inception of the trail, noting that several nonprofits came together to form a committee of the Conservancy and with a grant from PTNY began opening the corridor in sections, clearing out the brush and trash by hand and working later with municipalities to do heavier lifting. Eventually the Federal aid kicked in, at which point the development of the trail took off.

*you're
invited!*

COMPLETE STREETS PANEL DISCUSSION AND HAPPY HOUR

Please join us for a fun afternoon learning about complete street initiatives across New York State and networking with old and new friends!

when

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

4:00 - 5:15PM Panel Discussion

3:30 - 4:00PM & 5:15 - 6:30PM Happy Hour

where

City Beer Hall, Rodeo Room

42 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207

panelists

Philip Bell, PLA, MPA

NYSDOT, Acting Director, Landscape Architecture Bureau

Paul Beyer

NYSDOS, State Director of Smart Growth

Tom Doolittle, PLA, FASLA

Alta Planning + Design, Senior Design Associate

Mark Johns, PLA, ASLA

Bergmann Associates, Design Principal

All are welcome!

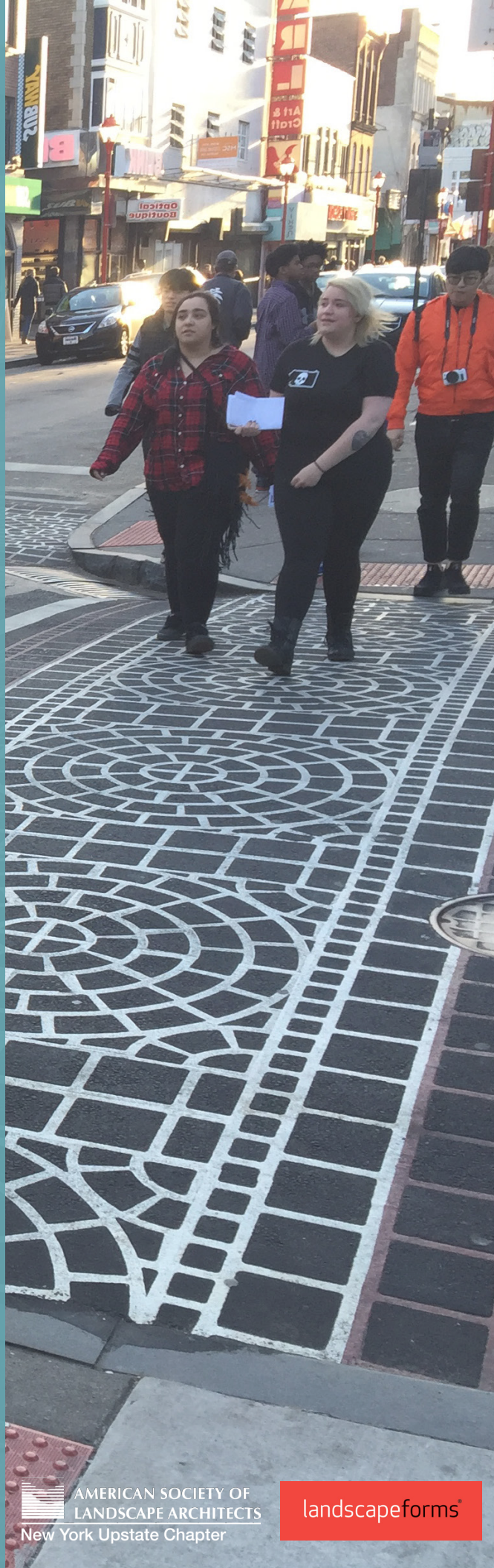
Please RSVP to Elizabeth King (elizabethking@altaplanning.com).

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STATUS OF LINKAGE PROGRAM STUDIES AS OF MAY 1, 2017

STUDY NAME AND LOCATION	SPONSOR, PROJECT CONSULTANT, COST AND CDTA CONTACT	DATE PROGRAMMED	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE AND COMPLETION TIME (ORIGINAL FUNDING DATE TO ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE)	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
ALBANY COUNTY					
1. Albany Complete Streets Policy Design Manual	City of Albany MJ Engineering \$90,000 Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Selected 2/12/14. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/13/14.	The final documents will be publicly available after the City Council receives them.	June 2017 35 Months	http://www.albany2030.org/complete-streets-guidelines
2. Albany Patroon Creek/Washington Avenue Corridor Study	City of Albany Consultant to be Selected \$90,000 Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Selected 2/1/17. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/2/17	New study for the 2017-2018 Linkage Program. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed in April. The project may now begin.	June 2018 15 Months	<u>TBD</u>
3. Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study	Albany County/Town of Colonie Creighton Manning Engineering \$80,000 Chris O'Neill	Planning Committee Selected 2/3/16. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/29/16.	An Advisory Committee meeting was held in April. A second Advisory Committee meeting is planned for May. The first public meeting is being planned for early June.	December 2017 21 Months	TBD
4. Albany Waterfront Multi-Use Path Connection Feasibility Study	City of Albany Alta Planning + Design \$70,000 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Selected 2/4/15. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/5/15.	The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held TAC meeting #6 on April 17. The consultant has delivered a draft plan, currently being reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee. The final public outreach efforts are being developed.	June 2017 24 Months	http://albanywaterfrontconnector.weebly.com/
5. Bethlehem Delaware Avenue Complete Street Feasibility Study	Town of Bethlehem Creighton Manning Engineering \$60,000 Anne Benware	Planning Committee Selected 2/4/15. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/5/15.	A technical advisory committee meeting was held to review the draft public meeting summary developed by the consultant (includes public comments and results of interactive exercise input from the first public meeting/existing conditions review) and to discuss initial corridor simulation results for base alternatives' concepts including the null, a conventional road diet and a null with some ped crossing/transit improvements in preparation for the next SAC meeting. The SAC meeting will be scheduled for May to review the draft public meeting summary and discuss draft conceptual alternatives to be analyzed in the next phase of the study.	September 2017 36 Months	https://delawareave.completestreets.com/
6. New Scotland Hamlet Zoning Refinements and Design Guidelines	Town of New Scotland AECOM f/k/a URS Corp. \$70,000 Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Selected 2/6/13. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/7/13.	The final zoning language has been completed and submitted to CDTA and the Town. This project is complete.	April 2017 46 Months	http://newscotlandzoning.blogspot.com/

