

Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

December 10, 2018 Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Lindsey Garney, CDTA; Steve Bratspis, CDPHP Cycle!; Jennifer Hogan, NYSDOT; Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs; Jack Celuch, Albany County DOH; Tricia Bulatao, Albany County DOH; Audrey Burneson, NYSDOT Region 1; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1; Art Clayman, Cycle Schenectady; Calvin MacDowell, Capital Roots; Lorenz Worden, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Ivan Vamos, Albany Bicycle Coalition; John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails & CCTWG; Zach Powell, City of Albany; Brent Irving, CDTA; Janette Kaddo Marino, Bikeatoga; David Downes, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Karen Lorf, NYSDOT Bike-Ped Unit; Meg Webster, NYSDOT Bike-Ped Unit; Lauren Stairs, Schenectady County Public Health Services; Martin Daley, CDRPC; James Rath, City of Troy; Elaine Troy, Unaffiliated; Jen Ceponis, CDTC; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC

1.0 New Business

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 CDPHP Cycle! Update, CDTA

- Hub-to-Hub requirement ended – increasing ridership by allowing trips to start and end anywhere in the system area
- Bike lanes and the bike share both benefit each other: chicken and egg situation
- Request for Heat Map

1.3 Henry Street Pilot, Tina Carton – Saratoga Springs (see attached)

- Complete Streets Plan and Greenbelt Trail Plan
- Create a vast network of trails between State Parks and the Zim Smith Trail
- Henry Street Pilot ran from September 14th through September 29th, with a kick-off event
- 9' Parking Lane, 10' Motor Vehicle Lane, with a Protected Cycle Track
 - Utilized Temporary Tape, cones, MUTCD-signage: All laid out in approx. 4 hours
- Some design impacts: parking allowed too close to driveways, increasing vehicle turning radius, leading to conflict with cones
- Public engagement: ribbon cutting, community survey, news coverage
 - Survey 300+ responses: 59% approved of the pilot, 64% wanted to see it made permanent
 - Huge online and social media impacts
- Pedestrian traffic increased on Henry Street with the pilot, as did bicycle traffic, and motor vehicle traffic did not significantly change
- 85th-percentile speed reduced by approximately 3 mph

1.4 CDTC Updates

1.4.1 New Visions 2050 Update

- Proposed tasks include:
 - On-going data collection on-street and on trails,
 - Tracking economic impacts, capital costs, and maintenance costs,
 - NACTO automation recommendations (see Portland, Maine),
 - Provide feasibility studies for municipalities,
 - Explore health impact assessments (either w/ projects or regional)
 - Add online mapping
 - Cultivate partnerships
 - Safety Education
- Increase discussions surrounding snow removal

1.4.2 2019 Capital Coexist Mini-Grants

- All projects have been completed

1.4.3 2020 Capital Coexist Mini-Grants

- New round coming up! Projects must have very carefully tracked materials to get the reimbursements. On-street projects now require letter(s) of support for use of the public ROW. MOU no longer required with applications.

1.4.4 Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series

- 2019 Series wrapping up, 2020 Series upcoming

1.4.5 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Updates

- None at this time

1.4.6 Smart Communities Task Force Update

- None at this time

1.5 NYS/USDOT Updates

- EST is coming into its final construction year

1.5.1 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

- Fifth and final PSA with DOT airing in June

1.5.2 TAP/CMAQ

No updates.

1.6 Linkage Updates – see Linkage update table

1.7 Local Program Updates

- Patroon Creek Greenway Advocacy
 - 6 mile long trail between Fuller Road and Tivoli Preserve

- CDTA is working on the River Corridor, Phase 2 on-going, Phase 3 upcoming, River Corridor BRT launch in fall 2020
- Albany finished up the Lark Street Study – removing the Belgian blocks, add tabled intersections, bump-outs, street furniture, and lighting. Bike-Ped Master Plan selected Nelson-Nygard to be the consultant.
- ABC is preparing for 2020 rides, advocacy, Albany Bike-Ped Master Plan,
- Cycle Schenectady has been established to increase advocacy in Schenectady
- Zim Smith Trail didn't get completed this construction season
- Saratoga Springs preparing to work on Missing Links sidewalk gap filling project

