

Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

September 10, 2019 Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County Planning; Lorenz M Worden, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1; Lauren Stairs, Schenectady County Public Health Services; Zach Powell, City of Albany Planning; Kim Case, Place Alliance; Mary Moore Wallinger, LAnd Art Studio; Ivan Vamos, NYBC; John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails and CCTWG; Martin Daley, CDRPC; Nate Owens, Town of Bethlehem; John Gillivan, Village of Colonie, Town of Colonie; Laura Byer, Alta Planning and Design; Jen Ceponis, CDTC; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC; Carrie Ward, CDTC; Jacob Beeman, CDTC

1.0 New Business

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Presentations:

Craig-Main Corridor Study (see presentation attached)

Mary Moore Wallinger of Land Studios and Kim Case of Place Alliance presented on Schenectady's ongoing Craig-Main Corridor Study. Through multiple rounds of public engagement and working with community stakeholders and city staff, the draft recommendations have come to include smaller travel lanes, a reduction in parking, a two-way path, landscape and tree enhancements, bumpouts, furnishings, and an extension of pedestrian and/or non-motorized facilities across the bridge. Other opportunities include possibilities for new development or park space.

Schenectady Project S231 Central Park Downtown Trail Connector

The Complete Streets Advisory Committee recommended the BPAC discuss and provide recommendations to mark and communicate the intended use of the recently constructed Central Park Downtown Trail Connector. Committee members recommended additional paint and signage on the trail, coordinating with other organizations like the Electric City Bike Rescue or Capital Roots. Concern was expressed about the utility poles in the trail. CDTC developed a memo containing the BPAC's recommendations and shared it with City staff.

1.3 CDTC Updates

- 1.3.1 New Visions 2050 Update – CDTC is undertaking an updating of the New Visions Long-Range Plan. A bicycle-pedestrian committee will be convened for the update. The update will look at safety data and metrics, highlight the trails plan, assess certain bicycle and pedestrian counts, address TIP funding, discuss infrastructure inventory, and consider four scenarios used for regional planning. These scenarios will be based on vehicle ownership, development patterns, and electric vehicle adoption rates. Committee members asked for the update to include trail mileage and mileage in a state of good repair.

- 1.3.2 Capital Coexist Mini-grants: \$40,000 was requested for projects, with \$25,000 available. Eight projects were selected to be in funded completely or partially. Bethlehem has completed their mini-grant project. Capital Roots project is progressing with driver education and outreach. Saratoga Springs cycle track is available for two weeks during September.
- 1.3.3 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series – APBP webinars are on-going through CDTC.
- 1.3.4 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Update(s) – No updates at this time.
- 1.3.5 Smart Communities Task Force Update – A Night Seeing™ tour is being planned for the end of September.

1.4 NYSDOT Updates

- 1.4.1 NYS has conducted a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.
- 1.4.2 TAP/CMAQ – TAP/CMAQ projects have been identified by NYS. There are 8 projects within CDTC's planning area that cover bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and transit projects. [TAP/CMAQ](#)

1.5 Linkage Updates – See Linkage update table.

1.6 Local Program Updates

CDPHP Cycle's last day of the season is November 30th, weather depending.

Toole Design Group has introduced 3 new "E"s with podcasts, encouraging more equity in bicycle and pedestrian planning.

ABC's Bike Albany Map has been expanded, and now shows some public restrooms.

Troy is working on the Hoosick Linkage Study.

Parks & Trails NY's Bicycles Bring Business event is in Glens Falls this year.

The Village of Colonie is adding an Amazon Distribution Center. Colonie's Comprehensive Plan is complete.

Rensselaer County has received \$250,000 for trail planning.

Schenectady County DOH is conducting driver education and bike-ped safety campaigns.

Schenectady County is preparing for their mini-grant bike rodeo.

Albany will be producing a bicycle and pedestrian master plan.

CDTC will be tabling about safety at Crossgates Mall.

1.7 Other Updates – None at this time.

2.0 Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are open to the Public. The next CDTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting is **October 8, 2019 at 9:00am at the CDTC Office.**



