

## Program Overview

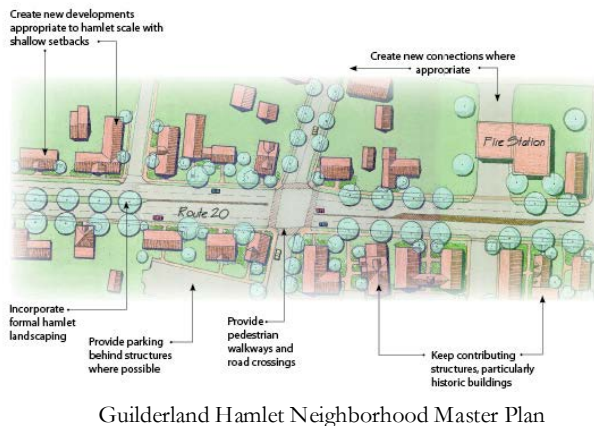
The Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program (referred to as the Linkage Program) is an integrated land use and transportation planning program created to implement the regional transportation plan New Visions 2035. The program has been recognized as a national best practice in livability planning and is the cornerstone of CDTC's public outreach efforts.

### Linkage Program strategies are to:

- Support urban revitalization and redevelopment of existing commercial and/or residential areas;
- Improve street connectivity and reduce driveway conflicts through access management;
- Enhance and develop activity centers and town centers;
- Enhance and develop transit corridors and transit supportive built environments;
- Encourage a greater mix and intensity of land uses;
- Develop bicycle and pedestrian-friendly design standards;
- Create an integrated multi-modal transportation network.



Hoosick Street Phase II Corridor Plan



Guilderland Hamlet Neighborhood Master Plan

### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must be public entities within CDTC's planning area of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Saratoga Counties (with the exception of the Town of Moreau and Village of South Glens Falls).

- Preferred applicants: towns, cities, villages and counties
- Other applicants may include State agencies or non-governmental entities such as not-for-profits and public authorities (with a letter of support from the municipality or municipalities in which the study is located)



East Greenbush Routes 9&20 Design Enhancements

## Eligible Initiatives

Implementation activities related to completed Linkage Program plans or other local planning work are eligible. Initiatives must be directly related to the recommendations of the relevant plan and must have a clear and direct connection to transportation issues. Communities can apply for the following:

- Strategic zoning code changes/zoning code overlays
- Site design standards or guidelines
- Official mapping
- Operational modeling

Other types of follow up planning work are eligible but will only be considered after all worthy candidate projects related to the above four activities have been funded. Engineering related work is not eligible and municipal wide initiatives are limited.

### Available Assistance

CDTC has reserved \$150,000 of its federal planning funds for consultant activities and \$100,000 for staff technical assistance for the 2012-2013 Linkage Program. For consultant efforts, there is no minimum total project cost and the maximum total project cost is \$90,000.

A local cash match of 25% is required for all initiatives. In certain instances, exceptions for larger or smaller consultant efforts may be made.

CDTC is currently soliciting for projects for its 2012-2013 Linkage Program. **The submission deadline is January 6, 2012.** Visit [www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm) for more information.

## Examples of Funded Studies

CDTC has funded 71 integrated transportation and land use planning studies since 2000 with sponsors representing 40 separate urban, suburban and rural municipalities, counties, not-for-profit groups and other public entities. Examples of previously funded implementation planning work include:

- **City of Albany Bike Share and Signage Strategy (\$70,000 consultant effort):** Will explore the feasibility of a bike share program and develop a bike share and a bicycle-oriented signage strategy and implementation plan.
- **Town of East Greenbush Site Design Standards (\$40,000 consultant effort):** Will develop multi-modal, higher-density, pedestrian friendly design standards for the US 4 and the US 9 & 20 corridors that will be enforceable in the Town's Comprehensive Zoning Law.
- **Town of Malta Downtown Master Plan Implementation (\$90,000 consultant effort):** Will develop a form based code, an official map, and a complete street plan including streetscape and design standards for Neighborhood 6 known as Downtown Malta.
- **City of Schenectady Gateway Plaza Implementation Plan (\$70,000 consultant effort):** Will develop a conceptual re-design and expansion plan for Liberty Park and the area immediately surrounding it, including traffic configuration and landscaping plans.

## What is the Capital District Transportation Committee?

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties. Every metropolitan area in the United States with a population of more than 50,000 must have a designated MPO in order to qualify for Federal transportation funding. The function of the MPO is to provide a forum for state and local officials to discuss transportation issues and to develop an overall transportation plan for the region. The regional transportation plan for the Capital District is *New Visions 2035*.

For more information on the Linkage Program, visit CDTC's web site at [www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm)

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A land use/transportation planning assistance program offered by the Capital District Transportation Committee

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