



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE (RTCC)

Date: Nov 7, 2022

Start Time: 2 pm

End Time: 3:30 pm

Facilitator: Carrie Ward, Senior Transportation Planner

Study/Project/Task: 6.12: Human Services Agency Transportation

Attendance

Name	Representing
Denise Figueroa	Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Brian Cregin	Center for Disability Services
Carol Rosbozom	Rensselaer County Office for the Aging
Donna Stressel	Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center
Mary Foreman	Schenectady County Long Term Care Services
Livi Miller	Food Pantries of the Capital District
Brian Monaco	Center for Disability Services
Andy Gilpin	Captain Cares
Judy Dahoda-Taylor	Saratoga County Office for the Aging
Mark Castiglione	CDRPC
Angelina Searles	Town of Colonie
Rebecca O'Dell	CDTC
Rima Shamieh	CDTC
Peter Crest O'Donnelly	
Unknown Remote Attendee	
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Agenda Items:

1. **Acceptance of April 11, 2022 meeting notes**
Meeting notes accepted without changes
2. **Presentation: [Capital Region Indicators](#) Website and Tool, Capital District Regional Planning Commission, Mark Castiglione of CDRPC**

CDRPC provides support to regional organizations to help them do what they want to do. There is a [How-To video](#) available on Youtube, and you can reach out for assistance. There is a lot of data available but the website strives to be user-friendly. It was created with usability in mind.

To view Capital Region Indicators dashboard on CDRPC's website, go to the Data tab. You can select economic, demographic, or housing profile data. Use the economic recovery dashboard to see how the region is recovering from COVID. The dashboard tracks employment, job trends, and other indicators. It can look at concentrations of job sectors in particular areas and much more.

There is a dashboard for each county, the 4-county region, 8-county region, each municipality, every census tract and block group in the region, every school district, and zip code. You can compare data of two geographies using the website. You can also create choropleth maps, and apply a 3D feature that can show variation within color categories.

3. Tools of the Trade debrief

a. Location

No issues with the space. It was less expensive than the Crossings.

b. Presentations/Sessions

Let Carrie know if you have feedback on the sessions or suggestions for future sessions.

c. Food

Breakfast from Panera, lunch from Cardona's

4. Coordinated Plan update

It is part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). In the past it's been updated prior to the MTP update, but it's technically part of the MTP.

a. Inclusion of people with low incomes

While the Coordinated Plan should include the transportation needs of people who have low incomes, practically, there hasn't been much focus on low income populations in the past. The 5310 grant funding doesn't fund transportation for low income people, only seniors and people who have a disability. Should we put more of an effort into engaging low income populations for their feedback as we seek to update the Coordinated Plan? We did not get any requests to translate the survey.

There was a suggestion to add a question on income level to the survey, using the same categories as in the census bureau's surveys. There was discussion about focusing low-income surveys on home health aides and other members of the workforce for seniors and people who

have disabilities. Other suggestions on outreach to low income populations are welcome; please contact Carrie.

b. Issues in 5-30 years

As part of the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Coordinated Plan is an opportunity to highlight issues that we see on the horizon. The TNC's have gotten worse, and cab companies have gone out of business, so there are no more accessible cabs. This is increasing isolation. Please send any additional thoughts on issues in 5-30 years to Carrie.

c. Review previous public and provider surveys

Carrie reviewed the previously used public surveys geared toward seniors and people who have a disability.

5. **5310 Awards from the 2022 Solicitation**

NYSDOT hasn't sent final award letters yet. FTA is pending final approval. But it was approved by CDTC. You can see if you were funded by looking at the Transportation Improvement Program.

Announcements:

1. **Albany Guardian Society/Pride Center of the Capital Region materials**

They are working on staff handouts and community posters for helping create an inclusive and welcoming environment for older LGBTQ adults.

2. **Capital Region Villages Collaborative software presentation with Community Caregivers**

Community Caregivers is using a software called Mon Ami. Client info and needs are entered into the system and then caregivers get matched up. A little more work up front but there is less ongoing work for staff.

3. **Colonie Senior Service Centers grant, National Aging and Disability Transportation Center**

Colonie Seniors will be using this grant to provide individual rides as well as group event rides, both to seniors who live in the Village of Menands and City of Watervliet.

4. **Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce**

Andy Gilpin reported that he is working with other providers in Saratoga County to leverage assets in the community to optimize transportation for seniors and low income folks to make the community more accessible. They have developed a survey to be completed by providers and are looking to increase the size of the task force. Please contact Andy if you are interested: andy@captaincares.org.

5. Eldercare Forum in Albany.

It was held on Oct 29th in the afternoon and was mostly focused on hearing about the needs of seniors who live in the City of Albany.

6. [Safe Streets for Seniors](#)

We have had past discussion on unsafe roadways and unsafe speeds. In 2008 NYC launched a Safe Streets for Seniors program based off of pedestrian senior focus areas, which were mostly based on the density of seniors. The City made improvements to the built infrastructure, including retiming signals to provide peds more time to cross, upgrading curb ramps to be ADA-compliant, redesigning intersections to slow car turns, and adding audible features to pedestrian heads. In the end it's unclear whether the geographic focus was a good approach because the improvements benefit everyone and seniors are everywhere. Many of the improvements were the same as those made under another safety program called "Vision Zero."

7. NYS legislation enabling 25mph speed limits

Cities and some towns can now set limits as low as 25 mph. If you have questions about how this might work, let Carrie know.

8. Saratoga Springs pedestrian infrastructure Transition Plan

The draft was available online for public review and the public hearing closed last week. The Plan was unanimously approved by the City Council. Next the city will be looking at budgeting and specific locations.

The City of Albany has also been working on its draft Self-Analysis and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure. The link to its [draft document](#) is posted on their website.

CDTC's Planning Committee approved funding for Self-Analyses and Transition Plans for Troy, Guilderland, and Ballston Spa for next year.

Next Meeting:

February 6, 2023, 2 pm