CRAIG-MAIN CONNECTION

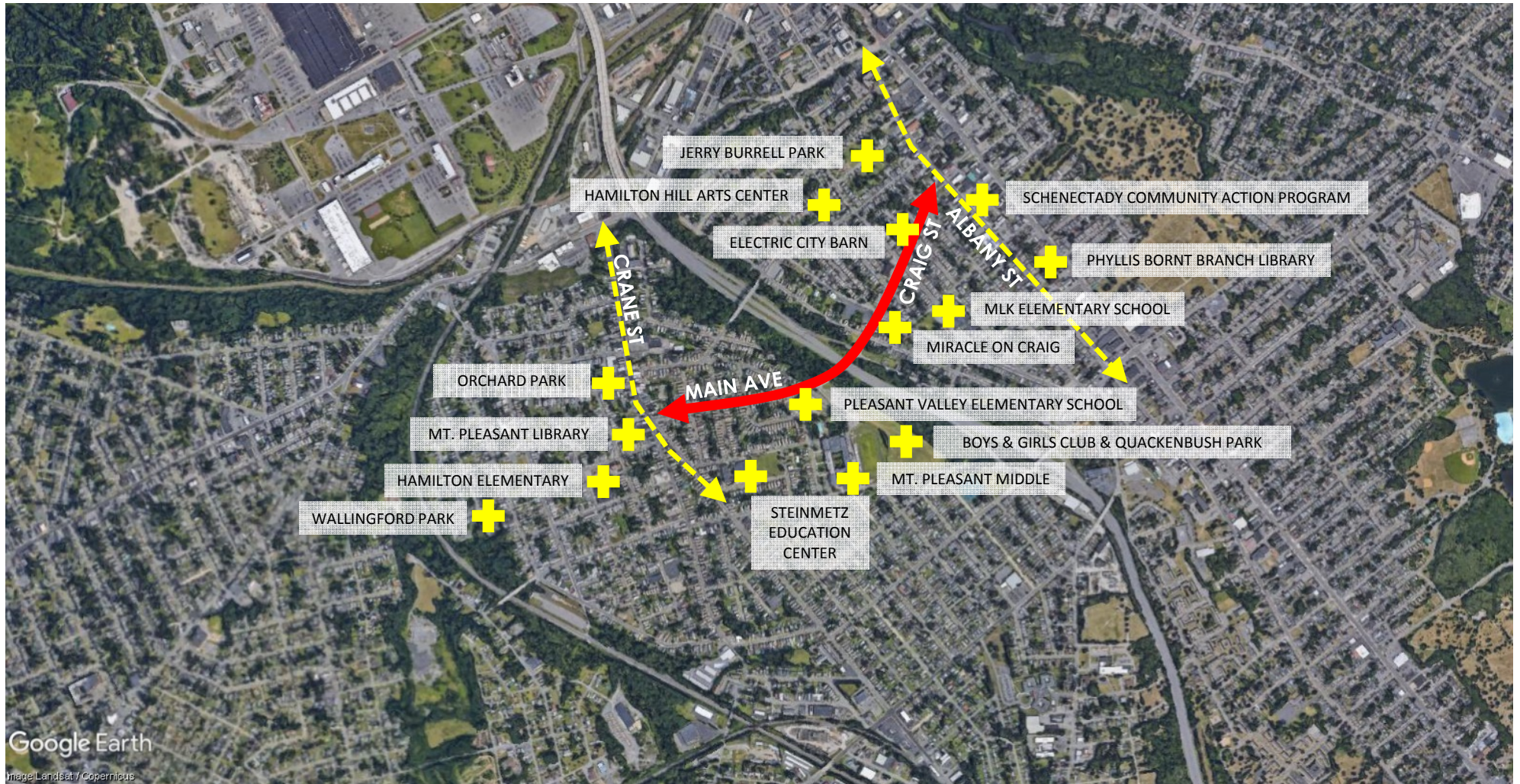
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Craig Street-Main Avenue Complete Streets

September 9, 2019



STUDY AREA



EXISTING CONDITIONS FINDINGS

Multimodal Characteristics

- Low traffic volumes and speeds
- High sidewalk availability but prevalent poor conditions
- Little to no bikeability
- Highest transit ridership at Crane Street and Emmett Street
- Traffic Lights at intersection are adequate for number of vehicles



EXISTING CONDITIONS FINDINGS

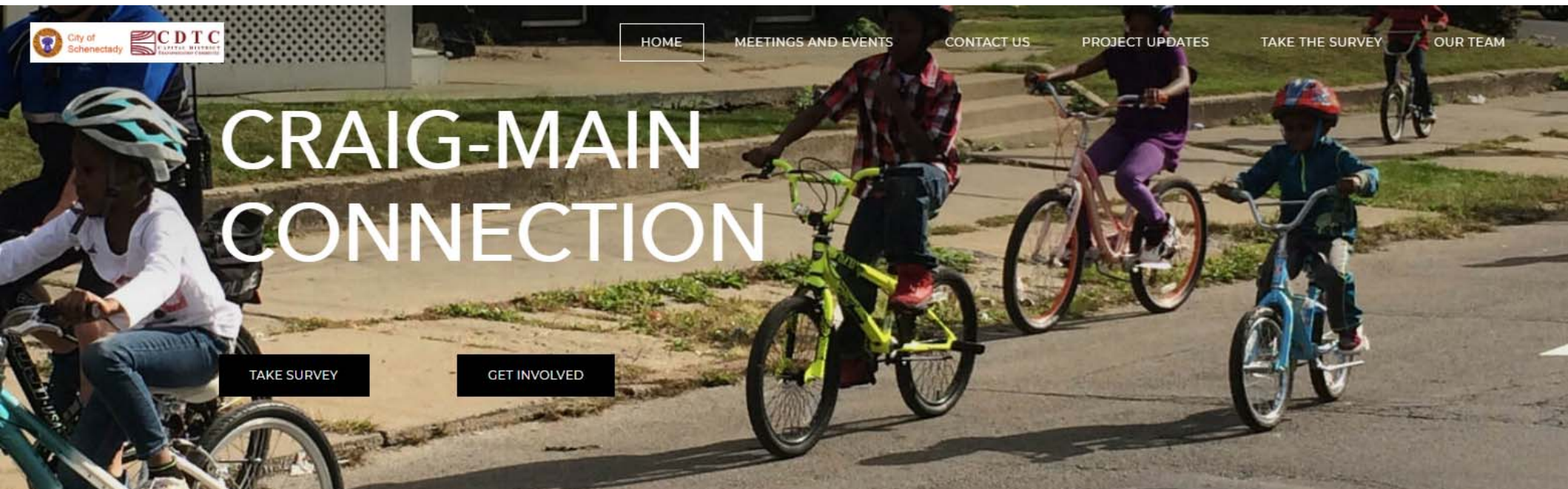
Crash Patterns

- 85% of crashes occurred at intersections
- Right-angle, rear-end, and sideswipe were most common
- Higher than expected sideswipe crashes on Main Avenue
- Narrow pavement width
- Six pedestrian related crashes
- 3 at the Crane Street intersection
- Two bicycle related crashes



PROJECT WEBSITE

www.craig-main-connection.com









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open house

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

5:30 - 7:00 PM

C.O.C.O.A House, 869 Stanley St., Schdy

design reveal

Thursday, May 23, 2019

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Friendship House, 955 State St., Schdy



Visit www.craig-main-connection.com for
project updates and to take the **SURVEY**

For more information contact Kristin Diotte at the City
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FUN



LAUNCH PARTY



Five Stations

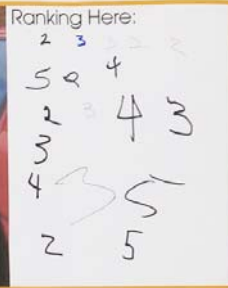
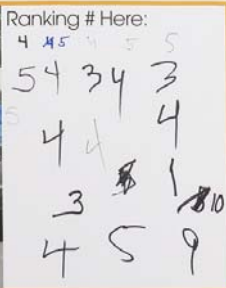
Bike Comfort Survey
Craig Street
Gap Analysis
Intersections
Community Art and
Neighborhood Pride



