



Capital District Transportation Committee

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Final Capital District Trails Plan Released

ALBANY, NY January 25, 2019 – The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) released the final *Capital District Trails Plan* following a years-long effort of collecting data, meeting with local governments, and conducting public outreach. This master plan outlines a strategy to complete a network of multi-use trails and bike routes connecting cities, towns and villages throughout Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties.

“The Capital District has over 100 miles of multi-use trails, bringing enormous recreational and health qualities to the region while serving as safe transportation routes for walking and cycling,” said Michael Franchini, Executive Director of CDTC. “CDTC’s 2016 trail counts estimated 1.6 million visitors annually, including tourists. Our region is at the crossroads of the Empire State Trail project and the Capital District Trails Plan aims to leverage this opportunity to develop a vision for a seamless network of multi-use trails that connects people with jobs, safe walking and cycling facilities, activity centers, and each other.”

The final plan and related plan documents, including a Trail Management Best Practices Guide and a Marketing and Branding Plan can be viewed and downloaded on the CDTC website at www.cdtcmppo.org/trails. A video developed with the assistance of drone technology is also on the website. The next step for the plan is to present it to the CDTC Policy Board for adoption as part of the New Visions 2040 long range transportation plan for the Capital District.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties, the CDTC is a forum for local elected officials and transportation representatives to share ideas and make decisions about major transportation capital investments, including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The project team, led by CDTC, includes consultants from Behan Planning and Design, The Chazen Company, Sidekick Creative and ConsultEcon.

For more information about this important regional project, please visit our website at www.cdtcmppo.org/trails.

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