

2011-12 Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program Proposals

City of Albany: Albany Bike Master Plan Implementation Program

The City of Albany is requesting consultant assistance with a feasibility study and implementation plan for a bike share program and the development of a bicycle-oriented signage strategy for the proposed citywide bike network. For the bike share component, this initiative will specifically address the feasibility of and the process needed to develop an appropriate self-service bike rental program. Considerations include the identification of bike share station locations, station types, bicycle types and operational models. For the bicycle route signage component, an appropriate and preferred signage strategy for the entire bike network will be developed. The signage system should easily integrate with bicycle route maps and address features such as route confirmation, route intersections, advance route signing, destinations, directions, distances (or time) and amenities. This effort represents an implementation activity related to the Albany Bicycle Master Plan completed in 2010.

Requested Consultant Total: \$100,000 (\$75,000 federal, \$25,000 local cash match)

Town of East Greenbush: Development of Design Standards

The Town of East Greenbush is requesting consultant assistance with the development and adoption of multi-modal, higher-density, pedestrian-friendly design standards that will be enforceable in the Town's Comprehensive Zoning Law. The design standards will be developed for the US 4 and the US 9 & 20 corridors, implementing recommendations from two previously completed Linkage studies and the town's Comprehensive Zoning Law. The Comprehensive Zoning law is intended to encourage more concentrated, mixed-use sustainable development. This initiative will enable the town to ensure long-term successes by codifying the Town's existing policy-oriented sustainability framework into design standards that will result in a more integrated, pedestrian-friendly environment.

Requested Consultant Total: \$40,000 (\$25,000 federal, \$15,000 local cash match)

Requested CDTC Staff Technical Assistance: \$5,000

Town of Malta: Implementing the Downtown Master Plan

The Town of Malta is requesting consultant assistance with the implementation of the Downtown Master Plan in a manner that is consistent with previous Linkage Program studies in the area. The Downtown Master Plan will essentially update the Town's Comprehensive Master

Plan by refining the description for Neighborhood 6 known as Downtown Malta. The proposed initiative will develop a form based code, an official map, and a complete street plan including streetscape and design standards for Downtown Malta. It will attempt to address issues related to variability of landscape, building height, mass and scale, setbacks, densities, parking provisions, design standards, linkage roads, transportation, complete streets standards, interconnectivity of development, pedestrian and other non-automobile dependent transportation opportunities, and quality green space guidelines. For the form based code component, the consultant will be expected to prepare all necessary documentation per SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) requirements so that the Town Board, as lead agency, can then take appropriate action.

Requested Consultant Total: \$90,000 (\$60,000 federal, \$30,000 local cash match)
Additional Town In-kind Services: \$10,000

**City of Schenectady:
Gateway Plaza Implementation Plan**

The City of Schenectady is requesting consultant assistance to develop and prepare a conceptual re-design and expansion plan for Liberty Park and the area immediately surrounding it, including traffic configuration and landscaping plans. This initiative will further advance key recommendations of the Route 5 Transit Gateway Linkage Study. The planning area includes Liberty Park which will be transformed into Gateway Plaza, a pedestrian friendly public open space, and the adjoining streets located directly across from Schenectady County Community College (SCCC). The effort will consider pedestrian, bicycle and transit access, quality of life and safety and the park expansion will likely close existing streets to motor vehicle traffic.

Requested Consultant Total: \$70,000 (\$50,000 federal, \$20,000 local cash match)
Additional City In-kind Services: \$14,785

**Town of Schodack:
Town Center Plan and Zoning Amendments**

The Town of Schodack is requesting consultant assistance to implement the recommendations called for in both the Route 9 Corridor Study and the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Elements of this initiative will include the refinement of the proposed Town Center boundaries, the preparation of build-out scenarios and illustrations to enable the community to reach consensus on the look and feel of the town center area, the identification of optimal allowable uses and the creation of Town Center specific land use regulations, design guidelines and street standards. The Town Center study area is located along US 9 & 20 from the East Greenbush Town Line to just west of I-90. This initiative will support the town's efforts to create a clear, consensus based plan to create a town center that is rooted in public involvement and supported by proper analysis.

Requested Consultant Total: \$50,000 (\$37,500 federal, \$12,500 local cash match)