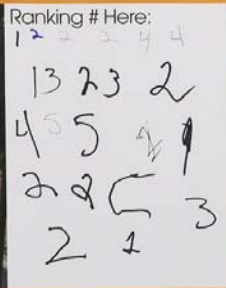
LAUNCH PARTY

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Traditional Bike Lanes



Side Path Type 2 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Separated



Craig Street Trade Off: Weighing Out the Options

Rate each image below from 1-4 using each number once.
1 = favorite option 4 = least favorite option

SEPARATED MULTIPURPOSE PATH - 1 SIDED PARKING



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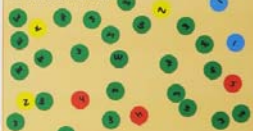
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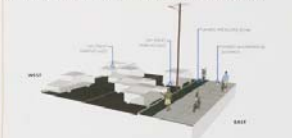
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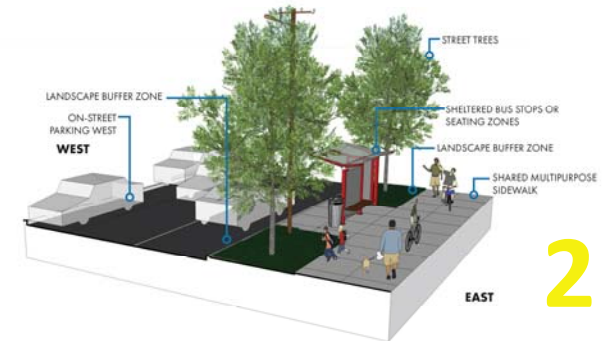
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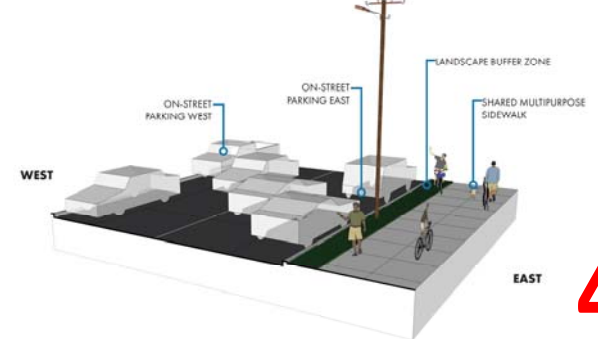
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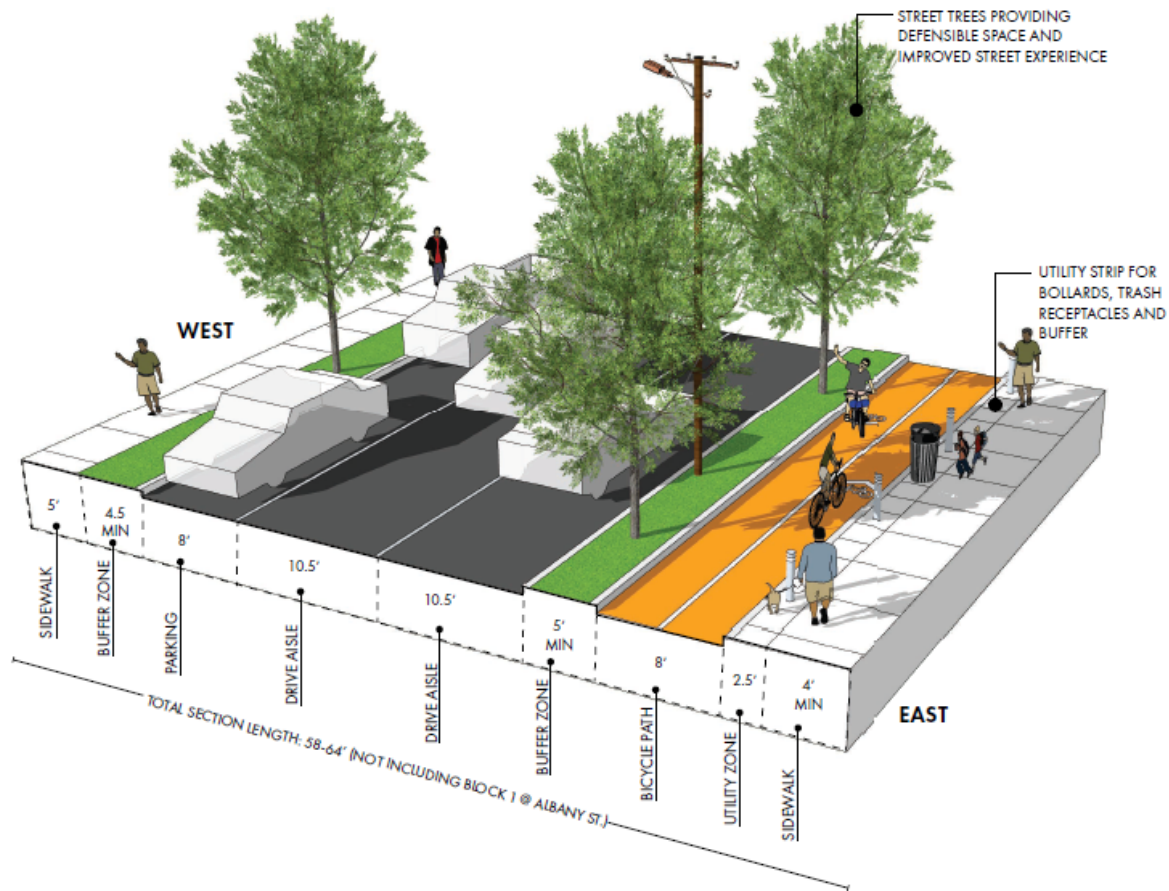
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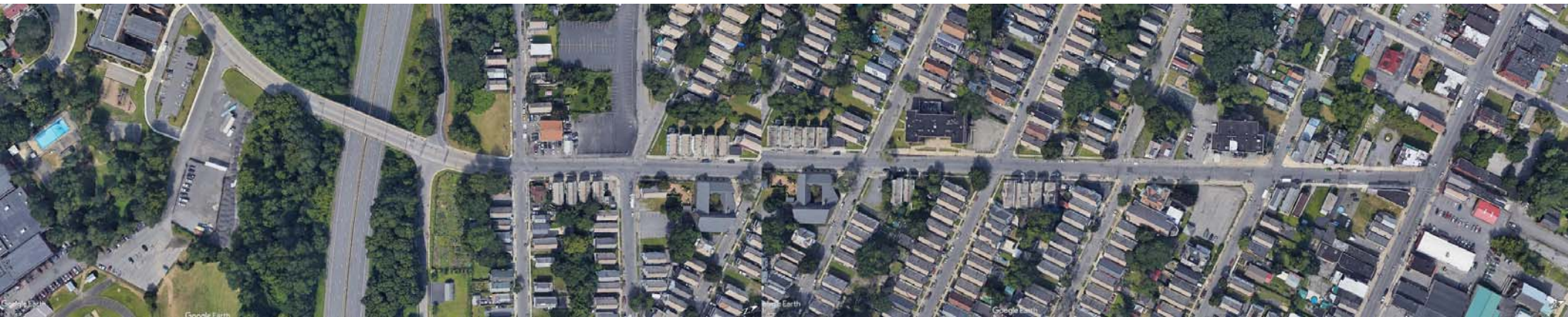
TRANSLATING IDEAS INTO DESIGN

