

## STATUS OF LINKAGE OR OTHER CAPITAL REGION PLANNING STUDIES AS OF JANUARY 2008

<b>ALBANY COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES</b>				
<b>STUDY NAME AND LOCATION</b>	<b>CONSULTANT/ STUDY COST</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>NEXT STEPS</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
1. Albany Housing Authority: North Swan Street Multi-modal Accessibility Study	Behan Planning \$20,000	The draft final report has been provided to CDTC by the consultant for review	Once reviewed, the consultant will produce the final report and the study will be considered complete.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Doug Melnick, <b>City of Albany</b> Darren Scott, <b>Albany Housing Authority</b>
2. Railroad Avenue Corridor Study	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$25,000	The study sponsors are looking into different alternatives for generating additional local match to try and meet the expected scope cost.	After funding alternatives have been explored, it is expected that the project will be re-advertised in the Contract Reporter.	Jason Purvis, <b>CDTC</b> <b>Liz Staubauch, Albany County, Mike Lyons, Town of Colonie, and Don Csaposs, Town of Guilderland</b>
3. Route 9W Corridor Study (Bethlehem)	Wilbur Smith Associates \$75,000	A SAC meeting was held in January to review the draft preliminary improvement options for the Rte 9W corridor. After SAC review and discussion the group decided to work toward scheduling and preparing for one public meeting to gather public input on the draft preliminary plan relative to both 9W improvements and to a preferred alignment for the proposed new Selkirk roadway. Elements of the draft plan focus on access management, bike, pedestrian and transit access improvements as well as roundabouts for better intersection operation.	The public meeting will be scheduled for early March, after which the study final report will be compiled. Post study follow up tasks related to progressing the new Selkirk roadway project will be identified.	Dave Jukins, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC Sreekumar Nampoothiri, CDTC George Leveille, <b>Town of Bethlehem</b>
4. Delaware Avenue Hamlet Enhancement Study (Bethlehem)	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$75,000	The signed MOU was received. Town and CDTC staff met to iron out various scoping issues. The Town is putting together a SAC list.	The REI will be prepared later this winter and advertised in the Contract Reporter, Urban Transportation Monitor, and other publications. Study advisory committee will be officially formed and an informal meeting to discuss the study may be held. The consultant effort is not expected to begin much before March 1.	Dave Jukins, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC George Leveille, <b>Town of Bethlehem</b>
5. Van Schaick Island Transportation and Revitalization Plan (Cohoes)	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$62,000	A preferred development alternative has been selected by the City and the SAC. The consultant team is working to refine this alternative and package it into a final document.	The next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 29th at the Van Schaick Elementary School. The preferred alternative will be presented and comments received.	Jason Purvis, CDTC Sreekumar Nampoothiri, CDTC Ed Tremblay, <b>City of Cohoes</b>
6. Land Use and Transportation Study for the Route 20 Corridor in Guilderland and Princetown	Behan Planning Associates and Behan Design. \$32,000	A Study Advisory Committee meeting was held on January 25. The consultant presented draft materials based on public input received at the first public meeting in November.	The consultant will develop a draft final report based on public comments and SAC guidance. The report will be reviewed by the SAC. The goal will be to schedule a public meeting in April to present the draft final report.	Chris O'Neill, CDTC Donald Csaposs, <b>Town of Guilderland</b>

