#### **CDTC**

#### Freight Advisory Committee



## MEETING MINUTES February 21, 2018 9:00 AM CDTC Office, 1 Park Place, Albany, NY 12205

#### 1. Attendees

Brian Stewart Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Elizabeth Staubach Town of Bethlehem

Jeff Gritsavage New York State Canal Corporation Jeff Wojtowicz Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Joseph Stahl NYS Thruway Authority

Louis Esposito Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association/Town of

Princetown

Mike Izdebski General Electric

Pete Bardunias The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County

Robyn Marquis NYSERDA (via phone)
Scott Roth RLF Industrial Real Estate

Tony Vasil Port of Albany

Glenn Posca Capital District Transportation Committee
Jacob Beeman Capital District Transportation Committee
Michael Franchini Capital District Transportation Committee
Chris Bauer Capital District Transportation Committee

#### 2. Presentation – Area 3 Halfmoon Industrial Complex

Pete Bardunias, President and CEO of The Chamber of Southern Saratoga, gave a presentation about the Area 3 Halfmoon Industrial Complex. Pete began the presentation by describing the location and nature of the property. The Area 3 Industrial Complex consists of several undeveloped industrial-zoned properties located along the west shore of the Hudson River in the Town of Halfmoon. The properties are divided into a 345 acre north portion and a 53 acre south portion. The developer is currently planning to include an 87 acre buffer area along the north-west boundary of the property.



Pete described the challenges they have faced as the project has progressed, and highlighted the financial supporters. Pete also informed the committee of a potential tenant, Enerkem, a Canadian company that converts municipal solid waste into industrial chemicals. The committee had a lengthy conversation about the potential challenges and benefits of having a facility of this type located in the region.

Pete highlighted Area 3's excellent multi-modal access, with connections to railways, highways, and waterways. He also gave some examples of the types of businesses and industries that could utilize the site(s).

For more information about the Area 3 Industrial Complex, please see the attached presentation.

#### 3. Update - Freight Model Ordinance and Best Practices Development: Survey

CDTC staff gave an update on the development of the freight-related local model ordinance development project. Jacob Beeman described a short survey distributed to all regional municipalities, to assess their current freight-related land use controls and future needs.

Jacob said the survey was sent via email on February 10<sup>th</sup>, and so far has received 15 total respondents, representing all 4 counties in CDTC's region. He said the key issues identified so far include congestion and traffic safety related to freight traffic, and freight through traffic. Jacob noted the majority of municipalities do not have existing policies intended to influence freight traffic in any way. Chris Bauer said the survey would remain online for a few more weeks in hopes of getting more responses.

CDTC staff will continue to update progress on the project at future Freight Advisory Committee meetings.

#### 4. Update – Freight Reliability Performance Measure

Chris Bauer gave a brief update on the upcoming freight system performance measures, a new federal requirement. Chris reminded the committee of some key dates for MPO adoption of the performance measure targets:

- May 20, 2018: State DOTs must establish 2-and 4-year targets (start of MPO 180 days)
- 2. May 30, 2018: CDTC Freight Advisory Committee (rescheduled to accommodate target setting dates)
- 3. June 6 or August 1, 2018: CDTC Planning Committee
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A large amount of travel time data (i.e. NPMRDS data) has become available to MPOs. Chris demonstrated some other potential uses of the data, by displaying a graph of travel times in the vicinity of the Rexford Bridge project, before and after construction.

For more information, please see the attached PowerPoint presentation and handout.

#### 5. Update - NYS Freight Plan

There were no NYSDOT representatives at the meeting; therefore there was no update on the status of the NYS Freight Plan.

#### 5. Discussion - Member Items

The committee has a discussion about the implications of the new Electronic Logging Device (ELD) mandate for trucks. The committee has concerns about the effects of the mandate on equipment costs, shipping costs, attracting new drivers, and driver retention.

#### 6. Action Items/Next Meeting

Remaining 2018 Freight Advisory Committee Meeting Dates:

- May 30\* (date adjusted to accommodate performance measure target setting)
- August 15 (Tour, location TBD)
- November 14\* (date adjusted to avoid Thanksgiving holiday week)

All meetings will begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise specified. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.





**Congestion Costs the Economy** 

ATRI research identified trucking industry costs of \$63.4 billion as a result of congestion on the nation's highways. That cost generates from 996 million lost hours of industry productivity, the equivalent of 362,000 truck drivers sitting still for an entire year.

