

**Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
April 13, 2021**

Attendees: Melissa Cherubino, Town of Glenville; Jim Mearkle, Albany County; John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails Committee; Ed Brennan, Albany Bicycling Coalition; Jen Hogan, NYS Department of Health; Rebecca de la Cruz, Parks and Trails New York; Valerie Deane, NYS Department of Transportation; Janette Kaddo Marino, Bikeatoga; Lindsey Garney, CDTA; Dylan Carey, Parks and Trails New York; Charles Welge, Albany County Department of Health; Jesse Vogle, Creighton Manning Engineering, Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC; Rima Shamieh, CDTC; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Cary Anderson-Hanley, Union College; Ivan Vamos, New York Bicycling Coalition; John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park; Zach Powell, City of Albany; Art Clayman, Cycle Schenectady; James Rath, City of Troy; Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs; John Gillivan, Albany Bicycling Coalition; Jill Harrison; Rogerio Rodrigues, CMPAC

1. New Business

1.1. Welcome & Introductions

1.2. Presentation: Dylan Carey and Rebecca De La Cruz presented on PTNY's Pop-up bike lane demo in Poughkeepsie. PTNY is an Albany-based non-profit advocating for open space and trails. The project received a Governor's Traffic Safety Grant for this pop-up project and pop-up guide. The project measured speeds and bike-ped counts, and found higher usage during the project as well as lower traffic speeds. 67% of surveyed bikers felt more comfortable in the bike lanes. PTNY used Capital Roots coordination, as well as DOT permitting. PTNY worked with Poughkeepsie's DPW to temporary stripe and lay out the reconfigured road. Because of the pandemic, the project came to fruition in August. Challenges included changing existing road configuration and outreach during the pandemic. The public response was overwhelmingly positive.

1.3. CDPHP Cycle! has launched for the season, with promotions and 350 bikes out already. The colleges are using the bikes even more, and last week saw over 3,000 rides! CDPHP Cycle is exploring expansions into the surrounding counties, and is also piloting 50 electric scooters in the Albany, Schenectady, Troy, and Saratoga Springs this spring and summer.

1.4. CDTC/NYS DOT Updates (see attachments): CDTC will begin a slow reopening the week of April 5th. Staff will have limited hours in the office.

1.4.1. 2021 Linkage Program: The grants funded are East Greenbush, City of Troy, and City of Rensselaer.

1.4.2. 2021 Capital Coexist 2.0: 2021 Mini-Grants are all being funded.

1.4.3. Smart Communities Toolbox has received 6 REIs to the solicitation, to provide definitions, case studies, and guidance for the region on smart communities.

- 1.4.4. Bike Month: Rima Shamieh (rshamieh@cdtcmpo.org) discussed the Ditch the Car Campaign - a multi-month campaign that is targeting between Bike to Work Month and Bike to School Day in the fall.
- 1.4.5. Technical Assistance is seeking applications for 2021.
- 1.4.6. ADA Transition Plan solicitation – due 4/30.
- 1.4.7. 2020 MUTCD Proposed Rule Making – MUTCD fact-sheet available from CDTC, and webinars are coming up about the MUTCD updates. Comments can be given to FHWA through May 14th. Key changes include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, with emphasis on safety and accessibility. The proposed text can be downloaded from: <https://beta.regulations.gov/document/FHWA-2020-0001-0038> Comments can be submitted here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/14/2020-26789/national-standards-for-traffic-control-devices-the-manual-on-uniform-traffic-control-devices-for>
- 1.4.8. Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives: See attached. Albany Bike-Ped Plan is finished and the Ballston Spa Bike-Ped Plan starting. Technical assistance ongoing with a number of municipalities. Patroon Creek Greenway study is starting, as is the Albany County Loop Trail study.
- 1.4.9. New Visions 2050 trainings are still on-going and available for local groups, boards, or communities. Future webinars include April 20th on Performance Measures and May 18th on Bike Month.

Other Updates

Statewide Trails Plan has been released, and may present to BPAC.

Trail counts in 2020 showed increases in trail usage; contact Jen if you're interested in helping conduct in-person or electronic trail counts. Saratoga is working on an eco-counter.