1.8 Other Updates

2.0 Upcoming Meetings

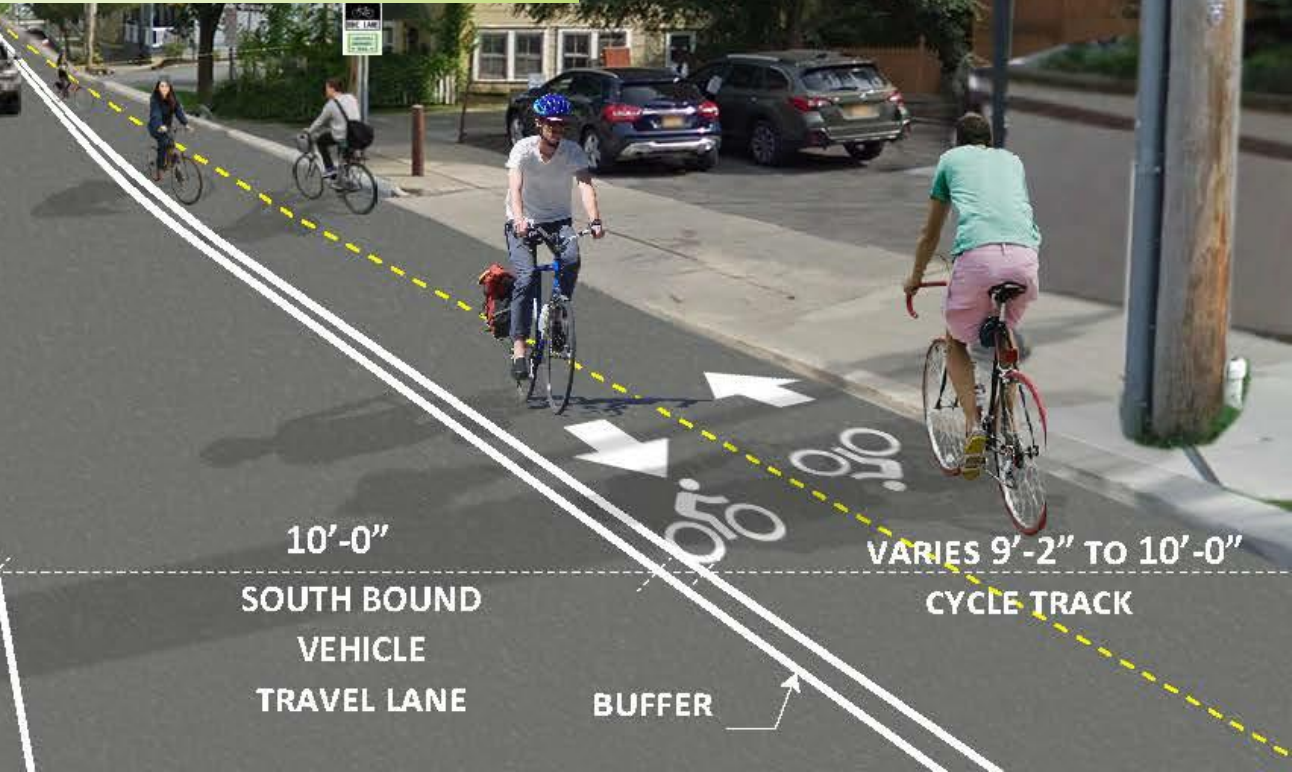
Meetings are open to the Public. The next CDTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting is **January 14th, 2020 at 9:00am at CDTC.**