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# Capital District Transportation Committee Freight Advisory Committee Meeting

February 21, 2018



## Today's Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Presentation Area 3 Halfmoon Industrial Complex (Pete Bardunias, President and CEO, Chamber of Southern Saratoga County)
- 3. Update Freight Model Ordinance and Best Practices Development: Survey (Jacob Beeman, Chris Bauer, CDTC)
- 4. Update Freight Reliability Performance Measure (Chris Bauer, CDTC)
- 5. Update NYS Freight Plan (Dave Rosenberg, NYSDOT or rep.)
- 6. Discussion Member Items
- 7. Action Items/Next Meeting
  - 2018 Meeting Dates: May 30\*, August 15 (Tour, location TBD), and November
     14\*
- 8. Adjourn



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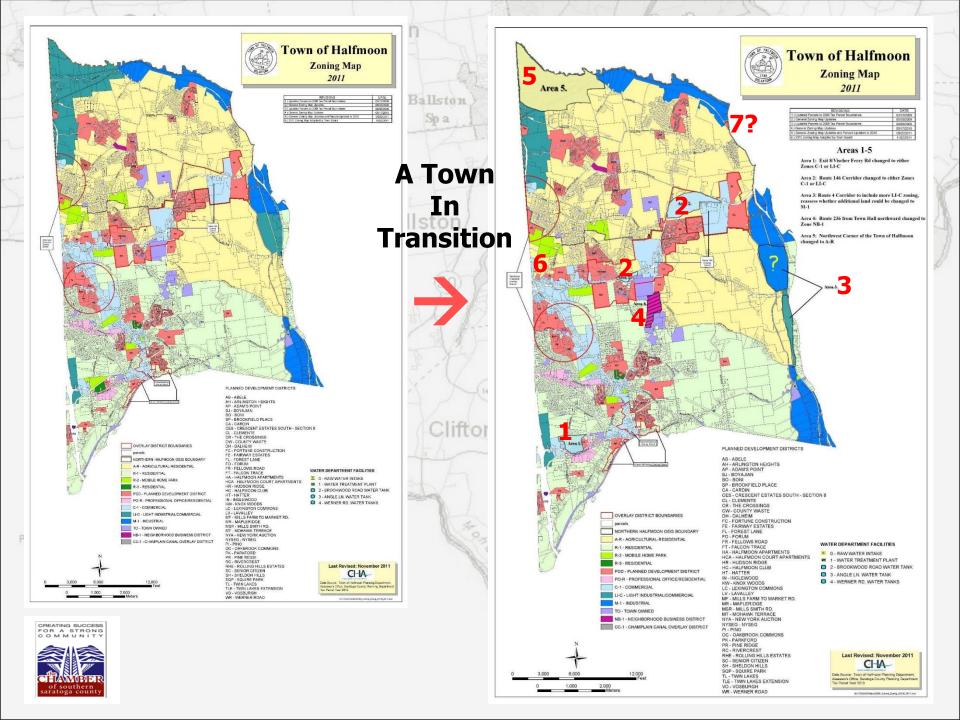


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## Halfmoon Industrial Complex

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Combining Available Properties

Galway

345 acres (north portion)

53 acres (south portion)

Zoning to be 21<sup>st</sup> Century Heavy Industry

87 acre
Linear park
To be adjacent







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#### **Property challenges:**

Galway

- (1) Considerable wetlands
- (2) Available space for mfg
- (3) Owner support for proj

LA Group/SCPP released "Fatal Flaws Analysis" Study

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#### **Financial support:**

\$4,000.00 / Town of Halfmoon / Kevin Tollisen, Supervisor

\$1,000.00 / Chamber of Southern Saratoga County / Pete Bardunias, President/CEO

\$1,000.00 / Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership / Marty Vanags, President

\$1,000.00 / RLF Realty, Albany, Robert L. Freedman & Scott Roth: Brokers

\$4,160.00 / Grassi Family, Landowner (includes 87 acre buffer)

\$2,400.00 / Trudeau Family, Landowner, Applied Label

\$1,440.00 / Fronczek Family, Landowner, Allco, LLC

\$2,200.00 / CJ and JJ Realty, Inc., Landowner, Ed & Chris Abele

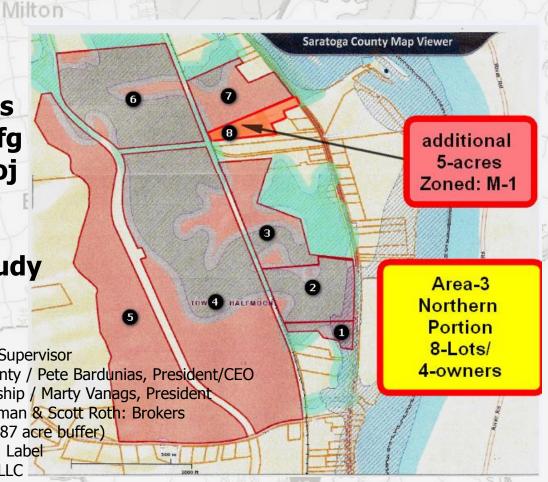
\$200.00 / Mark DePaul, Landowner (5 acres, zoned M-1 adj to Trudeau property, south side)

