

**Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
January 12, 2020**

Attendees: Charles Welge, Albany County DOH; Michael Burns, Town of Glenville; Jim Mearkle, Albany County; Andrew Tracey, CDTC; Janette Kaddo Marino, Bikeatoga; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT; Jennifer Hogan, NYSDOH; Jill Haimson; Jen Viggiani, Clifton Park; Lindsey Garney, CDTA; Jim Ercolano, NYSDOT; John Gillivan, Albany Bicycle Coalition & Village of Colonie resident; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC; Jesse Vogl, CME; Art Clayman, Cycle Schenectady; Zach Powell, City of Albany; Lynn Walkuski, Town of Glenville; Fred Mastroianni, GPI; Ivan Vamos, New York Bicycling Coalition; Jennifer Ceponis, CDTC

1.0 New Business

1.1 Welcome & Introductions

1.2 Presentation #1: Andrew Tracy - East Greenbush - Gilligan Road Complete Streets Enhancement Feasibility Study

CDTC's Tech Assistance is a rolling program of small scale planning studies that need support. This study reviewed previous studies, looked at existing conditions, and identified Complete Streets treatments and locations for Gilligan Road. Gilligan Road is a 0.87mi road that feeds into US-9 & 20. CDTC conducted a Complete Streets Workshop that looked at various roads around East Greenbush, including Gilligan Road. US-9/20 has also been on the TIP. Traffic is largely based around the school and local traffic, plus special sporting and school events. The safety analysis showed 19 crashes in the past 5 years, plus a student injury in 2004. Ultimate goal: Add a sidepath in phases along Gilligan Road, connecting to Columbia Turnpike and future developments there. Proximity to Albany-Hudson Electric Trail from Columbia Turnpike as well.

Presentation #2: Charles Welge - Albany County DOH - Pedestrian Safety Program "Walk This Way"

Pedestrian and bicycle crashes in the region are often in the three largest cities, and occur during late afternoon and evening hours. DOH pursued community outreach, education, youth education, and a public awareness campaign. Goal: By December 31, 2020 reduce pedestrians injured or killed by 5%. Conducted traffic safety education for 300 pedestrians (paused due to pandemic) and provided outreach and education at 25 public gathering sites (partial completion). Objective: provide education to 250 children (paused, exploring virtual programming). Objective: increase public awareness to 3,000 residents (achieved) through streaming, posters, and social media.

1.3 CDTC/NYSDOT Updates (see attachments): CDTC Office is still closed for the foreseeable future.

1.3.1.1 NYS Greenway Trails Plan - The public is encouraged to submit written comments about the Draft Plan/Draft GEIS. Comments will be accepted until January 19, 2021 and should be emailed to StatewideTrailsPlan@parks.ny.gov. For more information, visit OPRHP's website.

1.3.1.2 2021 Capital Coexist Solicitation has been released, incorporating more traffic safety programming.

1.3.1.3 Capital District Mobility Trends

1.3.1.4 2020 MUTCD Proposed Rule Making – MUTCD Update is accepting public comments:
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>

1.3.1.5 Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives

1.3.1.6 Draft Public Participation Plan – public comment period

1.3.1.7 New Visions 2050 Implementation

1.4 Other Updates

1.4.1 CDPHP *Cycle!* Bikes will be out again in April!

Streetlight data is showing that bicycling levels are up approximately 25% around the Capital Region through the pandemic.

CDTA's new Blue Line River Corridor has started!

New Zim Smith Trail extension and Albany-Hudson Electric Trail are complete and beautiful! Menands Connector is now open connecting to the Mohawk-Hudson Trail.

Cycle Schenectady is coordinating with residents, neighborhoods, and Schenectady's City Council to promote complete streets and a citywide speed limit reduction to 25mph.

Bikeatoga is adding a cargo bike for education and is resuming Slow Rolls at the end of January.