HENRY STREET PILOT SHORT-TERM PROJECT FOR LONG-TERM CHANGE



8'-0"
PARKING LANE

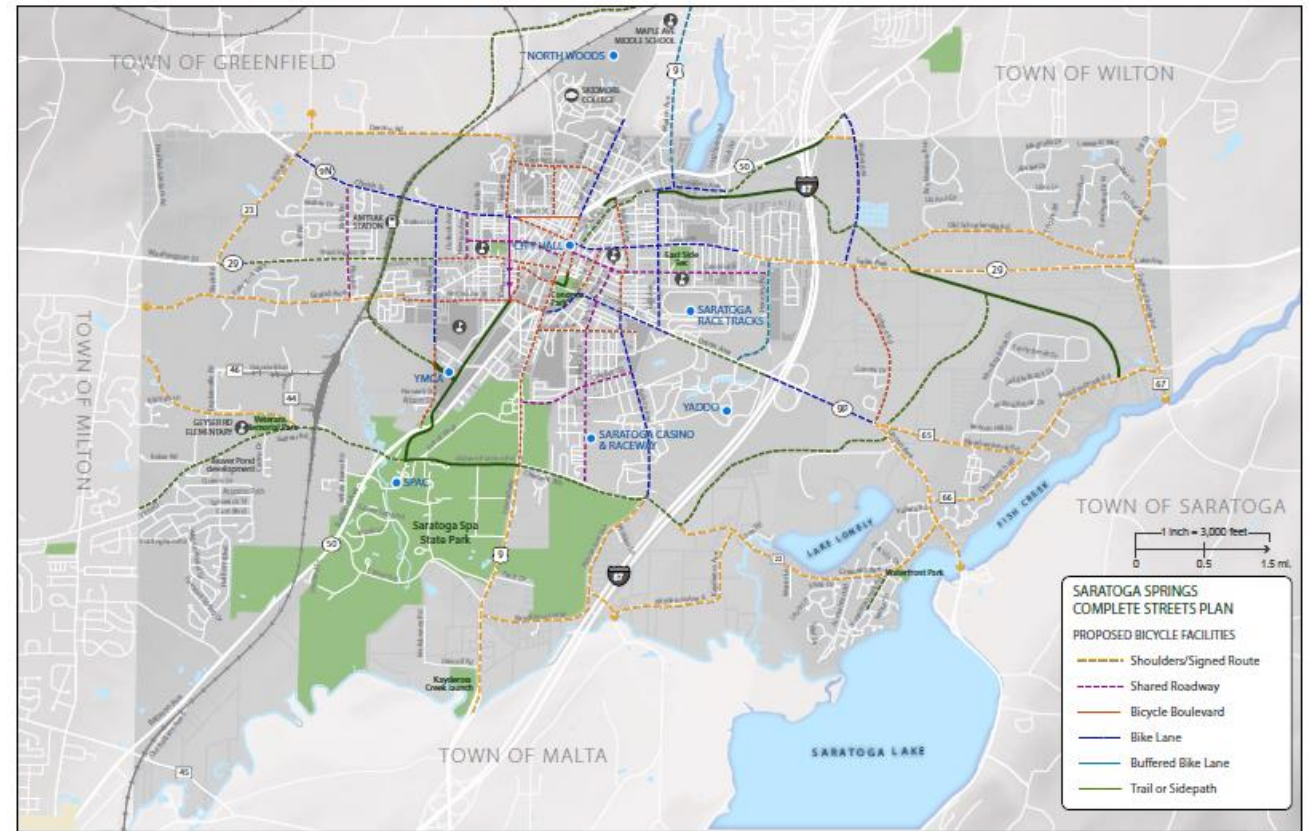
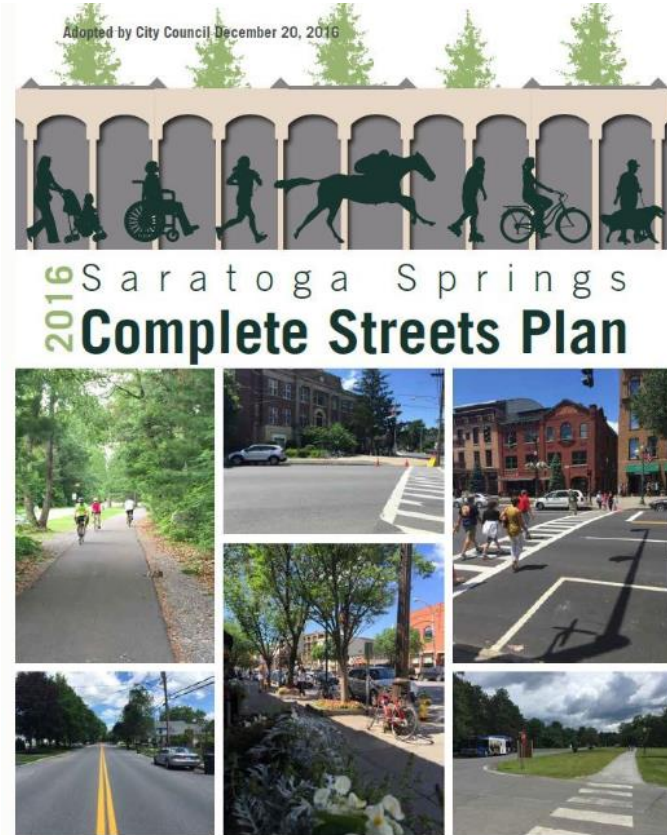