NYS starting a Bike Plan.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings Open to the Public: The next meeting is scheduled for **May 11th at 9:00am**. The next meeting may be held outdoors.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldOCsqTspG9IJ12mWiU9njq0ac4aXZHQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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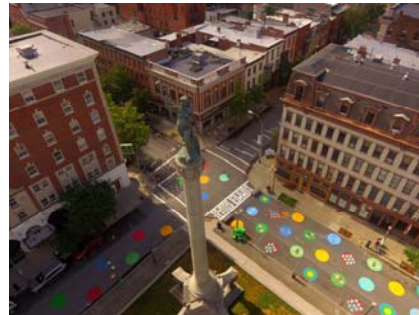


CDTC Virtual Meeting Guidelines

- Mute your microphone
- You can choose to use just the phone function
- You can choose to turn your camera off if you want
- Use Zoom's chat function if you have a question during the presentation
- Zoom meetings and chats (even private messages) are recorded; Zoom provides a transcript of the chat

COVID-19 Updates

- *In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020.6 CDTC has implemented work from home procedures. All public and in-person meetings are **(still)** cancelled.*
- *CDTC office will begin Phase I reopening week of April 5.*
- *CDTC COVID Resource Page*
- *CDTC Open Streets Resource Page*



COVID-19 Recovery Resources

- NYSDOT Special Use Permit (PERM 33g-COVID-19 Recovery Temporary Special Use)
- Tools for Rapid Response
- Transit Toolbox
- IMPLEMENTATION toolbox: *Streets for Pandemic Response & Recovery*

<https://nacto.org/program/covid19/#tools>





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- **New Business**
- Welcome & Introductions
- COVID-19 Updates
- Presentation: Presentation: Demonstration Projects in Poughkeepsie, Parks & Trails New York
- CDPHP *Cycle!* Season
- CDTC/NYS DOT Updates (see attachments)
 - 2021 Linkage Program
 - 2021 Capital Coexist 2.0
 - Smart Communities Update
 - Ditch the Car Pledge update
 - CDTC Technical Assistance Program
 - ADA Transition Plan solicitation – due 4/30
 - 2020 MUTCD Proposed Rule Make
 - Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives
 - New Visions 2050 Implementation
- Other Updates

2021 Capital Coexist 2.0

Project Sponsor	Sponsor Type	Project Type	Location	Total Project Cost	Total \$ Requested
Corinth PTSA	non-profit	Safe Routes to School - demonstration project	Corinth	\$ 6,263.90	\$ 4,696.00
Saratoga Regional YMCA	non-profit	Safe Routes to School - walking school bus	Corinth	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,650.00
Town of Clifton Park	local government	Clifton Park Trail Discovery Event	Clifton Park	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 1,515.00
Albany Bike Rescue	non-profit	Bicycle Voucher Program	Albany (mainly)	\$ 6,108.00	\$ 4,108.00
East Greenbush Police Department	first responder	Pop-up Event & Slow Down Campaign	East Greenbush	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 2,970.00
Albany Bicycle Coalition	non-profit	Bike Ride	Albany, Colonie, Niskayuna, Schenectady	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 1,224.00
Bikeatoga	non-profit	Slow Down campaign	Saratoga	\$ 3,965.49	\$ 1,965.49
			Total	\$30,149.39	\$21,128.49
			average	\$3,769.92	\$2,642.31
		Total available funding			\$25,000.00

2020 Roll Over

Project Sponsor	Sponsor Type	Project Type	Location	Total Project Cost	Total \$ Requested
Albany Dept. of Planning & Development	local government	pedestrian safety demonstrations	Albany, NY	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,905.00
Bethlehem Police Department	local government	Walk & Roll Fest	Bethlehem, NY	\$ 5,944.00	\$ 4,458.00
Town of Glenville	local government	Oktoberfest bike safety activity	Glenville, NY	\$ 4,215.00	\$ 2,525.00
Transport Troy	non-profit	Troy Ramble & "Summer Streets" program	Troy, NY	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Village of Colonie	local government	Bicycle Safety Day Event	Cook Park, Colonie	\$ 1,848.54	\$ 1,386.41
			Total	\$25,507.54	\$16,274.41
			average	\$4,252.92	\$2,714.07

Task 4.30 Smart Communities

Budget \$100,000

Project Objective: Develop a Smart Cities Toolbox

- Goal(s):**
- Define “Smart Cities”
 - Identify underutilized, evolving technologies that can be deployed in the Capital Region
 - Provide examples (case studies) of similar-sized towns and cities that have successfully implemented Smart Cities projects.
 - Develop a “Roadmap” for interested local governments to implement Smart Cities projects.

Expressions of Interest Received: 6

Ditch the Car Pledge



CDTC / CDRPC Technical Assistance Program

- CDTC and the [Capital District Regional Planning Commission \(CDRPC\)](#) are seeking applications for the [2020 Community Planning Technical Assistance Program](#). The program offers CDTC and CDRPC staff time and expertise to local governments undertaking small scale community planning initiatives.
- Comprehensive / Neighborhood Planning
- Land Use Plan Implementation
- Community Design Assessment
- General Community Planning
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis and Mapping
- Recreational Trail Planning
- Transportation Safety & Operations Planning
- Zoning & Site Planning

CDTC / CDRPC Technical Assistance Program

- 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.
- Applications will be accepted through Dec. 1, 2021.