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7. Neighborhood Master Plan for the Hamlet of Guilderland Center	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$30,800	New project funded under the 2007-08 Community and Transportation Linkage Program.	Work on this study will begin in early 2008.	Chris O'Neill, CDTC Donald Csaposs, <b>Town of Guilderland</b>
8. Broadway (Route 32) Transportation, Access and Land Use Improvement Study	Creighton Manning Engineering \$18,000	The study is underway and Tasks 1 and 2 are complete. A community meeting was held in November. The consultant is working on Tasks 3 and 4.	The second Study Advisory Committee meeting is expected in late February at the completion of Tasks 3 and 4 (Existing and Draft Future Conditions).	Teresa LaSalle, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC Paul Reuss, <b>Village of Menands</b>
<b>ALBANY COUNTY--OTHER STUDIES (non-Linkage)</b>				
1. Hudson River Crossings Study	Bergmann Associates. \$250,000	Preliminary results were presented to the Planning Committee and the Policy Board. A final report is under preparation based on comments received from the Advisory Committee, NYSDOT and CDTC.	A third meeting of the Advisory Committee is planned for February 13.	Chris O'Neill, CDTC Mike Wyatt, NYSDOT Region 1
2. South End Revitalization Plan (Albany)	\$60,000 Three pieces to project, with consultant assistance to the city	The Capital South Plan: SEGway to the Future is complete and available at the City's website: <a href="http://www.albanyny.gov">www.albanyny.gov</a> .	TSEAC is moving forward with implementation which is focused on step one in the revitalization plan, i.e. stabilization but also planting the seeds for the larger projects envisioned in the plan to eventually come to fruition. This involves development of a Capital South Plan marketing piece.	Doug Melnick, <b>City of Albany</b> Darren Scott, <b>Albany Housing Authority</b>
3. City of Albany Comprehensive Plan		The City has received 70 resumes from people interested in serving on the city's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. The Selection Committee has conducted the first series of interviews. A second round will begin after New Year's.	Selections should be finalized and sent to the full Council in early 2008.	Doug Melnick, <b>City of Albany</b>
4. City of Albany Corning Preserve Phase 2		The City is working on a concept involving filling only the southern tidal pond and providing mitigation both at the Corning Preserve and at Tivoli Park. Meetings with regulatory agencies have been held. A Joint Permit Application has been submitted regarding the above-scenario. A LWRP application was submitted in November 2007 for construction costs and a connectivity study.	Further investigation of mitigation options at Tivoli Park. The City is currently working on finalizing design objectives.	Doug Melnick, <b>City of Albany</b>
5. LWRP (Bethlehem)	Saratoga Associates \$78,000	The draft master plan for Henry Hudson Park has been prepared. The draft LWRP recommendations have been prepared by the advisory committee and consultant team. The NYS DOS has provided comments on the draft LWRP and a revised draft is being prepared.	The revised final draft LWRP will be submitted NYS for inter-agency circulation and comment. The final draft LWRP will be presented to the Town Board for adoption during the first quarter of 2008.	George Leveille, <b>Town of Bethlehem</b>

<b>RENSELAER COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES</b>				
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1. Congress Street and Ferry Street Corridor--Mixed use Development Study (Troy)	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$40,000	The project is on hold until the privately funded Ferry/Congress Street Master Plan is complete.	CDTC and City staffs will work on the draft scope. The project will be advertised in the Contract Reporter as soon as the Ferry/Congress Street Master Plan issues are resolved.	Deb Stacey, CDTC Teresa LaSalle, CDTC <b>City of Troy</b>
<b>RENSELAER COUNTY--OTHER STUDIES (non-Linkage)</b>				
1. Ferry/Congress Street Master Plan (Troy)	Unknown Privately funded	No activity to report.		Linda VonDerHeide, <b>Rensselaer County</b>
2. North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan	Bergman Associates \$55,000	The comprehensive plan is complete.	The town board will review the plan and likely adopt it at their next meeting.	Mark Evers, <b>Town of North Greenbush</b>
<b>SARATOGA COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES</b>				
1. Town of Clifton Park/Town of Halfmoon: Exit 9 Land Use and Transportation Plan	Buckhurst Fish and Jacquemart \$65,000	The study advisory committee met in January to review the existing conditions assessment as well as preliminary concepts to be investigated in the study area. The first public meeting was held on January 23rd. The meeting was well attended and residents were thoroughly engaged in the process.	The consultant will summarize the comments/suggestions received at the public workshop. The study advisory committee will meet in late February to review the consultant's synthesis of the public workshop and to review the consultant's initial recommendations for the study area.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Deb Stacey, CDTC Kate Maynard, <b>Town of Clifton Park</b> Lindsay Zepko, <b>Town of Halfmoon</b>
<b>SARATOGA COUNTY--OTHER STUDIES (non-Linkage)</b>				
1. Hudson River and Champlain Feeder Canal Intermunicipal LWRP (Moreau, Queensbury, S. Glens Falls, Fort Edward)	The Chazen Companies \$80,000 NYS DOS funding	The consultant is finalizing the draft report which should be released later this month.	A public meeting is being scheduled for the end of January/beginning of February.	Harry Gutheil, <b>Saratoga County</b> Andy Labruzzo, <b>NYS DOS</b>
2. Planning for Mechanicville Local Waterfront Revitalization Program	\$50,000 NYS DOS funding	The City of Mechanicville will develop a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program that will include an inventory of natural resources and reuse and planning strategies to address critical community needs. Issues to be addressed include: industrial decline, unemployment, deteriorating buildings and infrastructure, and possible environmental contamination. Emphasis will be placed on the developing initiatives to balance economic development with environmental conservation.	Proposals will be evaluated and a consultant team will be selected shortly.	Andy Labruzzo, <b>NYS DOS</b>

