

CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
PROGRESS REPORT

April 1, 2007 - September 30, 2007

FHWA Additional 1% Planning Funds  
FTA Project NY 80-X015 (2007-08)  
FTA Project NY 80-X016 (2008-09)  
FHWA STP Project Development

**Introduction**

This report is submitted in compliance with Chapter II, Section B7B (2) of the External Operating Manual, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C., August 1972, and Volume 1, Chapter II, Paragraph 42 of the Highway Planning Programming Manual.

**Work Performed**

The work described in this report was performed solely by the Capital District Transportation Committee Staff (CDTC). This is a progress report that includes all work completed in the six month period beginning October 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2007.

**TASK 1.51 Committee Activities**

Eight Planning Committee and two Policy Board meetings were held during the period to discuss and address issues related to New Visions and TIP approval. Three of those meetings were special meetings called to resolve TIP fund allocation differences and fund switch requests made by NYSDOT caused by uncertainties in the State financial plan.

Two special presentations were made. NYSDOT's Chief Financial Director, Michael Novakowski, gave a presentation on the State's Financial Plan which led to a request to move SDF-funded projects to federal funding sources. Mr. Novakowski explained using advanced construction authority made more federal dollars available to the State. Considerable discussion focused on the fact that the proposed SDF-to-STP switch would amount to programming higher desirable STP funds to new federal-aid projects without a systemwide solicitation and competitive evaluation.

John Poorman and the CDTC staff presented a summary of the draft New Visions 2030 Plan, outlining the success of New Visions since the Plan was first adopted; SAFETEA-LU requirements, and the approach that was used to develop the updated plan. He noted that the goal was to be SAFETEA-LU compliant by July 1st and to adopt the plan by December 31st.

**TASK 1.52 Financial Administration/AMPO Dues**

The Administrative and Financial Subcommittee of the Policy Board met twice to discuss CDTC's staffing arrangement, cash flow, this years line item budget as follows:

- John Poorman reported that there have been no "fatal flaws" in his reduced work hour arrangement. CDTC continues to function well and has met its major responsibilities for completion of new visions, the 2007-12 TIP, air quality conformity and other activities in a timely and professional manner.
- Members approved the 2007-08 line item budget which called for a \$300,000 increase in expenses, mostly related to an increase in contractual items, notably the \$250,000 Hudson River Crossing Study.
- CDTC continues to prepare cash flow estimates to help CDTA with cash management. Cash flow level hovers around \$500,000, which reflects an uptick in pre-financing requirements.
- The draft 2006-07 Audit report was received by CDTC on April 1. The report recommends that a formal general ledger be maintained. Exploration of actual vs cash accounting will be part of this effort.

In addition to the above A&F actions, the following financial and administrative tasks were completed:

- Six PL and FTA billings were submitted for payment. Bills were also submitted to Albany County and the Town of Colonie for transportation planning and traffic engineering services.
- Payments were processed for work completed by consultants for CDTC's linkage studies and the integrated Design project, a shared-cost study.
- Contracts with the Town of Colonie for Airport and Lisha Kill GEIS planning support were renewed.
- As directed by the Planning Committee, CDTC takes steps on an annual basis to close out the fiscal year subsequent to Planning Committee approval and audit. Revisions to FTA and PL task and project budgets and verified overhead rate adjustments were approved.

#### **TASK 1.61 Certification Review**

Documentation on compliance with federal statute and regulation is required annually, except for years in which a formal certification report is issued. Since a federal report was issued in 2004, a self-certification is required for 2007. The Policy Board approved a self-certification resolution as part of its action on the 2007-12 TIP. This self-certification also served as documentation that CDTC is compliant with SAFETEA-LU requirements.

A new USDOT certification review is expected in 2008 based on SAFETEA-LU's new four year certification cycle.

#### **TASK 1.65 UPWP**

Five amendments to the UPWP were approved by the Planning Committee as follows: (1) addition of the Route 5 Corridor Management Initiative; 2) addition of two SPR-funded planning studies to develop conceptual designs for BRT in the Western/Washington Corridor and to explore feasibility of integrating an intermodal center into Albany's Convention Center Project; (3)

addition of the SPR I-87/Route 9 Integrated Corridor Study; and (4) addition of SPR funded support for NYSDOT Region 1 Land Use and Transportation Planning Conference.

In addition, CDTC staff solicited for the 2008-09 Community and Transportation Linkage program. Eight applications requesting more than \$270,000 in federal funds were received and will be evaluated this Fall. Recommendations to the Planning Committee will be made in January 2008.

A new two-year UPWP will be developed for approval by the Policy Board in March 2008.

**TASK 1.66 DBE Program Update/Environmental Justice**

Civil rights and environmental justice explorations have continued to be primary areas of investigation.

CDTC continued to demonstrate success in DBE contracting and purchasing. Quarterly report was prepared and submitted to NYSDOT.

Updated the Environmental Justice document and maps for New Visions.

**TASK 1.67 Prospectus Update**

No limited activity to report.

CDTC's *Guide to the Capital District Transportation Committee* currently serves as an accessible description of roles, responsibilities, and policies. Work on pulling together and updating all of CDTC's roles, procedures, policies, and practices was deferred, but will restart in 2008.