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RENSSELAER COUNTY

1. Troy Bicycle Facilities Guidelines	City of Troy Consultant to be Selected \$30,000 Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Selected 2/4/15. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/5/15.	Four proposals were received in response to the March 2017 Request for Expressions of Interest. The Consultant Selection Committee chose Parks & Trails New York.	September 2017 29 Months	TBD
2. Schodack Town Center Form Based Zoning Code	Town of Schodack Laberge Group \$45,000 Sandy Misiewicz	Planning Committee Selected 2/12/14. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/13/14.	The Town Board will be discussing the form based zoning code language at its April 27th meeting and on May 11th will be taking action to accept the report. CDTC's study will be completed at that point as the Town then begins the regulatory process of adopting the language into town law.	May 2017 34 Months	N/A

SARATOGA COUNTY

1. Malta Route 9 Reconfiguration Feasibility Study	Town of Malta MJ Engineering \$40,000 Dave Jukins	Planning Committee Selected 2/12/14. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/13/14.	NYSDOT reviewed and submitted comments on the geometric assessment technical memorandum. The study team will meet to address comments. Next steps involve discussing findings with the advisory committee and a joint presentation to the Town Board and public.	March 2017 30 Months	http://www.malta-town.org/DocumentCenter/View/749
2. Stillwater Route 4 Zoning and Site Design Standards	Town of Stillwater Planning4Places \$90,000 Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Selected 2/6/13. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/7/13.	This project is complete.	March 2017 44 Months	http://www.stillwater-ny.org/residents/stillwater-route-4-corridor/

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

1. Schenectady Urban Bike Infrastructure Master Plan	City of Schenectady Alta Planning + Design \$75,000 Sandy Misiewicz	Planning Committee Selected 2/4/15. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/5/15.	A draft report was received at the beginning of April and was reviewed in depth for two weeks by staff from the City and CDTC. The consultant is currently revising the draft for the next review prior to releasing the draft to the study advisory committee in May. The next round of public outreach will occur at the end of May and into June.	May 2017 26 Months	http://schenectadybikeplan.weebly.com/L
2. Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Feasibility Study & Policy	Town of Glenville Planning4Places \$50,000 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Selected 2/3/16. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/29/16.	The contracting process with the selected consultant team (Planning4Places, with sub-consultant Sam Schwartz Engineering) is underway. Project kickoff to be held in May 2017.	May 2018 26 Months	TBD

CDTC 2017 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN EDUCATION SERIES

You are invited to the CDTC Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series. CDTC has purchased a series of webinars and educational opportunities which it is offering to Capital District public and private sector planners, engineers, and designers at no cost. CDTC offers webinars developed by the Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals (APBP), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Pedestrian & Bicycle Information Center (PBIC), and Transportation Research Board (TRB) throughout the year. CDTC believes the webinars could be valuable and informative in advancing transportation planning and engineering in the Capital Region. Professional development and continuing education credits are available for most webinars. The schedule will be updated as new educational opportunities are announced. Limited seating is available! Please RSVP via email to Jennifer Ceponis at jceponis@cdtcmpo.org.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CREDIT	LOCATION
May 17	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: Making Crossings Safe, Convenient and Inviting	.1 CEU	CDTC
Jun 21	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: Beyond Counting – putting the data to work for better planning and evaluation	.1 CEU	CDTC
Jul 19	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: Restoring Public Access to Waterfronts	.1 CEU	CDTC
Aug 16	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: Incorporating Public Art Into Transportation Corridors	.1 CEU	CDTC
Sep 20	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: Green Design: Minimizing Environmental Impact in Public Right of Way	.1 CEU	CDTC
Oct 18	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: Designing Transit to Support Active Transportation, and Vice Versa	.1 CEU	CDTC
Nov 15	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: Street Lighting – best practices and innovations in illumination technology	.1 CEU	CDTC
Dec 13	3:00 – 4:00 PM	APBP Webinar: The modes they are a-changing – changing landscape of transportation and implications for bicycling and walking	.1 CEU	CDTC