

**Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
April 10 at 9:00am
Agenda**

1.0 New Business

- 1.1 Welcome & Introductions
- 1.2 Cohoes Walking School Bus – St. Peter’s Health Partners
- 1.3 Road / Trail Intersection Safety Evaluation Tool – Parks & Trails New York
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 - 1.4.1 Greenway & Trails Plan Update
 - 1.4.2 2018 Capital Coexist Mini-Grants
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 - 1.4.5 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Update - 2018 Workshops
 - 1.4.6 Bike/Ped Data Collection – Sidewalk inventory status & solicitation for new data
 - 1.4.7 RRFB Update
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 - 1.5.1 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
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- 1.6 Linkage Updates – see Linkage update table
- 1.7 Local Program Updates
- 1.8 Other Updates

2.0 Upcoming Meetings

Meetings Open to the Public:

NEXT CDTC BIKE & PED ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: **May8, 2018 at 9:00AM at TBD**

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

April 10, 2018 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Lorenz Worden, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Elaine Troy, resident; Alyssa Joseph, St. Peter's Health Partners; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; John Gillivan, Village of Colonie; Greg Francese, Parks & Trails New York; Ivan Vamos, NYBC; Audrey Burneson, NYSDOT Region I Planning; Jennifer Hogan NYSDOH; Martin Daley, CDRPC; Thad Rutherford, Office of Assembly member Phil Steck; David Downes, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Brent Irving, CDTA; Tricia Bulatao, Albany County DOH; John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails & Open Space Committee; Lauren Bailey, CDTA; Lauren Alpert, City of Albany; Fred Mastroianni, GPI; Justus Percent, student; James Rath, Capital Roots; Ami Parikh, CDTC; Jen Ceponis, CDTC.

1.0 NEW BUSINESS

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Cohoes Walking School Bus – St. Peter's Health Partners

Alyssa Joseph provided an overview of the Cohoes Walking School Bus project, a volunteer driven project, where adult volunteers are recruited to walk the kids to school in a safe and timely way. This project was spearheaded with the intension to improve school absentee rate and promote healthy living in Cohoes where being a small community does not have school bus system for students. The project was unable to implement current school year due to low volunteer sign-up. The project sponsors/partners are hoping to kick start it back next school year. A copy of the presentation is attached.

1.3 Road/Trail Intersection Safety Evaluation Tool – Parks & Trails New York

Greg introduced the road/trail intersection safety evaluation tool along with the supporting guide and scoring sheet. The tool is created to document the physical characteristics present at the approach and the intersection of a trail with road. Jen pointed out that there are lots of locations in the Capital region where a trail intersects roadway of which some were short listed with some information like AADT of the road adjacent, number of lanes, etc. that will be needed for the evaluation too. Greg asked for volunteers to use the evaluation tool to help collect data and get feedback on the evaluation tool. The documents for the tools are attached. If you are interested in volunteering to conduct an evaluation contact Jen.

1.4 CDTC/Capital Coexist Updates

1.4.1 Greenway & Trails Plan Update – The feedback from stakeholder meetings and other sources are being compiled now since the public comment period wrapped up. The consultant team is working on a map for an overall regional system. The project team has a draft economic assessment and trail management best practices. Based on the feedback received, the consultant team is working on revising

two branding options that will be presented. A date for the Trail Summit will be set up and posted soon. More information is available on the project [website](#).

1.4.2 2018 Capital Coexist Mini-Grants – The 2018 grant awardees were notified. No other updates.

1.4.3 2018 Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series – The schedule of 2018 APBP webinar series held at CDTC is attached. Next webinar is “Got Counts? Now What?” on April 18th, next Wednesday.

1.4.4 Bike to Work/School Day – Bike to work day is scheduled for Friday, May 18th. Registration [open](#) with about 155 registrants so far.

1.4.5 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Update – The awardees for municipal grants for complete streets workshop series were: Town of East Greenbush and Village of Scotia for basics workshop and City of Watervliet and Town of Niskayuna for implementation workshop.

1.4.6 Bike/Ped Data Collection – No further update. CDTC requests municipalities to send information of any completed projects involving sidewalks to keep this database up-to-date. Contact CDTC to request data package.

1.4.7 RRFB Update: RRFB is back!! The FHWA issued Interim Approval for optional use of pedestrian - actuated rectangular rapid-flashing beacons at uncontrolled marked crosswalks.

1.4 NYSDOT UPDATES

1.4.1 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Applications are in and under review.

1.4.2. TAP/CMAQ – No updates.

1.5 Linkage Updates – Two new studies will commence soon as listed in the attached table.

1.6 Local Program Updates

- CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance program received six applications that are currently being followed up and reviewed.
- I-787/Hudson Waterfront Corridor Study public comment period ends April 13th. More information on the project available [here](#).
- CDTC is looking for interested individuals for Smart Communities task force that uses data applications and technology for better transportation. If interested, please contact Jen Ceponis at iceponis@cdtcmpo.org. The next meeting will be focused on “Autonomous Vehicles”.
- Martin Daley, speaking for the Livingston Avenue Bridge Coalition, discussed details about the Livingston Avenue Bridge and its 106 review process to be marked as a historic bridge.
- Ivan Vamos from NYBC talked about their support of the 3 feet safe passing bill for law to protect bicyclists. NYBC has scheduled a bike ride for every Tuesday at noon beginning at the State Capitol, to show support for this bill.
- John Gillivan from the Village of Colonie talked about the Bike demo fest that the Village is working on with Capital Roots which is tentatively scheduled for May 12th. This is one of the projects awarded for the 2018 Capital Coexist mini-grants.

- Lorenzo Worden talked about Kiliaen's Landing plan which includes trails and is hopeful that they connect with the existing facilities in the area. He also talked about no signs at the Dunham Reservoir trail.
- Greg Francese from PTNY talked about spring cleaning events for the Erie and Champlain Trail during the Earth day weekend.
- Fred Mastroianni from GPI inquired about the TAP/CMAQ grants solicitation. Jen responded that CDTC currently does not have any information and will keep posted in case any updates are available.
- James Rath, from Capital Roots, mentioned the grants they received for two community parks and trail cleanup events for the Earth day weekend.
- Tricia, Albany County DOH, announced the 2nd Complete Street Symposium scheduled for April 25th. She also mentioned the Cohoes on the Move event partnering with Capital Roots on May 21st.
- John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails & Open Space Committee, talked about the Zim Smith Trail and Empire State Trail and pointed out that there needs to be more bicycle and pedestrian activities in Mechanicville area.
- Lauren Bailey from CDTA mentioned that the soft launch for the CDPHP Cycle! is April 18th with the existing bike rack locations with minor changes. And May 8th is the official launch when the new locations will also be revealed. She also reported that recently Uber bought Jump Bikes, which is the vendor for CDPHP Cycle! and will keep posted of any further news.
- Brent Irving, CDTA, is working with the Albany Bike Rescue on the Bike Voucher program. He mentioned about the quick repair clinic for bike and workshop on rules of the road on April 21st at Albany Bike Rescue. This is one of the projects awarded for the 2018 Capital Coexist mini-grants.
- Lauren, City of Albany, mentioned the "Building a Sustainable City" event scheduled for April 23rd.

1.7 Other Updates

No other updates.

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