**TASK 1.68 Statewide MPO Association Support**

The CDTC participates with the 12 other New York MPOs in a Statewide Association. The Association facilitates dialogue among MPOs and state and federal agencies primarily through regular meetings of MPO Directors, meetings among MPO staff members, and through conferences. The Association also engages more formally on certain issues such as the development of formulas for distribution of federal planning funds. The Association is also the focal point for development of the SCI program. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Association's website [www.nysmpos.org](http://www.nysmpos.org).

Sarah Siwek and Associates has served as the Association's staff support on a contractual basis since 2000. Beginning on December 1, 2007 staff support will be provided by Wilbur Smith Associates. CDTC, on behalf of the NYSMPO Association, led the search for new staff support.

**TASK 2.16 Highway Computer Model Refinement**

Current NHTS and Census data were used to update the trip generation estimates and gravity model exponents. Calibration and validation of the new 1000 zone STEP Model against year 2000 counts and NHTS trip lengths is completed and documentation is underway.

CDRPC completed zone level forecasts of employment through 2040. CDTC staff met with CDRPC in three working sessions to review these forecasts. These employment forecasts, along with TAZ level forecasts of households through 2040, were used by CDTC staff to extend the calibrated model for use in future year modeling.

#### **TASK 2.25 Collection of Transportation Planning Support Data**

Data collection over the last six months was extensive. With the help of two graduate student interns, CDTC staff completed the following:

- Vehicular and pedestrian traffic counts were collected for the morning, mid-day, and afternoon peak travel periods for eleven intersections in Albany and Schenectady counties.
- Trip generation data was collected for two sites to support Airport Area GEIS planning.
- Assisted Highway Condition staff in scoring non-state federal roads in all four counties.
- Conducted signal timing inventories at four locations to support the linkage program.
- Prepared and collected various photographs and graphics for the New Visions, Route 7 Corridor, Integrated Design, and Wolf Road Arterial Management efforts.
- Assisted senior staff in preparing Powerpoint presentations for use in NYSDOT's Land Use Conference and CDTC's Trail User presentation.
- Filed all in-house traffic counts collected since 2003.

#### **TASK 2.28 Census/Household Travel Survey**

CDTC staff aided CDRPC in identifying reviewing and amending TAZ Employment Projections by Traffic Analysis Zone.

#### **TASK 2.29 Regional Geographic Information System**

Provided staff with GIS imagery and maps. Provided various consultants and agencies with relevant project GIS data and imagery. Revised, updated, and created several miscellaneous maps and data sets. Downloaded updated street data from NYS GIS Data Clearinghouse. Obtained updated bus stop data from CDTA. Received updated GIS basemap data and software upgrades and application tools from NYSDOT. Continue to assist interns and staff with GIS applications and software. Participated in GPS/GIS workshop.

#### **TASK 2.30 Routine Highway Condition Inventory**

Work on infrastructure-related tasks continued as follows:

- Staff previously completed a highway condition assessment for the City of Albany. Some additional data collection was necessary to score

roads "missed" in the initial survey. A revised report and mapping was delivered to the City.

- The biannual survey of non-state federal aid roads and annual survey of Albany County owned highways was completed. Data will be sent to NYSDOT for incorporation into the State's long-term needs analysis.
- GIS Staff continue to assist in the update and enhancement of database and continue to make progress in incorporating data into GIS.
- Prepared updated inventory based upon the summary of discrepancies between databases for 2007 data collection.

#### **TASK 2.31 Traffic Volume Report**

Staff updated the report with count data for 2005 and 2006 from NYSDOT in 2007. The web based report will be updated in November. Produced a summary of Functional Class changes in Albany County.

#### **TASK 3.01 Safety and Congestion Management Systems**

Staff effort centered on the following tasks:

- Performed several crash data analyses and summaries. Integrated 2002-2006 crash data from NYSDOT into the GIS.
- Attended safety course sponsored by NYSDOH.
- Continued participation in the development and testing of a GIS web-based application for crash data analysis through NYSDOT and NYSOFT.
- Participated in NHTSA assessment of NYS Traffic records.
- Participated in meeting with Puerto Rico Safety officials on the MPO role in safety.
- Staff attended a two-day FHWA funded Pedestrian Safety Design Workshop at NYMTC.
- CDTC staff continues its involvement in the NYSMPO's Safety Working Group. CDTC has represented the group at safety related conferences, participated in monthly conference calls, has actively participated in the development of the safety working groups' safety goals for 2007, has attended numerous state level safety related meetings on behalf of the MPO's and has had a lead role in ensuring the MPO's are at the table on safety related issues in NYS as the Department of Transportation implements SAFETEA-LU requirements. The group has built a website to disseminate safety information at [www.nysmpos.org/workinggroups/safety\\_wg.htm](http://www.nysmpos.org/workinggroups/safety_wg.htm).
- CDTC staff actively participated in the Safety Working Group's Safety Roundtable at the June 2007 NYSMPO Annual Meeting. The safety roundtable allowed the MPOs and other federal, state, regional and local safety stakeholders to share information on the status of safety planning activities in NYS and to further refine the safety working

group agenda for 2007.