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\$17,400.00 Total collected from project partners

National Grid Grant reimbursed 50 percent – through the SCPP





#### Potential Purchaser: Enerkem <u>www.enerkem.com</u>

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Canadian company, converts Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) to Usable chemicals (methanol, ethanol, dimethyl ether, gas for Turbine power, and more



Galway

First to make a profitable use of a patented, exothermic Reaction process (doesn't need a heat source once started, Much more efficient, cost effective, environmentally friendly)

Lowest Carbon Intensity rating ever from the British Columbia government (-55gCO2e/MJ)

(gasoline +88 gCO2e/MJ)

(1MJ = force of a 1 ton vehicle moving 151km/h)

Stillwater

Established in Canada (Edmonton, Montreal), building in Rotterdam (Netherlands), first US plant to be in either Halfmoon or Minneapolis (whichever gets built first!), recent contract for 100 plants in China (!)



David McConnell, Vice President of Business Development, Has made multiple site visits, Area 3 is perfect site for development for an Enerkem facility. Galway

#### **Recycle farm plastic**



The largest economic development project south of Exit 12 since GLOBALFOUNDRIES First Cha

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First Champlain Canal shipment From Montreal In a generation

\$200-500 million investment 600-700 temporary (construction) jobs

Permanent: \$90 million/year into local community 105 permanent jobs

3-3.5 year lead time to start up (2 year permitting process)



Integrate with Paper mill waste stream



Use of Rail Spur to Move product throughout North America

Eliminate increases In area Landfill size



Use of
Waterways
To/from
Port of Albany,
Rensselaer,
Schenectady







#### Potential Co-Locators Can Push Project Far Higher In Value

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GLOBALFOUNDRIES, GE, Cascades & Momentive common suppliers



**Anaerobic Digester** 

Malta



New bulk product producers (utilize rail, canal)

Mechanicville



Other area companies can use rail, canal facilities

Galway



**Solar Sal Factory** 



#### If not Enerkem, then what?????

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**GLOBALFOUNDRIES, GE, Cascades** & Momentive common suppliers



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Other area companies can use rail, canal facilities



- Recycling
- MSW-to-energy/chemicals
- **Steel fabrication** 
  - Marine manufacturing
  - Intermodal storage facility
  - Other????

Clifton Park

New bulk product producers (utilize rail, canal)

Mechanicville



**Solar Sal Factory** 



## Freight Ordinance Survey

- Survey was sent out February 10<sup>th</sup>
- 15 total respondents to the survey to date
- Received responses from municipalities within each of the four counties in our region



### Survey Trends

- Key issues identified:
  - Congestion and Traffic Safety related to freight traffic
  - Freight through traffic
- Majority of municipalities do not have existing policies intended to influence freight traffic in any way



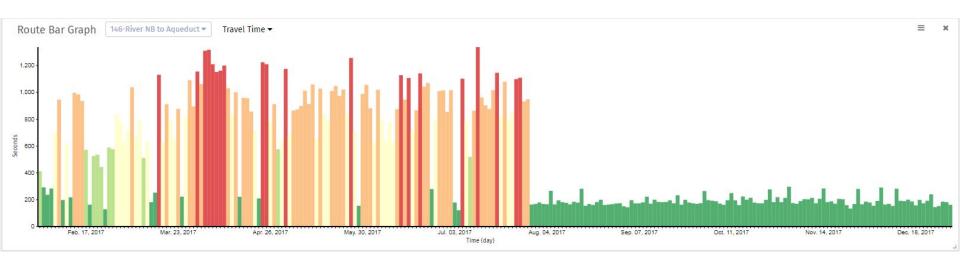
## Freight Reliability Performance Measure

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#### Weekday Travel Times, PM Peak Period

Balltown Road northbound from River Road to Aqueduct Road February 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017



Source: NPMRDS Data

From about 15 to 22 minutes travel time before the new Rexford Bridge opened to about 3 minutes after the new Rexford Bridge opened. The new Rexford Bridge opened at the end of July.

## Thanks for Attending!

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