

Development of the 2010-12 Unified Planning Work Program

CDTC is required to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as a basis and condition for all FHWA and FTA funding assistance for transportation planning within the four county Capital District region. The CDTC has embraced the two-year UPWP concept, moving from annual to biennial development in 2006.

Development of the 2010-12 UPWP began with the solicitation of ideas from CDTC's Planning Committee at its November, 2009 meeting. The solicitation for the 2010 Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program will provide several additional studies for next year's planning program. Specific studies will be chosen by the Planning Committee at its February 3, 2010 meeting.

An outline of the *Draft 2010-12 UPWP* will be presented to the Planning Committee on January 6, 2010 for review. Planning Committee will be asked to approve the program at its February 3, 2010 meeting. Policy Board action is scheduled for March 4, 2010.

Key Accomplishments of CDTC's 2008-10 UPWP

- Completion of a new MPO Planning Agreement with CDTA and NYSDOT
- Preparation of a new Prospectus
- Successful management of NYSMPO Association staff support contract
- Further validation of STEP Model travel forecasts
- Completed highway condition surveys for the non-state federal-aid system and sample of the local road system; condition surveys for Albany County and the City of Albany were completed (under contract) as well
- Shifted highway condition survey base to a GPS/GIS platform
- Completion of the Hudson River Crossing Study and initiation of several integrated corridor efforts
- Development of the 2009-14 Transportation Improvement Program
- Solicitation and programming of ARRA projects
- Partnered with CDTA to launch a new pilot vanpool program
- Engagement on financial issues and regional growth patterns with the broader community
- Integration of CDTA's Transit Development Plan work into New Visions
- Successful demand management, carpool, vanpool promotion
- Conversion of CDTC's Commuter Register to a GIS based system, named ipool2
- Progress on congestion and safety management system planning

- Enhanced human service agency/public transit coordination by expanding the JARC regional committee to include additional stakeholders
- Further integration of arterial management principles into linkage studies
- Completed and published a major trail and property owners survey to support bike/ped implementation efforts
- Took first steps to reach out to regional environmental agencies and stakeholders under CDTC's New Visions Environmental Initiative; CDTC's TIP process was enhanced to be more sensitive to environmental and cultural resources
- CDTC's Regional Operations Committee has facilitated discussion of a "regional concept" for transportation operations in the Capital District
- Continued involvement in CDTA's BRT implementation efforts, especially in the NY 5 corridor
- Continued to provide leadership in USDOE's Clean Communities Program; CDTC is the only New York State MPO to directly host the program.
- Re-launched CDTC's newsletter, re-named *In Motion*
- Successful completion of thirteen Linkage studies related to local planning activities
- Publication of CDTA's Transit Supportive Development Case Study, supported by the NYSMPO Association's SCI program
- Participating members on project design committees for the Exit 3 and Balltown Road projects
- Participation in NYSDOT's Capital Plan process

For the coming two-year period under CDTC's 2010-12 UPWP

- Continued effort to pursue safety conscious planning and further integration of operations into the planning process
- Adoption of the new 2010-15 Transportation Improvement Program
- Participation in and tracking of the new Federal transportation and climate legislation
- Initiation and completion of an update to New Visions Plan
- Continued Economic Stimulus planning and programming under the expected Jobs for Main Street legislation
- Initiation of several new Linkage Program planning efforts
- Renewed emphasis on Environmental Justice, ADA, and Freight planning
- STEP model refinement, including development of a mode choice model
- Documentation of US Census results
- Update CDTC's web-based traffic volume report
- Completion of New Visions Guidebook and Training Program
- Enhance CDTC's environmental planning capacity
- Continue to explore the feasibility of a CDTC-housed regional operations initiative
- Continued involvement in BRT planning and implementation activities
- Determine CDTC's appropriate role in Security Planning

- Initiate discussions about energy and climate change with Capital Region communities in anticipation of the new transportation bill
- Advance, expand, and provide continued support for CDTC's *Coexist* bicycle education campaign
- Initiate a planning study to increase understanding of freight trends and issues
- Additional data collection efforts to provide needed information to support performance measure development, New Visions planning, and TIP development

Budget

The full UPWP agenda continues to be ambitious and demanding. CDTC's ability to pursue the proposed agenda is a result of the Administrative & Finance Standing Subcommittee's confidence in the staff's management and technical abilities, their stewardship of CDTC's financial resources and contractual commitments, and their commitment to a stable staffing structure. The budget for the 2010-12 UPWP will grow slightly to reflect the increased challenges that we are being asked to meet. The budget will reflect a modest one-time commitment of resources for data collection and other specialized activity.

A proposed budget, together with expanded task descriptions, will be provided in a draft of the full 2010-12 Unified Planning Work Program for Planning Committee review in February and Policy Board action in March.