- The NYSMPOs Safety Working Group is undertaking a NYS State Planning and Research project to develop a standardized safety audit process for non-state owned roads. An RFP was issued by the MPO in Elmira on behalf of the NYSMPOs for the project and CDTC staff participated in the selection of a consultant in September. The study kick-off meeting will occur in November 2007.
- CDTC staff continues to work with NYSDOT on the development of average local accident rates for NYS. The MPO in Dutchess County has piloted an effort that could be emulated by the state and other MPOs but requires data on local traffic volumes. NYSDOT is now working with CDTC and other MPOs on data gathering and other issues with the calculation of local accident rates. This project is on-going.
- CDTC staff met with FHWA staff from Puerto Rico to share information on MPO safety planning activities and safety data issues.
- CDTC staff continues to work with the NYSDOT's main office to develop the Accident Location Information System's Query Reporting Analysis (QRA) Module. This module will allow users to query NYS safety data records and analyze them in a variety of ways. The QRA development occurred over the summer and testing of the software will begin in October 2007. Production of the software is expected in December 2007.
- Staff participated in the update process of the New York State Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan as a member of the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee in May. As part of the update, CDTC represented the MPO community during the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) assessment of traffic records and shared MPO experiences with traffic records in NYS, including safety data. The NHTSA provided GTSC with a summary of findings from the assessment which was used to update the Strategic Plan in May.
- CDTC met with New York State Data Warehouse Committee via the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research to discuss a way to get safety data from the Accident Information System directly to the MPOs through a single data download two to four times per year. This data download would allow the MPOs to utilize safety data in house and can be imported into Geographic Information System software. Four MPOs will be testing a sample dataset in the fall of 2007 to determine what data is most useful to them and in what format for their safety work.
- CDTC staff continues to work on its Rensselaer County safety pilot project, focusing on county and local road systems as time allows. Reportable data is now available through the end of 2006 leading to an update of much of the work, including the mapping, that had been completed previously using far more dated data. This project is ongoing.
- CDTC staff continues to utilize safety data for use in its Linkage Program planning studies.
- CDTC staff updated the CDTC Congestion Management System. It is now

called the Congestion Management Process. Three new congestion management principles were added. New performance measures related to non-recurring delay were added. The newly formed Regional Operations Committee will be asked to help further develop and refine CMP performance measures related to operations and management. The CMP was approved by the CDTC Policy Board as part of the New Visions 2030 Plan.

**TASK 3.02 Air Quality Planning**

The conformity analysis for the Albany-Schenectady-Troy ozone non-attainment area was updated for the 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. The conformity analysis for the TIP was approved by FHWA and FTA.

A separate conformity analysis was prepared for the New Visions 2030 Plan that was essentially the same as the conformity analysis for the 2007-2012 TIP, except that the horizon year was updated to 2030 for air quality analysis. Staff consulted with NYSDOT EAB in preparing the conformity analysis and attended one meeting of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group to discuss the analysis.

Staff participated in several meetings of the NYSMPO Air Quality Working Group. Staff also participated in several phone conference meetings of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group for air quality. Staff participated in discussions and reviewed technical analysis about the development of State Implementation budgets.

**TASK 3.05 Infrastructure Planning**

No activity to report.

**Task 3.06 Goods Movement Planning**

CDTC's Goods Movement technical memorandum was included in, and adopted with, New Visions 2030. There are several tasks staff will explore in the coming year including implementing a spot improvement program for goods movement and the planning of the next annual regional workshop.

**TASKS 3.10 I-87/Quebec-New York Trade Corridor Planning**

No activity to report.

**TASK 3.77 New Visions 2030 / New Visions for a Quality Region**

CDTC has completed a major New Visions 2030 Update reflecting its "quality region" initiative. Considerable effort has been spent over the last six months pulling together technical papers and other documents that will form the plan as follows:

- CDTC staff updated the long range transportation plan New Visions 2025 to the year 2030. Tasks as part of the update included a comprehensive review and update of the strategies and actions of the plan. The strategies and actions were updated with the assistance of the Quality Region Task Force (QRTF) which was convened to assist CDTC staff with identifying gaps, inconsistencies and areas needing clarification in the material. The QRTF met three times over the summer as part of this

effort. The task force also assisted the staff in the development of summary material for the plan as well as generating ideas of CDTC's website, which was comprehensively updated for the New Visions 2030 plan. The plan is a web based document and a glossy summary brochure will be created to assist with public outreach.

- The New Visions 2030 update included new principles, some of which were needed to comply with requirements of SAFETEA-LU. New principles are related to safety, security, consideration of roundabouts, tradeoffs between capacity and other project considerations including community context, a commitment to "managing" any new capacity considered on the expressway system, and environmental stewardship. Data analysis and mapping for CDTC's Draft Environmental Mitigation Report were provided.
- CEG, CDRPC, CDTC and SUNYA partnered to review the growth scenarios outlined in the Working Group A report with an eye toward fiscal impacts. This project was completed during this period.

#### **TASK 4.07 ADA/Human Service Agency Transportation Options**

In March 2006, the new proposed coordination requirements under the SAFETEA-LU legislation were announced. The proposed guidance requires recipients of JARC, New Freedom and 5310 funds to certify that their projects were derived from a "locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan". CDTC staff formed a new committee, called the Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (RTCC) to work on the new SAFETEA-LU coordination requirements. The RTCC built upon the existing JARC committee that CDTA formed in early 2000.

The RTCC met several times between April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. A subcommittee, including CDTC staff, Albany County staff, and representatives from CDRPC and CDTA met to identify the desirable survey statistics that could be summarized from the Survey of Human Service Agencies. Albany County committed to providing their complete data set to CDTC staff for the analysis.

CDTC staff also attended two meetings of the United We Ride Task Force between April and October 2007. A subcommittee was formed that is investigating group purchasing. CDTC staff has participated in this subcommittee as well.

