



Capital District Transportation Committee

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Draft Capital District Trails Plan Released

Public Invited To Review a Draft of the Capital District Trails Plan

ALBANY, NY September 17, 2018 – The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) released the draft *Capital District Trails Plan* following its public open house on September 13th at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center on September 13th. 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 draft plan, open house materials and a video made for the plan can be viewed and downloaded on the CDTC website at www.cdtcmpo.org/trails. CDTC encourages the public to follow the hashtag **#518Trails** on social media for project updates and announcements and to share their own Capital District trail visits and experiences. Comments on the plan can be sent to trails@cdtcmpo.org by October 15, 2018.

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.cdtcmpo.org/trails.

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