

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

ALBANY COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES				
STUDY NAME AND LOCATION	CONSULTANT/ STUDY COST	STATUS	NEXT STEPS	CONTACT
1. Albany Housing Authority: North Swan Street Multi-modal Accessibility Study	Behan Planning \$20,000	The final study advisory committee meeting was held in December to review the draft report. Following a brief comment period, the consultant will prepare the final report.	The final report is due in early January. At that point, the study will be considered complete.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Doug Melnick, City of Albany Darren Scott, Albany Housing Authority
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, CDTC Liz Staubauch, Albany County, Mike Lyons, Town of Colonie, and Don Csaposs, Town of Guilderland
3. East Berne Hamlet Study	Nan Stolzenburgh \$12,000	This project has been completed.		Jason Purvis, CDTC Kevin Crosier, Town of Berne
4. Route 9W Corridor Study (Bethlehem)	Wilbur Smith Associates \$75,000	The study team and consultant finalized draft future transportation & land use options for the 9W corridor in preparation for a December SAC meeting which was rescheduled for January due to weather.	The rescheduled SAC meeting will be held in early January to discuss the draft plan and to discuss and plan for two subsequent public workshops: one on the draft plan and the other on the preferred approach to the Selkirk Bypass. Meetings will be then be scheduled with the Thruway staff to discuss the impact of a possible new Thruway interchange and with NYSDOT's Traffic Safety Unit to further discuss truck de-designation rules prior to submitting a draft plan to the SAC.	Dave Jukins, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC Sreekumar Nampoothiri, CDTC George Leveille, Town of Bethlehem
5. Delaware Avenue Hamlet Enhancement Study (Bethlehem)	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$75,000	The signed MOU was received. A few scoping issues remain unresolved. Land use and traffic data collection was started in the Fall but suspended for the Winter.	The REI will be prepared in January and advertised in the Contract Reporter, Urban Transportation Monitor, and other publications. Study advisory committee will be formed. The consultant effort is not expected to begin much before March 1.	Dave Jukins, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC George Leveille, Town of Bethlehem
6. Van Schaick Island Transportation and Revitalization Plan (Cohoes)	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$62,000	The 3 development scenarios and a draft multi-modal plan have been reviewed by the SAC.	The next public meeting will be held in January and the final plan will begin to be put together.	Jason Purvis, CDTC Sreekumar Nampoothiri, CDTC Ed Tremblay, City of Cohoes
7. Streetscape Guidelines and Architectural Design Standards	Synthesis \$25,000	The Village Trustees are working toward adoption of the guidelines.	This study is complete.	Anne Benware, CDTC Ron Laberge Jr., Laberge Group/Village of Colonie

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8. 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 in early October. The first public meeting for the project was held at 7 P.M. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at Orchard Creek Golf Course on Dunnsville Road in Guilderland. A summary of the public input was prepared. CDTC met with the consultant team to begin work on products of the study.	The next Study Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24th. The purpose will be to get input on draft concepts for study products.	Chris O'Neill, CDTC Donald Csaposs, Town of Guilderland
9. 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, Town of Guilderland
10. 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 second Study Advisory Committee meeting will be held in mid-January at the completion of Tasks 3 and 4 (Existing and Draft Future Conditions).	Teresa LaSalle, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC Paul Reuss, Village of Menands
11. The Harriman Campus/University of Albany Corridor Transportation Study (Albany/Guilderland)	Nelson\Nygaard \$100,000	This study is complete.	CDTC and the many project partners including HRTDC and CDTA are working on implementation of the plan including resolutions endorsing the plan (particularly the City of Albany and CDTC), the development of a Bus Rapid Transit Conceptual Design study for the Washington/Western corridor, the establishment of a Transportation Management Association and the implementation of several short term road and pedestrian improvements on the Harriman Campus.	John Poorman, CDTC Sandy Misiewicz/Jason Purvis, CDTC Richard Usas, Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation
ALBANY COUNTY--OTHER STUDIES (non-Linkage)				
1. Hudson River Crossings Study	Bergmann Associates. \$250,000	A second meeting of the Advisory Committee was held to present preliminary findings of the study and receive input. A draft final report was prepared and sent to CDTC, NYSDOT, and the Advisory Committee for review. Comments are due December 31. Preliminary results were presented to the Planning Committee and the Policy Board.	A third meeting of the Advisory Committee is planned for January, followed by the completion of the final report.	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: www.albanyny.gov.	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, City of Albany Darren Scott, Albany Housing Authority

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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, <i>City of Albany</i>
3. 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, <i>City of Albany</i>
4. 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, <i>Town of Bethlehem</i>
RENSSELAER COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES				
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 (see below).	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 <i>City of Troy</i>
RENSSELAER COUNTY--OTHER STUDIES (non-Linkage)				
1. Ferry/Congress Street Master Plan (Troy)	Unknown Privately funded	The master plan SEQR is on hold until a DOT land auction occurs. The auction will release some of the property for development.	The land auction is scheduled for October 30th.	Linda VonDerHeide, <i>Rensselaer County</i>
2. North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan	Bergman Associates \$55,000	In addition to the existing conditions report, a draft vision and policy statement has been developed along with draft results of the community survey. These items can be viewed via the Town's website.	The North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold a Workshop Meeting to review future land use opportunities in the community on October 23rd.	Mark Evers, <i>Town of North Greenbush</i>