2.0 Upcoming Meetings

Meetings Open to the Public: The next meeting is scheduled for **February 9th at 9:00am.**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldOCsqTspG9lJ12mWiU9njq0ac4aXZHQ>

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

Albany County Department of Health: Pedestrian Safety Program “Walk this Way”



Presented by: Charles H. Welge, MBA; Jack Celuch
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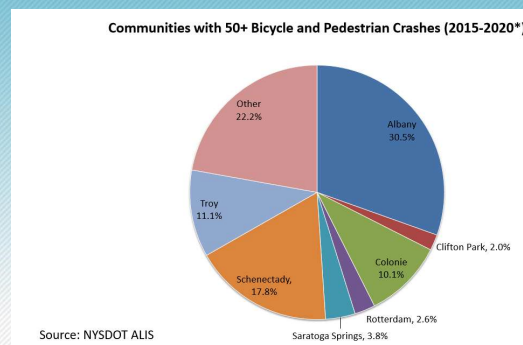
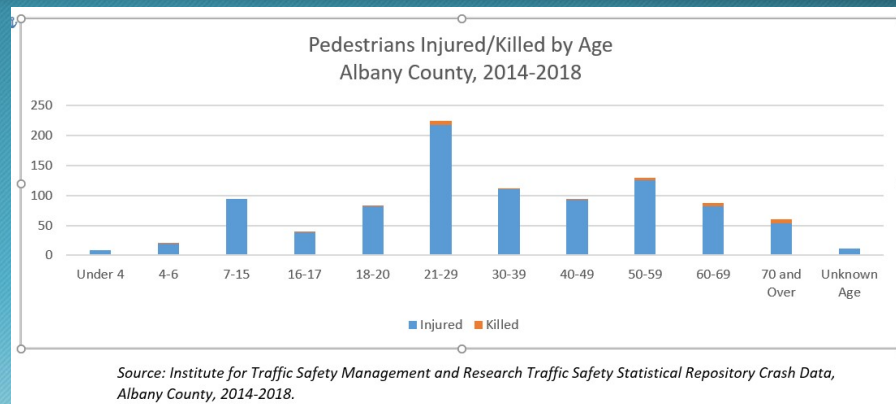
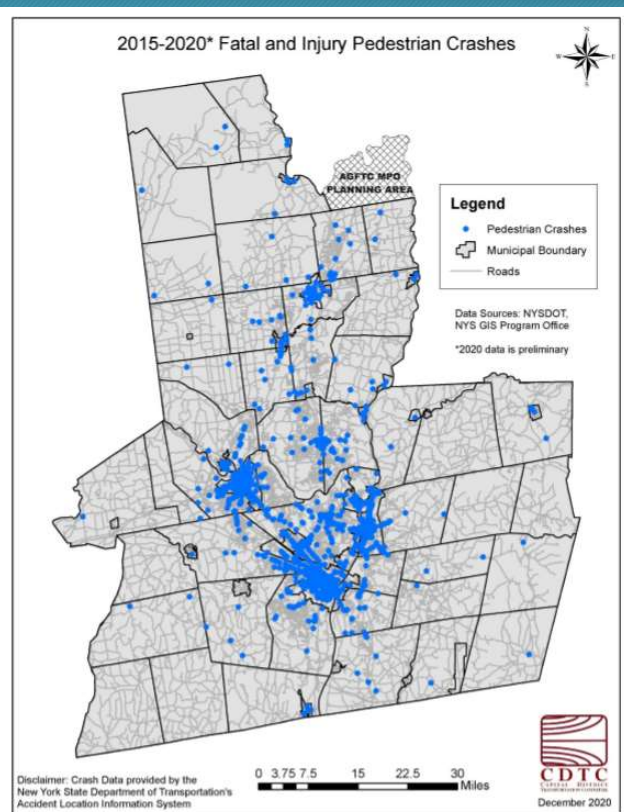
MEETING OBJECTIVE: OVERVIEW OF PLAN