10'-0"
SOUTH BOUND
VEHICLE
TRAVEL LANE

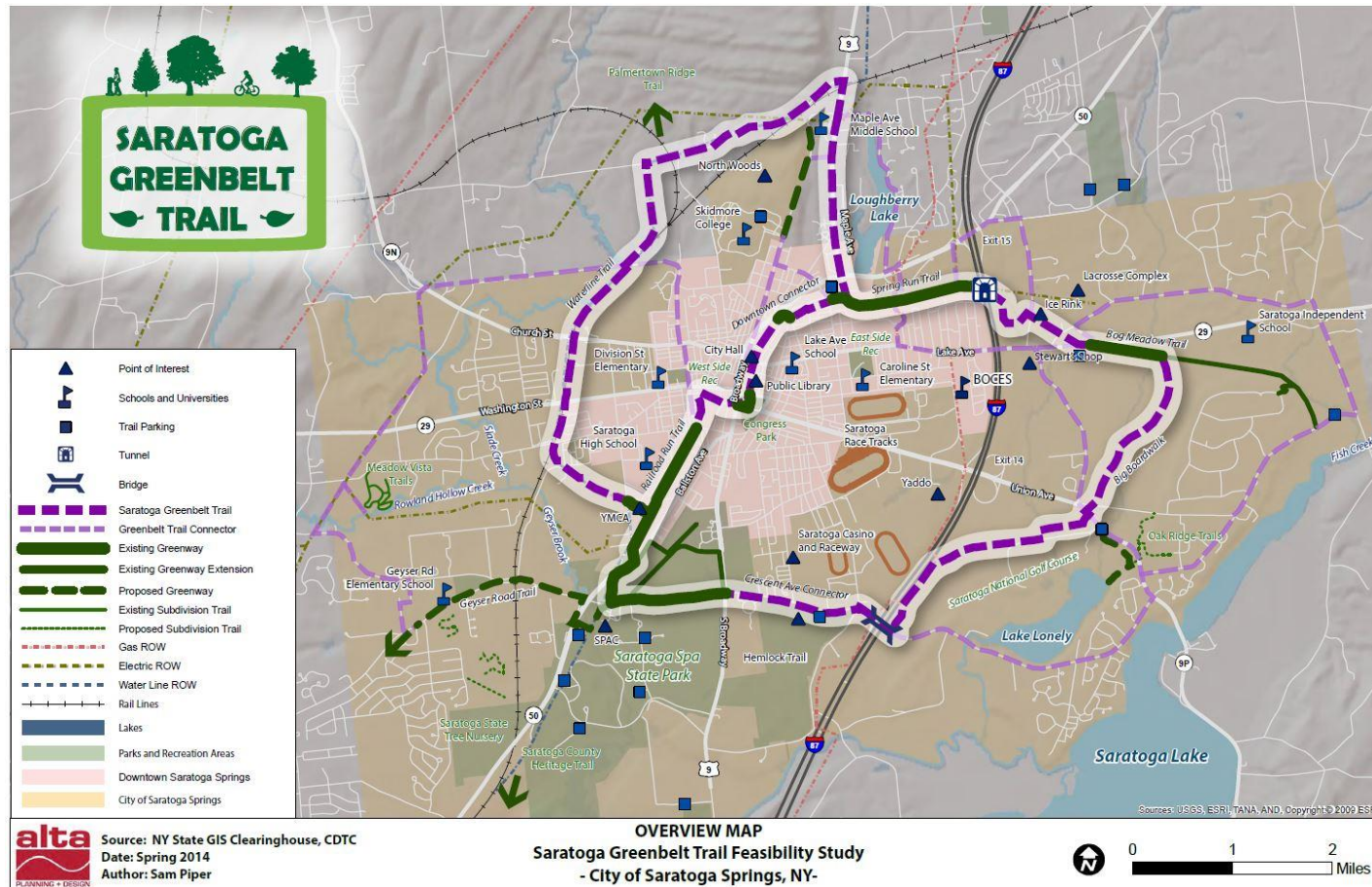
BUFFER

VARIES 9'-2" TO 10'-0"
CYCLE TRACK

2016 COMPLETE STREETS PLAN



2014 SARATOGA GREENBELT TRAIL PLAN



HENRY STREET: Connections to SGT Downtown Connector



PROJECTED EXPANSION

of the **CAPITAL DISTRICT TRAIL SYSTEM**

AFTER IMPLEMENTATION

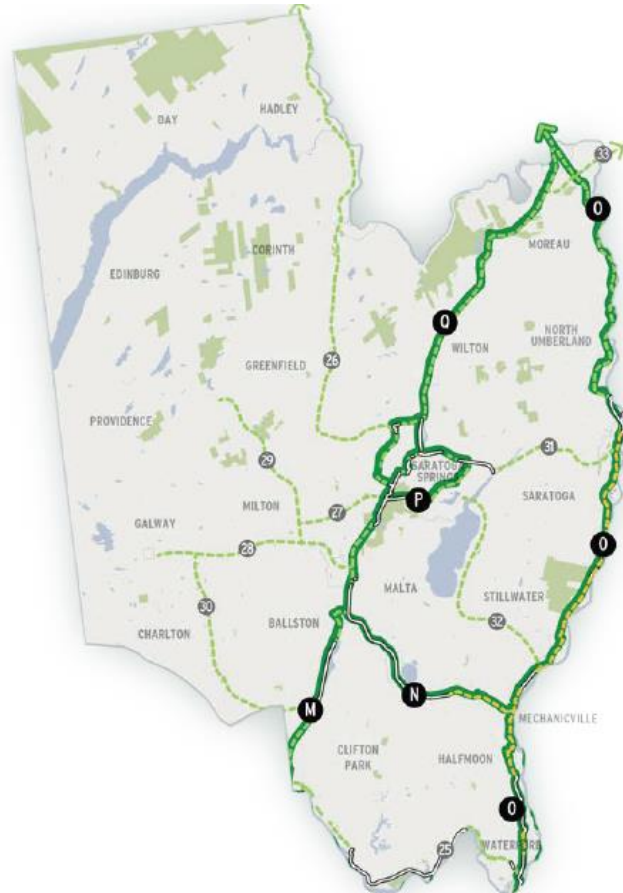


**Midpoint of Range of Use Projected
for the Future Trail System*

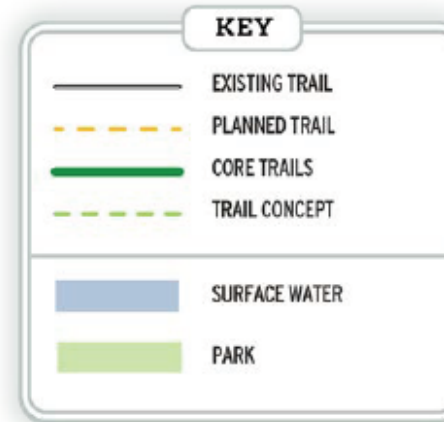