Craig Street Typical Section Diagram



CRAIG STREET





Existing



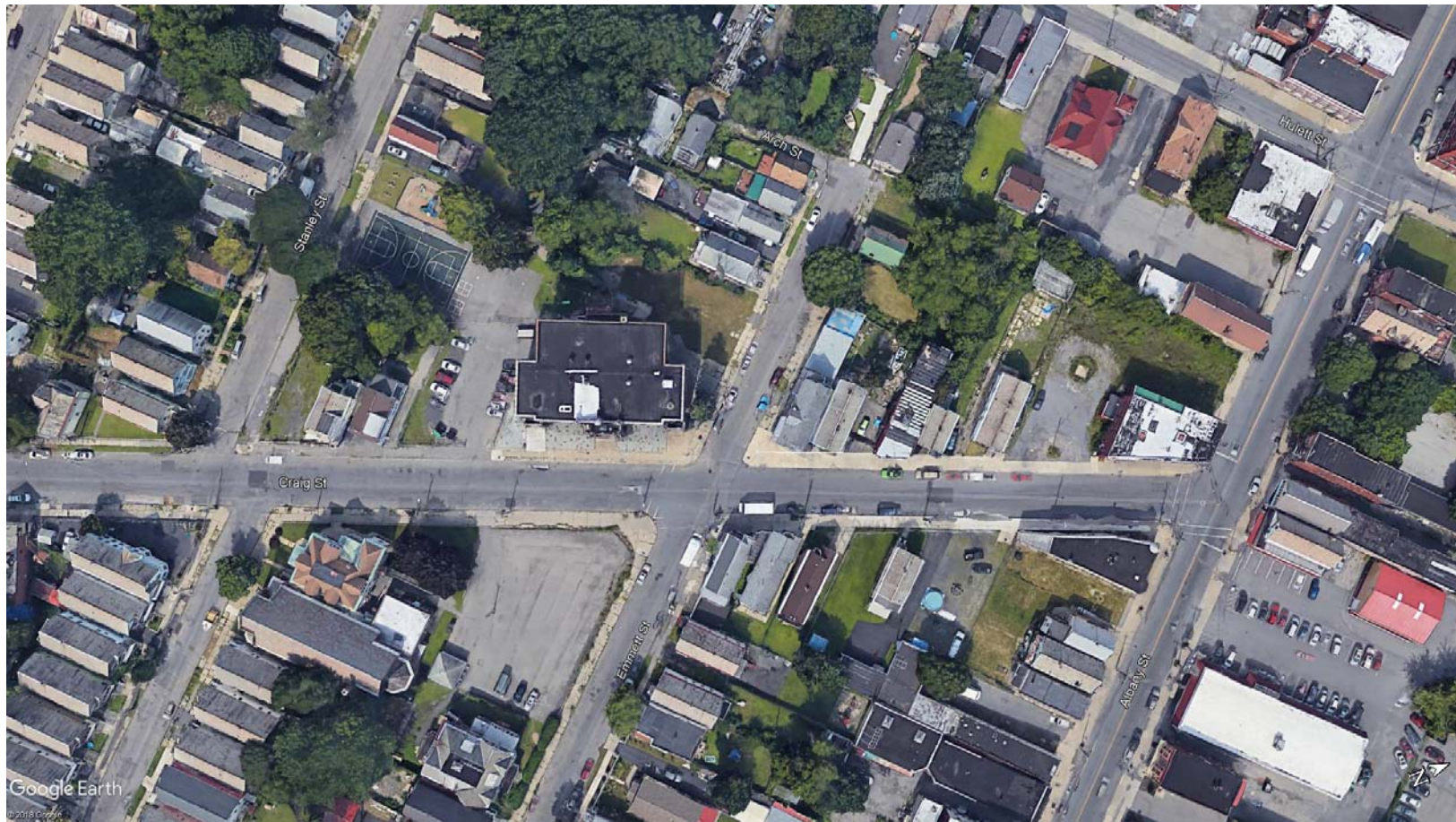
Proposed



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