- ❖ Background
- ❖ Solutions
- ❖ Goals & Objectives
- ❖ Evaluation
- ❖ Achievements & Challenges
- ❖ Questions & Answers



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Background



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Solutions

- Community Outreach and Education
- Youth / School-Based Education
- Public Awareness Campaign



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Goal

In Albany County, by December 31, 2020, reduce the number of pedestrians injured or killed in crashes by 5%

- i.e. from 159 total crashes (2019) to 151 total crashes (2020)



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Objective: Community Outreach and Education

- Conduct traffic safety education for 300 pedestrians
 - “Paused” - One (1) Street team event: 35 persons
- Provide community outreach/education at 25 public gathering sites
 - “Partially Completed”
 - Distributed *See/BeSeen!* materials and commodities at nine (9) sites
 - Provided education at four (4) community events (142 persons)



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Objective: Youth / School-Based Education

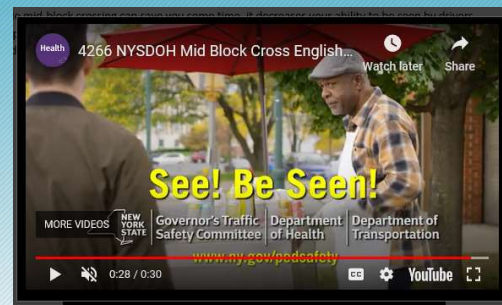
- Provide motor vehicle & traffic safety education to 250 children
 - “Paused” - virtual pedestrian safety programming explored



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Objective: Public Awareness Campaign

- Increase pedestrian safety public awareness to 3,000 residents
 - “Achieved”
 - Pedestrian safety videos streamed in clinic waiting areas: 175 persons
 - Pedestrian safety social media: 15,000 subscribers
 - *See!BeSeen!* posters at bus shelters: 863,512 impressions



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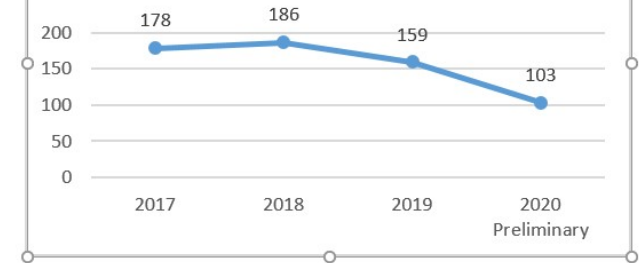
Evaluation

County Pedestrian Crash Summary*

Crashes

	2017		2018		2019		2020 Preliminary*		
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Total	178	100.00%	186	100.00%	159	100.00%	77	100.00%	
ALBANY	178	100.00%	186	100.00%	159	100.00%	77	100.00%	
Fatal	6	3.37%	3	1.61%	2	1.26%	2	2.60%	
Personal Injury	170	95.51%	179	96.24%	155	97.48%	73	94.81%	
Property Damage	2	1.12%	4	2.15%	2	1.26%	2	2.60%	

Pedestrian Crashes
January 1, 2017 to September 30th,
2020



Achievements & Challenges

- Achievements

- Pedestrian killed or injured reduced by more than 5%
- Partner assistance (e.g. outreach sites, events)
- Public awareness per multiple communication channels

- Challenges

- COVID-19 pandemic (social distancing requirements) precluded select activities
- Transitions