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3. Feasibility Study for Mohawk River Crescent Trail Extension	\$50,000 NYS DOS funding	The Town of Halfmoon will conduct a feasibility study of possible Crescent Trail extensions, currently in design for the Mohawk River waterfront. The project is intended to study the social, physical and environmental concerns of extending this section of the Crescent Trail and will result in a conceptual plan for the trail route with preliminary cost estimates, identification of potential funding sources, and plans for construction implementation and management.	The project hasn't started yet. An RFP for consultant services should be issued shortly.	Andy Labruzzo, <b>NYS DOS</b>
4. Town of Malta Downtown Greenspace and Economic Development Plan	Synthesis and Riverstreet Planning \$62,500	The consultants conducted a presentation of the plan December 10th to town residents. The meeting was very well attended. The presentation provided was excellent, and generally well received by the public. The plan has created a town-wide discussion of what Malta's downtown should look like. There is a strong faction that supports a dense urban 'smart growth' design, and also a strong faction that supports a design that is more suburban.	The consultants have agreed to conduct a training at a joint meeting of the TB/PB/ZBA March 11th or 13th (date tbd). The purpose of the training will be to instruct town officials how to use the plan. The consultants will incorporate training on Malta's Downtown Design Standards in the training.	Tony Tozzi, <b>Town of Malta</b>
<b>SCHENECTADY COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES</b>				
1. Route 5 Transit Oriented, Mixed Use Catalyst Project Study	Riverstreet Planning & Nelson Nygaard \$103,500 for consultant plus \$11,500 CDTC in-kind.	During the reporting period the consultant team has been coordinating with CDTC and the consultant on the Rte 4 BRT project with respect to stations and related roadway elements including crosswalks, bulbouts, etc. This information, along with results of the market analysis and other items, will be discussed at the upcoming SAC meeting.	The next study advisory committee meeting is scheduled for February 14th.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC Steve Strichman, <b>City of Schenectady</b>
2. NY 7 and NY 146 Land Use and Transportation Study	Synthesis & CME \$35,000	The consultant has begun to draft the final report.	Once the draft final report is complete, a SAC meeting will be scheduled to review the contents.	Deb Stacey, CDTC Peter Comenzo, <b>Town of Rotterdam</b>
3. NYS Thruway Exit 26 & I-890 Land Use and Transportation Study	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$25,000	The consultant synthesized the public's input and presented their findings to the SAC in early January.	A second public meeting is scheduled for February 11th at 7:00 pm.	Deb Stacey, CDTC Peter Comenzo, <b>Town of Rotterdam</b>
4. Adapting Scotia Waterfront Concept Study to Master Plan Overlay	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$30,000	CDTC met with the Village in January and determined that there is still interest in pursuing a Linkage study following the completion of the Waterfront Committee's work in the Village. The scope of work will likely focus on trail connections and parking in the very busy waterfront area.	The Village Board of Trustees will consider the Linkage study MOU at its next meeting. Once approved, the Village and CDTC will move forward on the effort.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Mayor Kris Kastberg, <b>Village of Scotia</b>