CDTC finalized the "Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the Capital District" in May. The plan was presented to and approved by CDTC's Policy Board in early June. The Plan has been posted to CDTC's website in PDF format. CDTC staff, with the aid of the RTCC, drafted a solicitation for JARC projects. The solicitation was approved by CDTC's Planning Committee and was announced using Public Notices in the Times Union, Daily Gazette, Troy Record and the Saratogian. CDTA was the only entity to apply for JARC funding. CDTC staff and two members of the RTCC evaluated CDTA's application and approved all the projects listed in the application for funding.

CDTC staff, with the aid of the RTCC began to draft the solicitation for New Freedom projects. The solicitation will be finalized in November 2007 and advertised using Legal Notices in area newspapers. A mailing list will be

generated from the Human Service Agency Survey mailing list as well; direct mailings will be sent to that group. The New Freedom Funding availability will also be advertised on CDTC's website and notices will be emailed to RTCC member agencies. The New Freedom funding applications will be due in January 2008. CDTC staff and several members of the RTCC will evaluate the applications received in early February.

During the upcoming months, staff will continue to meet with the RTCC. CDTC staff will perform additional summaries of the 2006 survey data once the Albany County data are converted to a format usable to CDTC staff. A document that portrays the results of the survey effort will be drafted once the data are received.

#### **TASK 4.18 ITS Architecture and Integration**

NYS DOT has taken the lead in articulating ITS structures, the federal government looks to the MPO to ensure that all TIP candidates are consistent with the regional architecture. Staff participated in several NYS DOT meetings and workshops related to ITS strategic planning.

At the request of NYS DOT Region 1, CDTC has started a Regional Operations Committee. The committee's charge is to identify opportunities for coordination and integration and to help pursue issues on such issues as consideration of a new regional Transportation Management Center; improved travel information (e.g. 511) systems; integrated, multi-modal, multi-facility corridor management on the I-87 and I-90 corridors; and coordinated arterial traffic systems management across jurisdictional boundaries. The second meeting of this group was held during this period.

#### **TASK 4.19 Trail and Property Owners Survey**

CDTC staff and CDRPC completed the trail user and adjoining residential property owner survey. Copies of the document were printed and distributed throughout the region. This survey provides detailed information on trail user and property owners' views of trails and will be very useful in future trail planning. Staff provided basemapping for the Trail User Survey and coordinated the staffing and completion of the final documents.

#### **TASK 4.62 Transit Operations Planning**

Staff will attend Transit Development Plan Steering Committee meetings during the upcoming months and will continue to assist CDTA in their data analysis efforts. Staff assisted CDTA in drafting an Expression of Interest for and will participate in the transit supportive development case study for the New York State Metropolitan Planning Organizations for Incorporating Intermodal Transportation into the New Downtown Albany Convention Center. A consultant team has been hired for this study. CDTC staff will attend the Study Advisory Committee meetings for the study; the study should be complete by June 2008.

#### **Task 4.67 Bikeway/Pedestrian Facility Planning**

Bicycle and pedestrian planning continued to receive substantial attention consistent with Policy Board direction. Work completed by the staff includes the following:

- Facilitated Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force meetings and compiled minutes for Bicycle Pedestrian Task Force meetings. Presentations on regional bicycle and pedestrian related projects continued to be popular agenda items.
- Continued to assist with distribution of CDTC's Regional Bike-Hike Map and Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail Map.
- Responded to several bike/ped related data requests.
- The updated "Toolbox" was completed and adopted as part of New Visions 2030.
- Discussed options and schedules for future bike map reprints and updates.
- Worked closely with NYSDOT on the Safe Routes to School Program.

**TASK 4.72 TIP Project Planning and Development Work (TIP Funded)**

NYSDOT continues project planning and development work for a number of projects on CDTC's TIP. This work defines the range of feasible alternatives to be considered in preliminary engineering based on traffic operations, cost, and right-of-way impacts. Although NYSDOT has the lead on this TIP-funded project, CDTC has assisted the Department.

**TASK 4.97 TIP Development, Monitoring and Update**

A draft 2007-12 TIP and TIP document was developed and written during the previous period. Approval of the 2007-12 Transportation Improvement Program was delayed until July 12, 2007 because of Planning Committee and Policy Board questions concerning federal allocation discrepancies and proposed NYSDOT SDF-to-federal funding switches. Considerable staff and Planning Committee time was spent working out the issues as follows:

- At its June 7, 2007 meeting, CDTC's Policy Board deferred action on the Planning Committee's recommended draft 2007-12 TIP. The Planning Committee was directed to resume discussion on the draft TIP to address NYSDOT Region 1's reservations over listing three HBRR bridge projects and two NHS pavement projects in the first three years of the TIP, and resolution of NYSDOT's proposal to reflect the State Finance Plan's use of "advance construction" funds to cover shortfalls of State Dedicated Funds (SDF) projects with federal-aid.
- The Planning Committee met twice to address the Policy Board's request. Considerable attention was paid to the fact that the SDF-to-STP switch amounts to programming highly-desirable Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to new federal-aid projects without a system-wide solicitation and competitive evaluation. This is in direct conflict with one of CDTC's adopted principles, recently reaffirmed in the draft New Visions 2030 action, that states access to funds will be based on function and need and not ownership. Options discussed included undertaking a full solicitation, exploring the potential to use the advance construction funds to support existing TIP projects, and other

approaches.