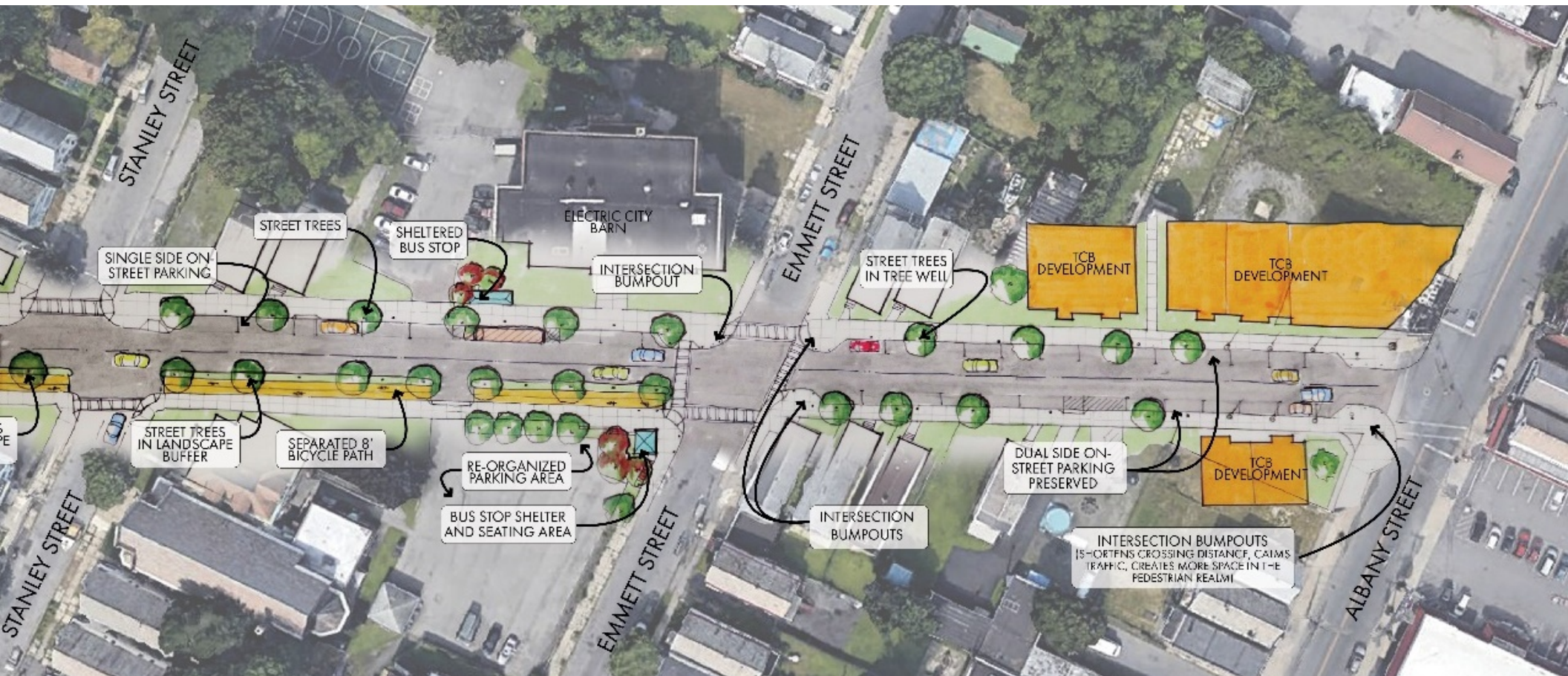
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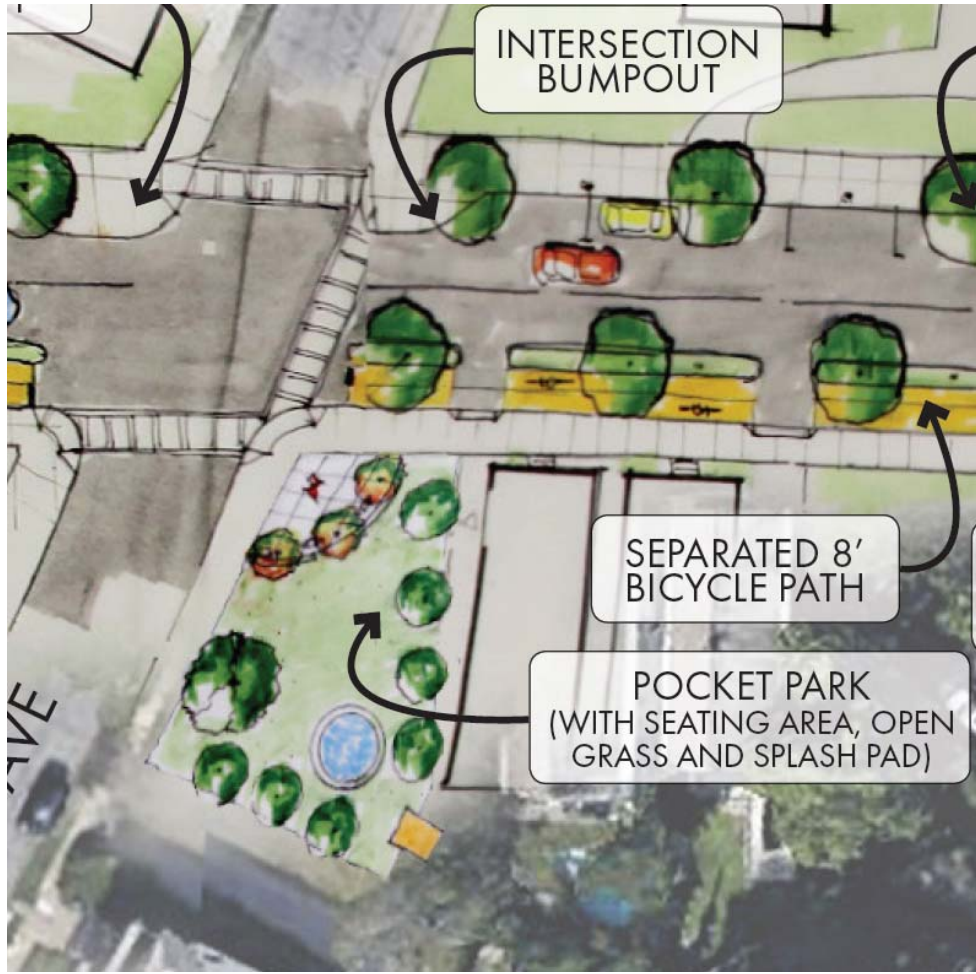
Albany Street