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Questions and Comments

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STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF JANUARY 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. Albany Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan City of Albany	Nelson\Nygaard \$90,000 Carrie Ward	Policy Board Approved 3/7/19	The December 1st public workshop was held online and comments were collected through December 15th. This round of edits is expected to be complete in January.	January 2021 22 Months	https://vizcomm.wixsite.com/albanybikapedplan
2. Ballston Spa Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Village of Ballston Spa	VHB \$60,000 Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	Initial consultant selection meeting was held October 9th and two consultant teams were selected for reference checks. After speaking with several previous clients, the committee met on October 20th to select the team of VHB and Planning 4 Places for the contract. CDTC is currently working on contract execution and anticipates project kickoff in early January.	November 2021 20 Months	TBD
3. Hoosick Hillside Study City of Troy	Creighton Manning \$92,500 Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/1/18	Final draft is complete. A City Council presentation was delivered on December 6th, a resolution supporting the study is pending. CDTC Planning Committee presentation is scheduled for January 6, 2021.	January 2021 34 Months	https://www.hoosick-hillside-study.com/
4. Land Use Regulations Update Village of Menands	TBD \$80,000 Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	Three consultant proposals are under review. Project launch is anticipated in January, 2021.	January 2022 22 Months	TBD
5. Scotia Downtown Connections Plan Village of Scotia	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying \$60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	Proposals were due November 17th; nine received. Consultant selection committee selected MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., as the top-ranked firm. Contract is being prepared; notice to Proceed anticipated for January 2021.	November 2021 20 Months	TBD

COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Code Analysis - NYS Route 50 Town of Glenville	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$12,000 Andrew Tracy	Planning Committee Approved 5/6/20	CDTC and CDRPC presented study findings to Glenville Code Review Committee. Feedback from Town incorporated into final draft. Final Report delivered to Town on December 4th.	December 2020	N/A
2. Enhanced Development Regulations Town of Colonie	CDRPC, CDTC and City Staff \$8,750 Jacob Beeman	Planning Committee Approved 11/4/20	Initial project meeting held with CDRPC staff to discuss staff roles and responsibilities. CDRPC staff is reaching out to the Town of Colonie to set up a project kickoff meeting. Work anticipated to begin early January 2021.	March 2021	NA

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3. Gilligan Road Complete Streets Enhancements Town of East Greenbush	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$13,900 Andrew Tracy	Planning Committee Approved 5/6/20	Consultant kickoff held with GPI on November 23rd. Stakeholder Meeting held on December 11th; feedback collected from local stakeholders. Draft Final Report delivered to Town.	December 2020	N/A

COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

4. Regional Growth and Infrastructure Capacity Analysis City of Troy	CDRPC, CDTC and Town Staff \$16,626 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 11/4/20	New project awarded November 2020. Project team is currently working with the City to define project goals and parameters.	March 2021	N/A
5. Western Clifton Park Development & Conservation Trends Analysis Town of Clifton Park	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$18,000 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 5/6/20	Final work products delivered to Clifton Park. Planning Director direction on public process and recommendations are pending. Project is substantially complete.	November 2020	N/A

OTHER CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES

1. New Visions 2050 CDTC - Regional	CDTC Staff \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Included in the 2018-2020 UPWP	CDTC has launched a Virtual Learning Series and Virtual Local Government Training. Information on upcoming training and learning opportunities as well as information on how to schedule training can be found on the New Visions webpage at www.cdcmpo.org/nv2050 . Due to the ongoing economic recovery and response to COVID-19, CDTC is monitoring 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	Kickoff held November 2nd. List of bridges finalized. Consultant is collecting data from BDIS system, adding info collected and developed during the prior 2015 study. Consultant in process of identifying preservation candidates.	May 2021	TBD
3. 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	Data collection is underway. City staff made good progress up to the December snowstorm.	Spring 2021	N/A
4. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	Town of Glenville Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Staff has tentatively scheduled a public presentation in January.	January 2021	N/A

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5. Patroon Creek Greenway CDTC and City of Albany	TBD \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved December 2020	New Project approved by CDTC Policy Board December 2020. Staff is working with City to develop RFP.	December 2021	TBD
6. Bus Lane Feasibility Study CDTA and CDTC - Regional	TBD \$200,000 Sandy Misiewicz	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	CDTA and CDTC staff are finalizing the Request for Proposals. Release planned for January 2021.	January 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 and NYSDOT are arranging a workshop for Environmental Streamlining for Major Bridge Projects.	TBD	TBD