- The Planning Committee directed the staff to evaluate the proposed SDF-to-STP projects in the same manner that they would be evaluated in a general solicitation. Full fact sheets were prepared and overall merit results were shared with the Planning Committee along with reference values for successful and unsuccessful project submissions from previous solicitations. Additionally, NYSDOT Region 1, CDTC, CDTA, Town of Colonie and Village of Colonie staff met to explore scope options and the relationship of the Central Avenue project to regional and local plans.
- The Planning Committee took action on June 27 to recommend Policy Board adoption of the draft 2007-12 TIP. Details of the consensus recommendations are set forth in the Planning Committee's Report to the Policy Board, dated June 27, 2007.

In addition to approving the new TIP, the CDTC confirmed that the draft 2007-12 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) includes the first four years of CDTC's 2007-12 Transportation Improvement Program in its entirety, without change. The CDTC staff worked with NYSDOT Region 1 staff to compare the draft STIP listings with those of the TIP adopted on July 12, 2007. Five amendments were required to make the STIP consistent with CDTC's approved TIP.

#### **TASK 5.01 Railroad Avenue Corridor Study**

CDTC will assist Albany County and the Towns of Colonie and Guilderland on a consultant study to develop a plan to overhaul the physical image of the Railroad Avenue area. This plan will identify desirable and feasible changes to the streetscape and other transportation improvements that will include roadway and pedestrian improvements, improved multi-modal transportation connections to the University of Albany/Albany Nano Tech area and resources such as the Six Mile Waterworks. Opportunities for better bicycle connections between bikeable bus routes and the Railroad Avenue corridor via Fuller Road or through Northway Mall will also be identified. In addition, concepts involving development of a gateway that identifies this corridor as a business park location attractive to both new and growing businesses will be developed.

This study will primarily focus on transportation issues as the land use vision for this area has been developed through the comprehensive plans for the two towns. This study will also be coordinated with Albany County's Fuller Road rehabilitation project which is a \$12 million dollar effort.

A scope of services was prepared and advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter. No responses were received. The SAC will meet to discuss options for reducing the scope of work or increasing local funding for the study.

#### **TASK 5.02 Village of Menands: Broadway (Route 32) Transportation, Access and Land Use Improvement Study (carryover)**

Scope of services was prepared and advertised in the New York State Contract Reporter. CME was selected as the consultant for the study. The study's kick-off meeting is scheduled for October 26th.

**TASK 5.03 Village of Colonie: Streetscape Guidelines & Architectural Design Standards**

The Village Planning Commission continues to use the guidelines as they review development/redevelopment proposals along the Route 5 Corridor, as well as Wolf Rd. The Village Board is expected to formally adopt the guidelines early next reporting period.

**TASK 5.05 NYS Thruway Exit 26 & I-890 Land Use and Transportation Study**

CDTC will assist the Town of Rotterdam with a consultant study to prepare a land use and transportation management plan for the area around NYS Thruway Exit 26, I-890 and NYS Route 5S. The study area is along the Mohawk River and contains a mix of both public and private properties. The study area will assist the Town in implementing its Comprehensive Plan recommendations and to develop access management and driveway consolidation policies, and conceptual pedestrian/bicycle improvement plans. The study should provide clear expectations, development standards and identify specific improvements that can be incorporated into site plan review. The study will also provide recommendations for additional conceptual roadway improvements such as parallel service roads. Zoning and subdivision regulations will also be considered,

CDTC staff aided the Town in developing a scope of work for the study. The study was advertised in the Contract Reporter in August 2007, with Expressions of Interest due at the end of August. The study kick-off meeting is scheduled for late October. The first public meeting will be held in early December. CDTC staff will provide traffic and crash data for the study area to the consultant.

CDTC staff will be involved in the study as a Study Advisory committee member through the winter. The study should be complete sometime in the spring.

**TASK 5.09 Sixth Year Linkage Program Reserve**

CDTC staff prepared solicitation material for the eighth year of the Linkage Program (2008-09) which were solicited in August and September 2007.

Eight applications were received and will be evaluated this Fall. Project selection will follow.

**TASK 5.13 Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation (HRTDC): The Harriman Campus-University at Albany-Fuller Road Corridor Transportation Study**

A final report was developed for the study in May 2007. Following that, the study advisory committee continued to meet to discuss implementation activities related to the study. Implementation efforts currently include design of several short term transportation recommendations on the Harriman Campus, CDTA was awarded funding through NYS to undertake a conceptual design study for bus rapid transit in the Washington/Western corridors in Albany, Albany County is undertaking a reconstruction of Fuller Road incorporating some of the ideas from the Linkage study and stakeholders are developing some concepts for creating a transportation management association in the study area. CDTC is also considering adopting the Harriman Linkage

Study as part of the New Visions 2030 plan and is pursuing stakeholder support for that action.

**TASK 5.14 Town/Village of Stillwater: Route 4 Main Street Plan**

This study is complete.

**TASK 5.15 City of Saratoga Springs: Downtown Improvement Plan**

Several public meetings were held in May and June 2007 regarding the study. The City Council has table action on the recommendations of the study. CDTC is currently working with the City to make final changes to the language of the technical report in order to produce CDTC's final product. This will likely occur in the fall of 2007.

**TASK 5.16 Guilderland Hamlet Neighborhood Master Plan**

This study is complete.