NUMBER of POTENTIAL PEAK-HOUR
VEHICLE TRIPS REMOVED
from OUR ROADS

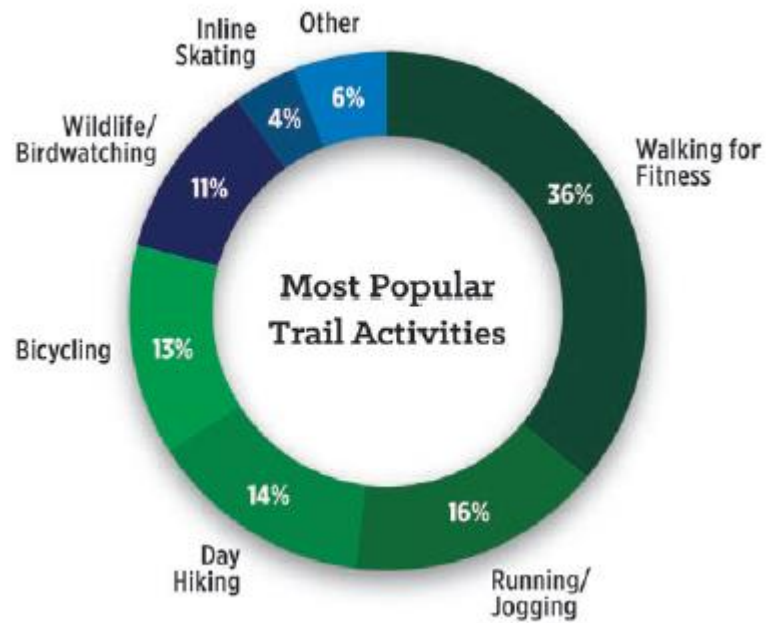
PART OF A LARGER CAPITAL DISTRICT TRAILS PLAN – Connecting Trails in Saratoga County



SARATOGA COUNTY



OUR TRAILS ARE POPULAR!



Source:

2016 Capital District Trails Plan

2018 Capital District Trails Plan

Railroad Run Trail

Saratoga Springs

Trail length – 1.3 miles

Estimated Annual Usage

Saratoga YMCA	127,452
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Spring Run Trail