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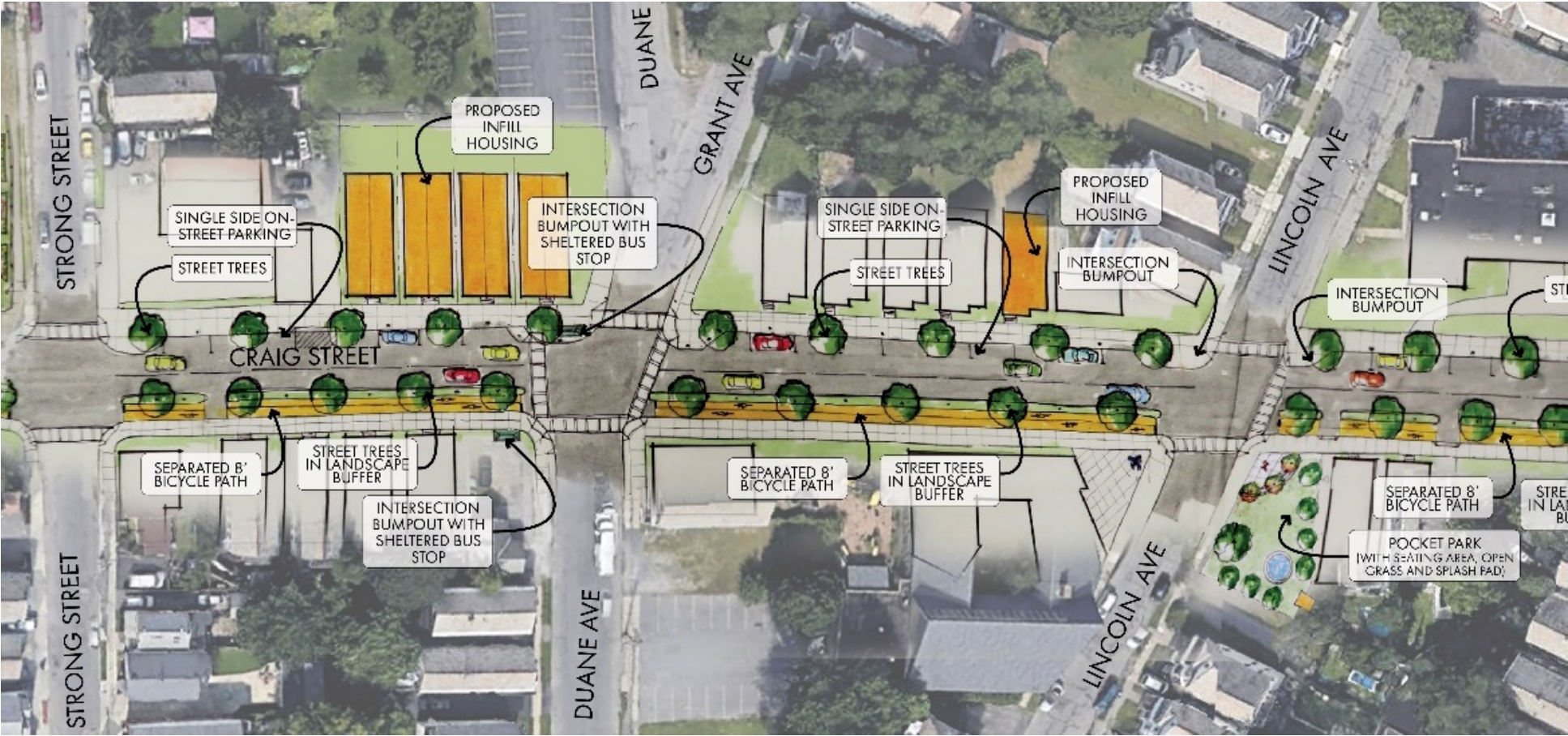
CRAIG / LINCOLN POCKET PARK PROPOSED