**TASK 5.17 Route 9W Corridor Study**

Three Study Advisory Committee meetings were held during the reporting period. The first reviewed results of a public workshop held in the previous reporting period which focused on addressing location and alignment issues associated with the Selkirk Bypass at which public input was sought to help develop a consensus on the best course of action. At that workshop more than 100 participants were asked to fill-out a "report card" to evaluate how well they thought each of the three Selkirk Bypass alternatives (northern, central and southern) achieved the planning objectives of the study. At a July 19<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting, the group reviewed two land use futures, one based on the assumption that accessibility would not dramatically change, and the second based on the assumption that it would because of a possible new interchange located in the middle-third of the corridor, or the Selkirk Bypass central alignment. The implications of these land use and accessibility futures on future traffic were reviewed and discussed, followed by a general discussion of the potential 9W corridor improvement options that would address future traffic and multimodal objectives. The third SAC meeting held in August focused more specifically on corridor improvement options on a segment by segment basis. Completion of the study is expected by April 1st.

**TASK 5.19 Town of Berne: East Berne Hamlet Study**

This project has been completed with substantial support from the community.

**TASK 5.21 City of Albany: North Swan Multimodal Accessibility Study**

This study is nearing completion. In the past six months, several study advisory committee meetings have been held as well as one public meeting. The consultant team is currently developing a draft report and one more study advisory committee meeting will be held in the fall of 2007 to debrief on input received at the public meeting and to provide comments on the report. This study will be completed by the end of 2007.

**TASK 5.22 Town of Bethlehem: Delaware Avenue Enhancement Study**

The CDTC will assist the town with a consultant study to identify actions that would strengthen the main street characteristics of the corridor between Elsmere Avenue (NY 335) and Adams Street consistent with the goals of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The study will address: 1) urban design guidelines/standards including building scale, massing, design and setbacks; 2) streetscape guidelines including a typical street cross-section; 3) parking and circulation for vehicles and bicycles; 4) alternative connections from Delaware Avenue to New Scotland Road; and 5) access management on Delaware Avenue.

Town Board approval of the MOU, development of scope of services, and consultant selection is expected by April 1, 2008. Traffic and land use data collection continues. Kick-off meeting planned for sometime in April.

**Task 5.23 City of Cohoes Van Schaick Island Linkage Project**

The consultant team is working on three development scenarios using the existing conditions inventory information from the City, and input received during the first public meeting. Once work on the development scenarios is complete, a SAC meeting and public meeting will be held.

**TASK 5.24 Towns of Guilderland and Princetown: Land Use and Transportation Study for the Route 20 Corridor**

The study advisory committee (SAC) includes CDTC staff, NYSDOT staff, and representatives from the towns of Guilderland and Princetown. The SAC selected Behan Planning Associates for the study consultant. The SAC met with the consultant and reviewed initial products in preparation for the first public meeting, which was held in November.

**TASK 5.26 NY 7/NY 146 Land Use and Transportation Plan**

During the reporting period, a second Public Workshop was conducted with area residents. Staff met with the Study advisory Committee to review the information gathered at the Public Workshop and to advise the consultant on the steps required to complete the study. Staff attended an additional meeting with the consultant and the Town to review proposed zoning codes and the outline for the final report.

CDTC staff will continue to be involved in the study as a Study Advisory Committee member. The study should be complete by early winter.

**TASK 5.27 City of Schenectady/CDTA: NY5 Transit Oriented Development Mixed Use Catalyst Project**

Two public meetings were held during the reporting period, with the second being an add-on as the consultant team, the City and the SAC felt that the first didn't have enough transit rider participation, as well as to reach out to more neighborhood residents. Three SAC meetings were also held during the reporting period to review and discuss various draft consultant products including: draft land use, market and transportation system assessment and draft preliminary land use, market and transportation system concepts. Based on input received, it was decided that a full market analysis of a grocery

store for the study area would be done as well as exploring the potential for a manufacturing facility and Head Start/local services space. Coordination between the draft transportation concepts being developed as a part of this study and the Bus Rapid Transit Station design is ongoing.

**TASK 5.28 Scotia Waterfront/Master Plan Overlay**

CDTC continues to coordinate with Schenectady County on the progress of Scotia's waterfront committee which is attempting to develop a list of projects that the Linkage Study may be able to help the Village to evaluate in greater detail. The Village will be making a decision on the Linkage study concepts to be evaluated this fall.

**TASK 5.29 City of Troy: Congress & Ferry Short Corridor Mixed-Use Development Linkage Study**

The study is on-hold until the privately-funded Ferry/Congress Street Master Plan is completed. The Master Plan SEQR is also on-hold until a DOT land action occurs. The land auction will release some of the property for development. The land action is scheduled for late October.

**TASK 5.40 Town of Clifton Park/Town of Halfmoon: Exit 9 Land Use and Transportation Plan (new task)**

CDTC will assist the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon with a consultant study to provide short and long-term land use and transportation strategies for the Exit 9 area of NYS Route 146. As the primary commercial area and gateway to both towns, this study will develop a long-range vision, land use and transportation recommendations, as well as short-term tools such as design standards, to help guide future development and transportation improvements within the area.

This study will provide the basis for taking a balanced look at transportation needs, providing increased connectivity and further integrating sidewalks and pathways into a balanced multi-modal system within the area, which is of critical importance. Public and private gathering places are also recognized as a significant aspect of sense of place and will also be looked at within the context of the study. Potential zoning or land use changes to implement the plan will also be evaluated.