SARATOGA COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES				
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1. Town of Clifton Park/Town of Halfmoon: Exit 9 Land Use and Transportation Plan	Buckhurst Fish and Jacquemart \$65,000	The study kick-off meeting was held in November and the consultant then shifted into an assessment of the existing conditions of the study area based on information provided to them from the two towns, CDTC, CDTA and NYSDOT.	The study advisory committee will meet in January to review the existing conditions assessment as well as preliminary concepts to be investigated in the study area. The first public meeting is expected to occur toward the end of January.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Deb Stacey, CDTC Kate Maynard, Town of Clifton Park Lindsay Zepko, Town of Halfmoon
SARATOGA COUNTY--OTHER STUDIES (non-Linkage)				
1. Hudson River and Champlain Feeder Canal Intermunicipal LWRP (Moreau, Queensbury, S. Glens Falls, Glens Falls, Fort Edward)	The Chazen Companies \$80,000 NYSDOS funding	This consultant is preparing an intermunicipal LWRP for the Hudson River and Champlain Feeder Canal waterfronts in the towns of Moreau, Fort Edward, Queensbury, Kingsbury, Glens Falls, South Glens Falls and Hudson Falls, including economic revitalization, redevelopment of former industrial lands, expanding public access opportunities, and protection of natural resources.	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, Saratoga County Andy Labruzzo, NYS DOS
2. Planning for Mechanicville Local Waterfront Revitalization Program	\$50,000 NYSDOS 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, NYS DOS
3. Feasibility Study for Mohawk River Crescent Trail Extension	\$50,000 NYSDOS 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 in January or February.	Andy Labruzzo, NYS DOS
4. Town of Malta Downtown Greenspace and Economic Development Plan	Synthesis and Riverstreet Planning \$62,500	Town staff met with the consultant and requested several modifications to the draft plan. The second draft green space plan and economic development plan will be presented to the Steering Committee once these changes are made.	The consultants will finalize the plan within the next few weeks.	Tony Tozzi, Town of Malta

SCHENECTADY COUNTY--LINKAGE STUDIES				
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1. Route 5 Transit Oriented, Mixed Use Catalyst Project Study	Riverstreet Planning & Nelson Nygaard \$103,500 for consultant plus \$11,500 CDTA in-kind.	The consultant team has been working on a full market analysis of the Hamilton Hill Plaza catalyst project and other related tasks. Based on the discussion and the comments received at the last SAC meeting and afterward the consultant team has revised the transportation recommendations for State Street and prepared a conceptual layout for the entire State Street corridor from the Nott Terrace/Veeder Avenue intersection to the Steuben Street intersection. Transportation improvement concepts continue to be tightly coordinated with CDTA's ongoing NY 5 BRT Stations effort.	The next study advisory committee meeting is scheduled for January 22nd.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC Steve Strichman, City of Schenectady
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, Town of Rotterdam
3. NYS Thruway Exit 26 & I-890 Land Use and Transportation Study	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$25,000	A public information meeting was held on December 6th. The consultant provided background information to the public and asked for input regarding development and traffic concerns for the study area. The meeting was well attended.	The consultant will synthesize the public's input and will convene a meeting of the SAC in early January.	Deb Stacey, CDTC Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam
4. Adapting Scotia Waterfront Concept Study to Master Plan Overlay	Consultant has not been selected yet. \$30,000	The Scotia Waterfront committee presented their findings to the Village Board of Trustees. Bank stabilization was identified as their top priority.	CDTC will follow up with the Village to see if they are still interested in pursuing a Linkage study.	Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Mayor Kris Kastberg, Village of Scotia
SCHENECTADY COUNTY--OTHER STUDIES (non-Linkage)				
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 http://www.cityofschenectady.com/Schenectady2020	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, City of Schenectady

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3. 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, NYS DOS
4. 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, NYS DOS
REGIONAL PROJECTS				
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.	NYSDOT 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, CDTA Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Anne Benware, CDTC
2. NY 5 Access Management Plan	Consultant to be selected \$230,000, Corridor Management Initiative	A draft scope of work for the study is currently being reviewed by NYSDOT and corridor municipal staffs, and will be bundled with the BRT traffic signal priority and queue jumper projects for contract administration purposes.	Consultant procurement by CDTA will begin in January 2008 with a two-step qualifications, then proposals process. Contract Award anticipated by April 2008.	Kristina Younger, CDTA Anne Benware, CDTC
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 will occur in January 2008, and stakeholder involvement will follow shortly thereafter. The Study will have a six- to nine month duration.	Kristina Younger, CDTA Deb Stacey, CDTC

REGIONAL PROJECTS--continued				
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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. Project Objectives: 1. Identification of short-term improvements to existing express service in the Northway corridor, including service and facility enhancements. 2. Review and identify the existing and potential role of the two existing rail corridors in maintaining or improving quality transportation services. 3. Identify long-range potential of BRT/Rail capital investments in the corridor and assess the engineering, environmental and market challenges.	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, CDTA Jim Cartin, NYS High Speed Rail 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 is currently being drafted and is anticipated to have 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. January/February consultant selection is anticipated, with a 9-month study duration.	Kristina Younger, CDTA Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
5. 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, CDRPC David Lewis, SUNYA Christopher O'Neill, CDTC