CRAIG STREET

Strong Street

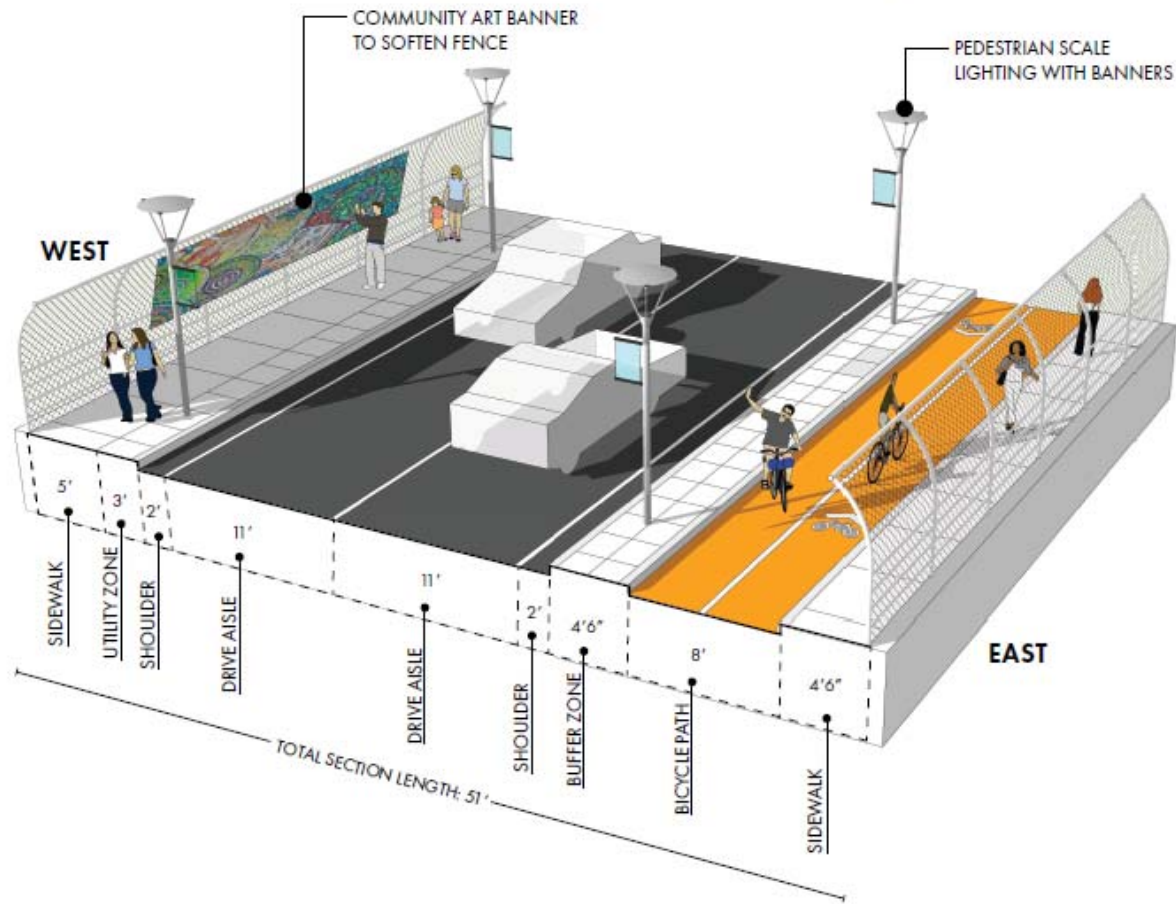
Lincoln Avenue





CRAIG STREET

Bridge Typical Section Diagram

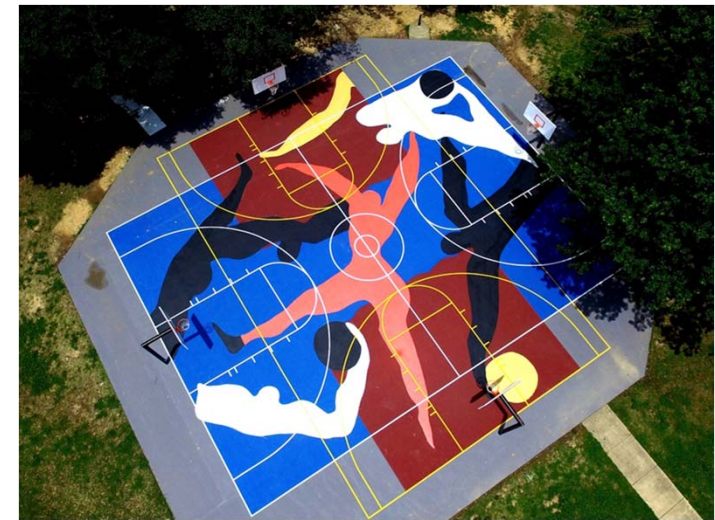


CRAIG STREET BRIDGE





PLEASANT VALLEY PARK EXISTING

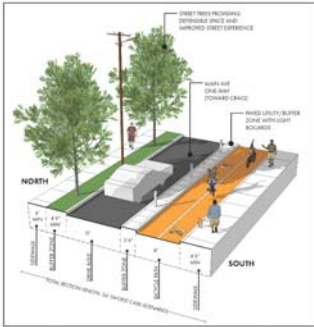




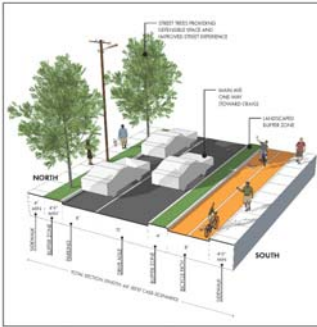
Main Ave Connection Trade-Offs

Option 1 : Main Ave One-Way with Connection

OPTION 1 - DIAGRAM A:
MAIN AVE ONE - WAY 36' BLOCK (Crane-Holland)



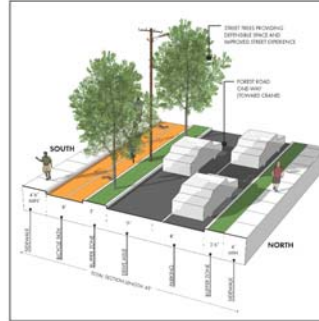
OPTION 1 - DIAGRAM B:
MAIN AVE ONE - WAY 44' BLOCK (Holland-Forest)



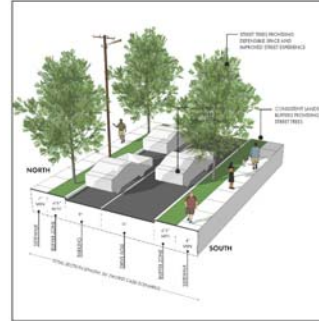
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Option 2: Main Ave & Forest Rd one-way

OPTION 2 - DIAGRAM C:
FOREST AVE ONE-WAY WITH CONNECTION



OPTION 2 - DIAGRAM D:
MAIN AVE ONE-WAY WITH PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK



Main Ave Connection Trade-Offs

Option 3: Improve Main Ave Existing Conditions

OPTION 3 - DIAGRAM E:
MAIN AVE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS



CONCEPT IMAGE
BUMP OUTS



Pro's

- + Connects Albany Street neighborhood commercial district to Crane Street neighborhood district
- + Intersection improvements on Forest/Main
- + Direct continued bike/ped connection along corridor
- + Most houses along Main Ave front on side streets (Limited driveway transitions)

Trade Offs

- Main Ave becomes one-way
- Main Ave loses on-street parking from Crane Ave to Holland Rd
- Possible increase in traffic to adjacent roads



Pro's

- + Connects Albany Street neighborhood commercial district to Crane Street neighborhood district
- + Forest Road width allows more flexibility
- + Intersection improvements on Francis/Forest and Forest/Main
- + Main Ave to maintain on-street parking

Trade Offs

- Forest Road and Main Ave become one-way
- Forest Road limited to one side of on-street parking
- Bike/ped connection not along direct corridor
- More houses front along Forest Road (More driveway transitions)
- Possible increase in traffic to adjacent roads



