SCHENECTADY ROUTE 5 TRANSIT GATEWAY STUDY



Conceptual land use plan for the Schenectady Gateway study area in the City of Schenectady, New York.

Total Study Cost: \$65,000 consultant effort

Description: The Schenectady transit gateway is defined as the area bounded by Erie Boulevard on the east, I-890 to the south, the area just north of State Street (NYS Route 5) and an area just west of Schenectady County Community College (SCCC). The study area is designated as distressed through its inclusion in the NY State Empire Zone and the Federal Renewal Community, and includes much vacant and underutilized land. The plan is based on the latest thinking in urban planning including sustainability, smart growth and transit-oriented development (TOD), which call for the redevelopment of urban places through more community-oriented design, the use of all modes of transportation, higher density development, and a more efficient use of public resources. A wide range of land use and transportation concepts were identified with implementation actions summarized as: 1) public infrastructure improvements related to the streetscape; 2) public transit improvements including BRT implementation; 3) support for new development in terms of planning, property consolidation and public facility maintenance; 4) regulatory changes that allow for more flexibility in building height and parking requirements; and 5) programs that support revitalization efforts including a façade program, coordinated parking plan, etc.

This study was completed in August 2010.

To view the final report, visit: http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage/materials/ny5transit.pdf

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