**TASK 5.51 Provision of Technical Services**

The CDTC staff routinely provides "on-call" technical assistance to various public agencies and communities in the Region. The CDTC responded to more than ten requests for technical assistance as follows:

- Provided technical assistance to the Town of Colonie regarding the traffic benefit of connecting commercial properties along Route 9 with a service road and connections to town roads.
- Attended an intersection design workshop in Plattsburgh and quality of life/traffic calming colloquium in New York City.

- Contractual commitment to the Town of Colonie to support review of Airport Area, Lisha Kill area, Bought area, and Everett road GEIS development projects continued. CDTC staff completed review of twelve projects in these four GEIS areas.
- Assisted the Town of Colonie in the update of the Bought Area FGEIS. CDTC was asked to develop a mitigation cost process similar to the one used for the Airport Area FGEIS.
- CDTC staff continued to assist the City of Albany on its South End Revitalization Project which led to the development of the Capital South Plan. The recommendations in the plan touched upon a variety of issues focusing on stabilizing, energizing and eventually growing the neighborhood. Quality of life issues, transportation, urban design and revitalization initiatives were all part of the planning process.
- Under contract to the City of Albany, CDTC staff completed a condition assessment for all streets in the City. A revised report and mapping was prepared and delivered to the City.
- CDTC staff met with staff from the City of Mechanicville regarding funding opportunities to help the City in its revitalization efforts and how the City can become more involved with CDTC.
- CDTC staff participated in the development of and provided comments on the GEIS for the proposed Albany Convention Center.
- CDTC staff assisted the City of Albany and WAMC radio with the development of an RFP for an Arts and Entertainment District study on the Route 5 Corridor in Albany.
- CDTC staff presented information on the "Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPTHTS) for the Capital District" to the Capital Area Consortium on Aging and Disabilities during a breakfast meeting in June 2007.
- CDTC staff attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the unveiling of the first public E-85 Fueling Station in the Capital Region.
- CDTC staff attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the unveiling of CDTA's six Hybrid-Electric Gillig Buses.
- CDTC staff attended the NYS Conference on Aging in June 2007.
- CDTC staff attended the 17a review that was conducted by NYSDOT at CDTA's offices.
- CDTC Staff attended a public hearing on the Albany Convention Center and provided comments on air quality concerns and potential TDM initiatives (use of alternate fuels in construction equipment, encouraging transit by workers).
- CDTC Staff participated in a NYSDOT audit regarding how context-sensitive solutions are being applied within New York State.

#### **TASK 5.52 Provision of Community Services**

The CDTC staff continues to provide traffic data and other limited technical assistance to business, developers, consultants, students, and community groups to support economic development in the region as follows:

- Responded to ten requests for existing and forecast traffic data by real estate, private businesses, and engineering consultants.
- Spoke with a town of Bethlehem resident at some length about Route 9W traffic conditions.
- Provided information on the ongoing linkage study, current TIP, and TIP project selection process.
- CDTC staff actively participated in the City of Albany's SDAT (Sustainable Design Assessment Team) Sustainability Assessment Charrette. The SDAT team provided the City with a variety of recommendations that will help to inform the City's upcoming Comprehensive Plan.
- CDTC staff gave a presentation to the City of Albany's Council of Albany Neighborhood Associations to share information on transportation planning activities in the Capital Region.
- CDTC hosted on behalf of the Capital District Planners Association two audio conferences sponsored by the American Planning Association and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.
- CDTC staff responded to over 20 requests for transportation data over the period including traffic counts, transportation growth rates and trip generation data including data related specifically to Albany County's Fuller Road project and several traffic impact studies for new development in the region.

#### **TASK 5.57 Commuter Support Services**

CDTC's carpool/bus/bike/walk "Guaranteed Ride Home" program and Commuter Register program continues. Staff researched and contacted several software companies to investigate the cost and feasibility of converting the carpool matching feature of the Commuter Register to a GIS based routing system. CDTC staff will pursue the conversion of the Commuter Register website to a GIS system during the winter of 2007/08.

Meanwhile, CDTC staff will continually improve the internet capabilities of the Commuter Register, provide paper copies as requested and seek publicity. Staff continuously monitors the Commuter Register website for new listings, "dead links", and outdated information and republishes modified pages within the site on a weekly basis.

**TASK 5.60 Public Transit Planning Support**

Staff scheduled a spring Roundtable meeting for April and arranged for Cummins NE to host the meeting and to address the group. The meeting was well attended. Staff drafted meeting notes and distributed them to all roundtable participants.

CDTA hosted an additional Transit Roundtable meeting in August. CDTA gave a tour of their maintenance facility and showcased the Gillig Hybrid-Electric bus to meeting participants. Staff drafted meeting notes and distributed them to all roundtable participants.

The next meeting of the Transit Roundtable is scheduled for early December. Staff will draft meeting notes after the December meeting; another meeting will be scheduled for mid-March 2008.

**TASK 5.61 Project Development Support**

CDTC continues to provide on-going assistance to NYSDOT Region 1 staff in developing traffic forecasts and compiling other information for project development and design. Specific support ranges from analysis of MPT plans related to ridge or lane closures to sketch planning analysis of traffic diversions from alternative roadway routings. CDTC's effort over the last six months was again fairly substantial, preparing traffic forecasts for the following:

- Malta Avenue over the Northway, Saratoga County
- Route 7 Over the Normanskill, Town of Princetown, Schenectady County
- NY 67 Bridge over Hoosick River: Bridge Replacement; R239; PIN: 1188.33; Rensselaer County

**TASK 5.62 Assessment of Land Use and Transportation Concepts in the NY 5 Corridor**

CDTC staff continues to assist CDTA in the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit in the Route 5 corridor. Staff is participating in meetings related to operations and stations planning. This will be an ongoing effort.

