

SCHENECTADY ROUTE 5 TRANSIT GATEWAY STUDY

Total Study Cost: \$65,000 consultant effort

Description: CDTC will assist the City of Schenectady with a consultant effort to prepare a gateway study of an 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. This effort builds upon the Route 5 Bus Rapid Transit and Land Use/Transportation Corridor studies and will include analysis/documentation of planning measures/design standards to address the following elements: bicycle/pedestrian circulation and connections, better utilization of parking areas (representing 25% of the project study area), adaptive re-use options for the Armory and YMCA buildings, re-use options for the intercity bus terminal, identification of mixed use redevelopment opportunities, improved linkages to the Bus Rapid Transit system, other CDTA routes and the Amtrak Station, improved street designs, and better integration of SCCC into the community. This effort represents a follow-up activity to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The consultants are preparing detailed future alternatives and a market analysis. This will be presented to the SAC at a meeting in October 2009 followed by a public meeting.

Sponsors: CDTC and City of Schenectady

Consultant Team: IBI Group