Pro's

- + Two-way traffic to remain
- + Implement street trees where possible
- + Improved sidewalks
- + Main Ave to maintain on-street parking
- + Intersection Improvements

Trade Offs

- No direct bicycle connection
- Few opportunities for street trees
- On-street parking lane very narrow



MAIN AVENUE CONCEPTS



MAIN AVENUE
CONCEPTS



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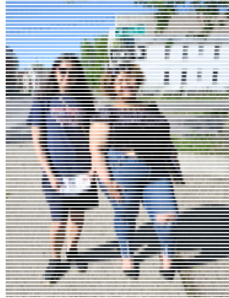








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working group on
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STATUS OF LINKAGE PROGRAM AND CDTC REGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

STUDY NAME AND LOCATION	SPONSOR, PROJECT CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT COST AND CDTC CONTACT	DATE PROGRAMMED	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE AND COMPLETION TIME (ORIGINAL UPWP FUNDING DATE TO ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE)	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
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ALBANY COUNTY

1. Albany Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan	City of Albany TBD \$90,000 Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Selected 2/7/19. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/7/19	CDTC and City staff developed a draft scope of work for partner agency input.	August 2020 15 Months	TBD
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RENSSELAER COUNTY

1. Hoosick Hillside Study	City of Troy Creighton Manning \$92,500 Rima Shamieh	Planning Committee Selected 2/7/18. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/1/18.	The Study Advisory Committee (SAC) participated in a study area field walk on August 1, 2019. The consultant team developed a draft Community Engagement Strategy and a Field Walk Summary, which were reviewed and shared with the SAC. The project team is continuing to collect existing conditions data, including crash data, data from the National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS), CDTA ridership data, etc.	May 2020 15 Months	TBD
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SCHENECTADY COUNTY

1. Craig-Main Complete Streets Study	City of Schenectady Place Alliance \$90,000 Jacob Beeman	Planning Committee Selected 2/7/18. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/1/18.	Draft existing conditions report has been developed. Four-day design charrette held week of 5/20/19. Draft corridor concepts have been developed by the consultant with direct input from the public at meetings on 5/20, 5/22, and 5/23. Consultant is currently working on Final Draft Document. Public Meeting #2 is anticipated early October 2019.	October 2019 15 Months	https://www.craig-main-connection.com/
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CDTC NON-LINKAGE PLANNING INITIATIVES

1. Local Road Safety Action Plan (rebranded from the Regional Safety Action Plan)	Regional VHB \$175,000 Sandy Misiewicz	Included in 2016-2018 UPWP RFP Issued September 2017	The consultant team is developing responses to comments and editing the draft report. The final report will be available in September. The consultant is evaluating 10 sites to identify potential roadway characteristics that might be contributing to serious crashes.	October 2019	www.cdtcmpo.org/safetyplan
2. Municipal Smart City Street Light Conversion and Evolving Technology Guidebook	Smart Communities Program Saratoga Springs Planning4Places \$20,000 Jen Ceponis	Added to the 2018-2020 UPWP	The SAC held a kick-off meeting in mid-July and has scheduled a NightSeeing™ Walk for late September 26th.	March 2020	TBD
3. Electric Vehicle Plan	Regional Capital District Clean Communities Jen Ceponis	Included in the 2018-2020 UPWP	Data Collection ongoing. Draft report is currently in development. EV survey available online at http://www.cdtcmpo.org/news/latest-news/386-take-the-zero-emission-vehicle-plan-survey	December 2019	http://www.cdtcmpo.org/news/latest-news/386-take-the-zero-emission-vehicle-plan-survey

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4. New Visions 2050	Regional CDTC Staff \$100,000 Chris O'Neill	Included in the 2018-2020 UPWP	CDTC has begun the development of New Visions 2050. Staff is working to update white papers utilizing ongoing advisory committees or re-established task forces. White papers are due to be completed by the end of 2019.	June 2020	www.cdcmpo.org/nv2050

Are you interested in land conservation, trails, green infrastructure and our local economy? Then mark your calendar and join us for this important workshop. We'll be discussing implementation of the Southern Palmertown Conservation and Recreation Strategy as a catalyst for innovative economic opportunities.



Saratoga Trails + Finance Forum

Skidmore College

1-4pm, September 27, 2019

Filene Auditorium

Keynote by: Seth Brown of Quantified Ventures



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For more information, please visit: <https://www.saratogaplan.org/explore/public-preserves-trails/palmertown-conservation-area/> and <http://www.quantifiedventures.com/>

Saratoga Trails + Finance Forum

Draft Schedule

Friday, September 27th

- 1-2pm Keynote and Public Session at Skidmore College Filene Auditorium
- 2-4pm Finance Strategy Roundtable Palamontain Hall Room 201

Saturday, September 28

- 10am-2pm Mountain Bike/Hiking Tour of the Palmertown Ridge Trail
- 7pm Saratoga Bicycle Film Festival at Skidmore College Gannett Auditorium

CDTC 2019 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. The webinars are 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.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CREDIT	LOCATION
Jan 16	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Bus Stops with Bikeways: Designing Transit Stops with On-street Bicycle Facilities</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Feb 20	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Viewing Low-Stress Networks Through an Equity Lens</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Mar 20	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Navigating Without Curbs: Accessibility on Shared Streets</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Apr 17	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Designing Streets for the Speeds You Want</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
May 15	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Maintaining Green Infrastructure: Hints for Success</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Jun 19	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Finding Common Ground with First Responders: Enhancing Safety and Maintaining Access in Street Design</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Jul 17	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Return on investment for Active Transportation</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Aug 21	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Getting the Green Light: Improving Actuation and Detection for Cyclists & Pedestrians</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Sep 18	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Can We Talk About the Street? Building Support for Controversial Projects</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Oct 16	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>If We Build it Will They Come? Estimating Demand for Biking and Walking</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Nov 20	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Aging in Place: Designing Communities to Support Mobility</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Dec 18	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Education and Encouragement: Bringing the Right People Together</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC

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