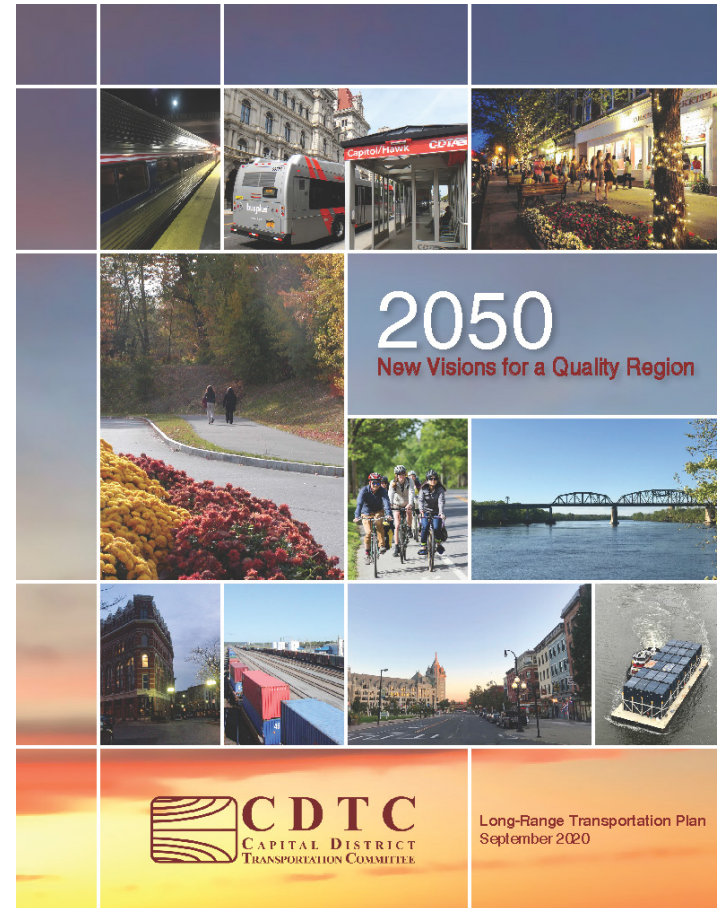
ADA Transition Planning

- CDTC has hired The Chazen Companies to create adoption-ready Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Analysis and Transition Plans for municipal pedestrian infrastructure. We are now accepting applications from municipalities that would like to participate in this program.
- Visit CDTC website for instructions on how to apply: [ADA Transition Plan Solicitation \(cdtcmpo.org\)](https://cdtcmpo.org/ada-transition-plan-solicitation)
- Applications are due April 30, 2021
- Please contact Carrie at cward@cdtcmpo.org

New Visions 2050

- All materials & upcoming training opportunities are on website at www.cdtcmpo.org
- Request virtual board training
- New Visions Virtual Learning Series:
 - March 16: Moving Toward Zero – Approaches to Improving Safety
 - April 20: Performance Measures
 - May 18: It's Bike Month!

www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050



Other Planning & Project Updates

- NYS released the Statewide Trails Plan:
<https://parks.ny.gov/inside-our-agency/master-plans.aspx>
- Trail Counts
- NYS Bike Plan – plan to have contract in place this summer

STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF APRIL 1, 2021

NAME AND LOCAL SPONSOR	SPONSOR, CONSULTANT OR STAFF, PROJECT COST, CDTC CONTACT	FUNDING APPROVAL DATE	STATUS	COMPLETION DATE (EST.) AND TIME TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT (FUNDING DATE TO ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE)	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
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LINKAGE PROGRAM

1. Ballston Spa Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan Village of Ballston Spa	VHB \$60,000 Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	SAC Meeting #1 was held virtually on February 19th. Consultant team is currently conducting existing data collection efforts, and preparing for the first round of public outreach activities beginning this spring. Study Advisory Committee Meeting #2 and study area field walk anticipated in early April.	November 2021 20 Months	TBD
2. Land Use Regulations Update Village of Menands	The Chazen Companies \$80,000 Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	Technical Advisory Committee met in March. Study Advisory Committee meeting and "at your own pace" site visits will be scheduled in April. Website and public participation plan are in development.	March 2022 24 Months	TBD
3. Scotia Downtown Connections Plan Village of Scotia	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying \$60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	First Study Advisory Committee meeting held on March 24th; feedback gathered on study area, scope, and draft website. Existing conditions report under development. Next SAC meeting to be held early April.	November 2021 20 Months	TBD
4. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-Municipal Update Town of East Greenbush	TBD \$90,000 Chris Bauer	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	New study funded in the 2021-2022 Linkage Program.	November 2022 20 Months	TBD
5. Rensselaer Waterfront Connectivity Study City of Rensselaer	TBD \$60,000 Jordan Solano-Reed	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	New study funded in the 2021-2022 Linkage Program.	November 2022 20 Months	TBD
6. Federal Street Corridor Study City of Troy	TBD \$50,000 Carrie Ward	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	New study funded in the 2021-2022 Linkage Program.	November 2022 20 Months	TBD

COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Enhanced Development Regulations Town of Colonie	CDRPC, CDTC and City Staff \$8,750 Jacob Beeman	Planning Committee Approved 11/4/20	CDTC/CDRPC staff completed Electric Vehicle (EV) zoning and development language review, including requiring new development to be EV ready or to install charging stations. CDTC staff developed a Draft Report, revised it based on Town comments and submitted final documents to the Town on 3/24/21. CDRPC staff is finalizing the Green Infrastructure Code Audit and Green Area Ratio white paper. A first draft was submitted to the Town 3/26/21.	April 2021	NA
2. Regional Growth and Infrastructure Capacity Analysis City of Troy	CDRPC, CDTC and Town Staff \$16,626 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 11/4/20	Sewer flow and capacity data has been received and mapped. CDRPC staff will meet with the Town of Brunswick to obtain development data and sewer data. CDRPC will create a methodology for communicating capacity areas and potential measures to mitigate/offset satellite contributions to the system. CDTC staff has collected available traffic data and developed a calibrated base year sub-area model.	August 2021	N/A
3. Comprehensive Plan Update Guidance & Data Village of Ballston Spa	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$18,000 Jacob Beeman	Planning Committee Approved 1/6/21	An existing conditions report is being prepared by CDRPC including demographic, economic analysis and mapping. CDTC staff is in the process of collecting transportation data and developing map products. Guidance regarding the Village's RFP for consultant services is also being provided.	May 2021	N/A

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COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM					
4. Hoffman Hill Road Safety Analysis Town of Glenville	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$18,000 Andrew Tracy	Planning Committee Approved 1/6/21	Existing conditions data provided by Town of Glenville. Field visit conducted in March; draft report provided to Town of Glenville; review underway.	May 2021	N/A
OTHER 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.cdcmpo.org/nv2050 . CDTC continues to monitor mobility trends and will update and amend the long-range plan accordingly.	Adopted September 3, 2020	https://www.cdcmpo.org/nv2050
2. Local Bridge Preservation Report CDTC - Regional	CDM Smith \$105,000 Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Deliverable milestone meeting held on February 4th; project team presented draft workbook and list of preservation candidates. Field visits on confirmed candidate bridges are complete. Detailed inspection reports based on field visits are being prepared. Draft Study Report is being prepared. Feedback needed from Rensselaer County on their bridges.	May 2021	TBD
3. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure CDTC - Regional	City of Saratoga Springs Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Data collection resumed in March 2021.	Spring 2021	N/A
4. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure CDTC - Regional	Town of Glenville Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	The advisory committee met in February to discuss the draft prioritization criteria. Town and CDTC staff are reviewing the draft plan.	April 2021	N/A
5. Patroon Creek Greenway CDTC and City of Albany	TBD \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved December 2020	CDTC received eight Expressions of Interest. The evaluation committee has reviewed the responses and has met to discuss. A consultant team will be chosen by mid-April.	December 2021	TBD
6. Bus Lane Feasibility Study CDTA/CDTC - Regional	TBD \$200,000 Sandy Misiewicz	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	CDTC received five proposals. The evaluation team met on March 29th to discuss the proposals and work through the consultant selection process.	March 2022	TBD
7. NY 378 PEL Bridge Study NYSDOT	TBD \$TBD Susan Olsen, NYSDOT Sandy Misiewicz	TIP Project A605/R344: NY 378 Troy Menands Bridge Study	The procurement has been canceled and will be re-advertised soon. FHWA Environmental Streamlining for Major Bridge Projects workshop is underway.	TBD	TBD
8. Albany County Loop Trail Feasibility Study CDTC - Regional	CDTC Staff \$30,000 Jen Ceponis	Albany County support contract 12/8/20	CDTC staff has confirmed a task list and scope with Albany County and is currently working on an Existing Conditions Report. Staff has also reviewed draft plans for the Albany Shaker Road Safety Improvements (A603) design and prepared comments, and is developing an existing conditions report.	February 2023	N/A

Thank you!

Next meeting:
May 11 at 9:00 am
TBD