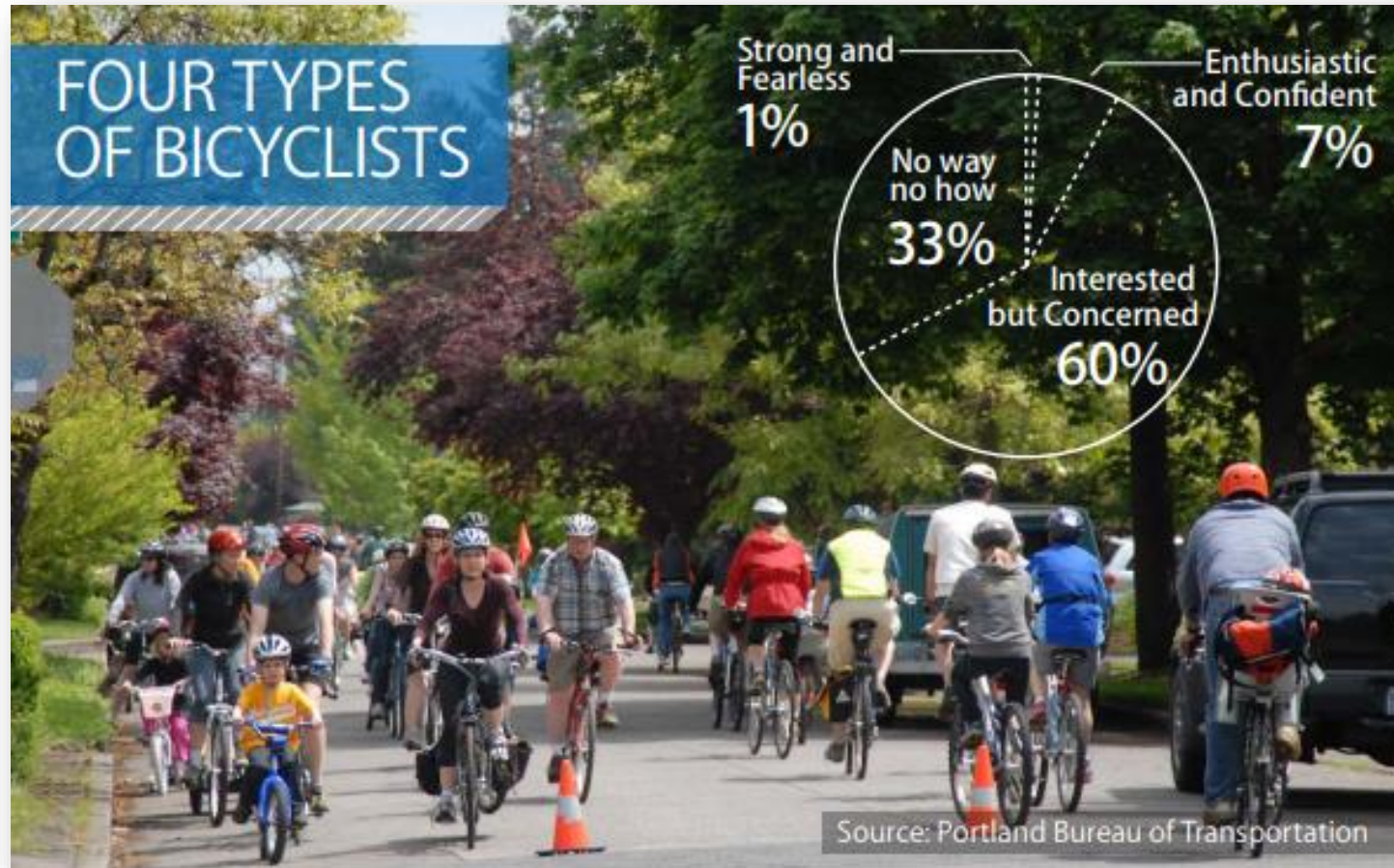
Saratoga Springs

Trail length – 1.1 miles

Estimated Annual Usage

East Ave	64,155
Excelsior Spring Ave	63,102

MAIN GOAL: Provide safe and accessible experience to users of all ages & abilities.



PILOT: HOW IT WORKS

Time Interval: Two-week pilot test from Saturday September 14, 2019 and ran through the evening of Sunday Sept. 29, 2019

Location: Henry Street from Lake Avenue to Spring Street

Funded by AARP and CDTC grants

Cost + Materials: No Material Cost to Residents or Businesses. Materials are low cost with minimal effect on storm water management and drainage infrastructure

Public Involvement: Dedicated City website page, public presentations, and business owner coordination

Flex Design: Designed to be easily adjusted and removed



PLAN: COMPARISON

MAPLE/PUTNAM

Bike lanes lead to loss of parking

Safety concerns in front of library with those crossing to get to the alley to go to Broadway

Safety concerns with driver sight distance when going through curve on Putnam

Shared lanes would not provide adequate protection to cyclists of all ages and abilities