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1. City of Schenectady Comprehensive Plan	Riverstreet Planning \$240,000	The Draft Neighborhood plans, citywide plan, zoning and zoning map can be viewed on-line at <a href="http://www.cityofschenectady.com/Schenectady2020">http://www.cityofschenectady.com/Schenectady2020</a>	Three Catalyst Projects are underway --State Street Transit Oriented Design (Linkage, completion expected in late February; Little Italy completion expected in late Feb; and Mont Pleasant – completion expected in April after the Comprehensive Plan adoption. A Public Presentation on the entire plan (with catalyst project updates) will be held Wednesday January 30th, 6:30 p.m. at Proctors. The City Council Public Hearing is anticipated to occur on Feb. 25th. Comments will be accepted through February 29, 2008. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted on March 24th 2008.	Steve Strichman, <i>City of Schenectady</i>
2. Schenectady County Blueway Trail	\$24,000 NYS DOS Funding	The Town of Glenville, in conjunction with Schenectady County, the City of Schenectady, the Village of Scotia, the Town of Niskayuna, the Town of Rotterdam, the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor and the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce will complete a strategic plan for the development of a Blueway Trail along the Mohawk River. The trail will incorporate waterway transportation, recreational opportunities, and promote points of local interest.	A blueway trail map was produced and is available on the County's website. The project should be completed by June 2008.	Andy Labruzzo, <i>NYS DOS</i>
3. Schenectady County LWRP Preparation	\$66,000 NYS DOS Funding	The project involves the preparation of an inter-municipal waterfront plan for the City of Schenectady, Village of Scotia, Town of Glenville, Town of Niskayuna, and Town of Rotterdam. The municipalities are located within Schenectady County along the Mohawk River/Barge Canal.	The project scope has been updated. The project should be completed by June 2008	Andy Labruzzo, <i>NYS DOS</i>
<b>REGIONAL PROJECTS</b>				
1. CDTA BRT Conceptual Design Western/Washington Avenue	Consultant to be selected \$200,000, State Planning and Research Funds \$50,000 In-kind Match	This study will produce an implementation proposal based on stakeholder consensus for a high-quality bus transit connection from downtown Albany to the east, to the redeveloped Harriman Research and Technology Park, SUNY Albany, Nanotech and Crossgates Mall to the west. The implementation proposal will include service design, station locations and conceptual design, right-of-way assessment, multi-modal connections and cost estimates. A draft scope of consultant services is ready for Committee review.	NYS DOT has provided a draft funding agreement for CDTA Board approval. The Harriman Linkage Study Advisory Committee will be reconstituted to provide guidance to the study, and to review and steer the scope of consultant work. It is anticipated that consultant selection will occur in the January/February of 2008 with study commencement in the spring.	Kristina Younger, <i>CDTA</i> Sandy Misiewicz, <i>CDTC</i> Anne Benware, <i>CDTC</i>
2. NY 5 Access Management Plan	Consultant to be selected \$230,000, Corridor Management Initiative	A meeting was held between NYSDOT, CDTA, and CDTC to discuss needed revisions to the overall RFQ for the access management plan which is being bundled with the BRT traffic signal priority and queue jumper projects for contract administration purposes. Issues regarding regional ITS architecture and how the TSP and queue jumpers fit into that structure are being addressed.	The RFQ will be finalized in February to start the two-step process which will include the request for qualifications, followed by a request for full proposals from qualified consultants.	Kristina Younger, <i>CDTA</i> Anne Benware, <i>CDTC</i>

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3. Incorporating Intermodal Transportation into new Downtown Albany Convention Center Case study	Regional Plan Association and Buckhurst Fish and Jacquemart  \$75,000 (\$25,000 NYS MPOs; \$50,000 CDTA)	This Case Study will look at options for transit supportive development in Downtown Albany in the context of developing a downtown intermodal facility. A study scope has been finalized, but funding agreements are not yet in place. Work has begun.	A second site visit occurred in January 2008, and stakeholder involvement will follow shortly. The Study will have a six- to - nine month duration.	Kristina Younger, <b>CDTA</b> Deb Stacey, CDTC
4. Capital Region North/South Corridors to Improve Access to Emerging Employment Centers/Rail/BRT	PB Americas, with Creighton Manning and Arch Communications  \$250,000 High Speed Rail Initiative	The study will review the most effective means to provide passenger transportation to emerging employment centers and other travel markets in the Capital Region. It will include a broad overview of transportation possibilities and the Capital Region's North/South corridors with respect to bus rapid transit (BRT) and rail/light rail opportunities. The effort will be developed consistent with CDTC's New Vision 2030 Plan.	The Consultant Contract was awarded 12/07 and is subject to approval of the NYS Comptroller. The Study has a 7-month implementation schedule.	Kristina Younger, <b>CDTA</b> Jim Cartin, <b>NYS High Speed Rail</b> Chris O'Neill, CDTC
5. Harriman TMA Feasibility Study	Consultant to be selected.  \$25,000 budget from Travel Demand Management (CMAQ) funds \$75,000 (\$25,000 NYS MPOs; \$50,000 CDTA)	This study will advance one of the recommendations of the Harriman Linkage Study by further exploring with stakeholders the design and feasibility of the formation of the region's first Transportation Management Association (TMA). A scope of work has been drafted and has a strong education and outreach component. The desired outcome is a consensus on TMA structure, and the creation of the TMA using that structure.	The Study will be conducted parallel to the BRT Conceptual Design Study and build on the Committee structure from the Linkage Study. February/March consultant selection is anticipated, with a 9-month study duration.	Kristina Younger, <b>CDTA</b> Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
6. CEG/CDTC/ CDRPC Alternative Growth Scenario Infrastructure Needs Analysis	SUNYA	The Plan has been completed and is available on the Web site. A brochure outlining the study results has been prepared by CEG and was printed for broad distribution.	The next steps involve education and to establish a regional dialogue for Smart Growth options; presentations to interested groups and organizations are well underway and will continue	Rocky Ferraro, <b>CDRPC</b> David Lewis, <b>SUNYA</b> Christopher O'Neill, CDTC