One-way traffic impacts greater due to number of deliveries to businesses

HENRY STREET

Two-way cycle track with dedicated parking maintains parking spaces

Straight roadway

Support from the Henry Street Business Association

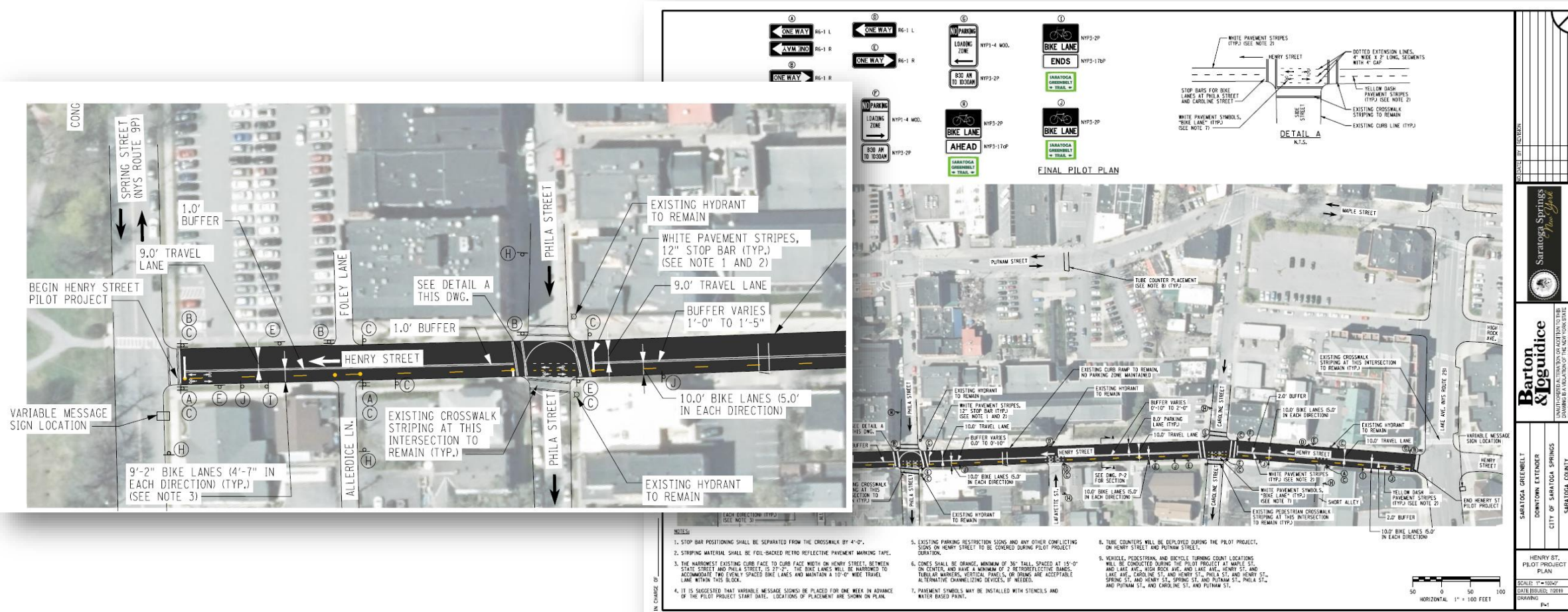
Support from the Saratoga Springs Public Library

Access to the library bike rack and bike fixit station

FINAL DESIGN



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KICK-OFF MEETING



LAYOUT



RIBBON CUTTING



USAGE



COMMUNITY INPUT

We want to know what you think! Take our survey:

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVPFW6Q>

More Information: <http://www.saratoga-springs.org/2425/Saratoga-Greenbelt-Trail>

COMMUNITY INPUT

310 Respondents to the survey:

**59% of the survey respondents were satisfied with the pilot,
64% would like to see the bike lanes permanent,
52% were satisfied with Henry Street remaining a one-way
street, and
71% of the respondents thought that Saratoga Springs needs
more bike lanes.**

COMMUNITY INPUT

Results of outreach

Dedicated City Website	819 Clicks
City Combined Social Media Performance (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)	19 Posts 13,834 Impressions (People Reached) 5,207 Engagement (People Interacting with posts)
Saratoga Greenbelt Trail Facebook Page	7 Posts 6,505 Impressions (People Reached) 1,128 Engagement (People Interacting with posts)

TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

- Relatively little change in traffic volumes,
- Pedestrian traffic increased along Henry Street,
- Number of bicyclists significantly increased,
- Changes to a one-way street did not lead to travel delays, and
- Average (85th percentile) speed for motorists decreased from 3 to 4 mph during the pilot.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Information

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STATUS OF LINKAGE PROGRAM AND CDTC REGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF DECEMBER 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
ALBANY COUNTY					
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	The selection committee is reviewing consultant proposals.	August 2020 15 Months	TBD
RENSSELAER COUNTY					
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.	Neighborhood and Business Public Workshops were held in October. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for early December. The consultant is in the early stages of developing the first draft.	June 2020 15 Months	https://www.hoosick-hillside-study.com/
SCHENECTADY COUNTY					
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.	Final public meeting was held October 29. Final edits will be made and report will be finalized following the public meeting. Final presentation will be given to the City Council in December for formal adoption by the City.	December 2019 15 Months	https://www.craig-main-connection.com/

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
Dec 18	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Education and Encouragement: Bringing the Right People Together</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC

****The 2020 Webinar Series has been purchased from APBP but the dates & webinar topics have not yet been announced.***

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