**TASK 5.63 Travel Demand Management Initiative**

ARISE, a PEF Representative, CDTC and CDTA staff met with the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER) and with the Commissioner of the NYS Office of General Services to discuss TDM programs that could be implemented in the Albany area. CDTC staff compiled literature and background information for distribution at these meetings. CDTC staff met with ARISE, the PEF representative and CDTA on several occasions to prepare for these meetings. A meeting with Judith Enck, the Deputy Secretary for Environmental Affairs is scheduled for mid-December.

CDTC worked with CDTA staff on an initiative to identify TDM activities that should be pursued during the construction phase of the downtown Albany Convention Center. A post-construction TDM program is also being drafted.

CDTA and CDTC staff will continue to explore opportunities to develop TDM programs, particularly in concert with State employment sites and large developments, such as Harriman Campus, the Luther Forest Tech Park and the Albany Convention Center.

**TASK 5.67 Linkage Program Oversight**

Project manager for the Broadway (Route 32) Transportation, Access and Land Use Improvement Study.

This task supports staff activity on a number of Linkage Program studies that do not involve direct CDTC technical work. Activity under this category includes work with project sponsors to develop requests for expressions of interest, to evaluate proposals, select consultants, develop contracts, participate in study advisory committees, monitor work progress and solicit and evaluate proposals for future Linkage Program projects.

CDTC staff undertook a solicitation for Linkage studies for the 2008-09 Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program in September 2007 (the eighth year of reserved funds). The studies were due at the end of September 2007 and eight applications were received. An evaluation team will meet in October to provide CDTC's Planning Committee with programming options at its November 2007 meeting.

In February 2002, CDTC established an ongoing "Linkage Regional Coordination Forum" to meet regularly and review progress on the many Linkage and related local planning efforts. CDTC Staff held meetings with the Linkage Forum in April and July 2007. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for October 2007.

CDTC Staff prepares a status report for all linkage studies on a monthly basis and provides this information to the Planning Committee. Linkage study products, status of active studies and other Linkage Program information are provided on the CDTC website.

Staff has begun to review the implementation status of completed Linkage Program studies to evaluate the progress being made and to possibly identify areas of additional assistance. Site visits and meetings with local staff are part of this effort. A report will be generated following the review of the plans at the end of 2007.

In February 2002, CDTC established an ongoing "Linkage Regional Coordination Forum" to meet regularly and review progress on the many Linkage and related local planning efforts. During the reporting period, CDTC Staff held meetings with the "Linkage Regional Coordination Forum" in April and July. Ray Gillen from Schenectady MetroPlex addressed the group at the April meeting and Neil Swingruber from Albany Partners addressed the group at the July meeting. Both speakers sparked lively discussions about smart growth and planning. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for October 2007. The findings of the Harriman Linkage Study will be presented at this meeting.

CDTC Staff also prepares a status report for all linkage studies on a monthly basis and provides this information to the Planning Committee.

**TASK 5.68 Linkage Study Technical Support**

Non administrative tasks related to Linkage studies such as data collection, analysis and technical writing are included as part of this task.

**TASK 5.85 Integrated Transportation and Community Design**

One of the shared-cost studies funded by the New York MPO Association involved the documentation of creative transportation and community development projects, plans, and programs that have evolved from an integrated planning and design process. CDTC staff is the project manager for this two-phase study.

The first phase, which was completed early in 2006, resulted in the publication of a catalogue of exemplary projects, brochure of ten well-researched case studies, and webpage. The second phase, expected to get underway early in 2008, will explore ways to "mainstream" the principles and concepts described in the case studies.

**TASK 5.86 Clean Communities**

Meetings of the Capital District Clean Communities Coalition (CDCC) were held in June and September 2007. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2007. CDTC staff created a web link on their homepage devoted to the Capital District Clean Communities effort. These pages list coalition members, provide links to meeting notes and meeting dates and provide links to upcoming area events and the National Clean Cities website.

Staff attended the National Clean Cities Expo in late March/early April. This was a three day event. Sessions addressed diesel retrofit technology, car manufacturer research, ethanol production, bio-diesel production, EPACT initiatives and funding. Staff also attended a "Peer Exchange" Workshop in Pittsburgh in late June. Staff gave a presentation that summarized the Capital District's Clean Communities activities at the Pittsburgh workshop.

Starting April 2007, the USDOE provides an opportunity for Clean Cities coalitions to submit for funds to help offset the cost of hosting the coalition. Semi-annual progress reports are required for the funding submittal; staff must also complete a quarterly Alternative Fuel Price Report and must attend regional meetings such as the Peer Exchange that was held in Pittsburgh in June. USDOE conducts monthly conference calls with other Clean Cities coordinators; CDTC staff is expected to join in these calls if scheduling permits. CDTC Staff joined in three conference calls between April and October 2007. CDTC submitted for \$5000 in funding for the first half of 2007; the second submittal for an additional \$5000 will be prepared in November. \$12,500 will be available for Clean Cities activities in calendar year 2008.

\$2 million in CMAQ funds is programmed for non-CDTA diesel retrofits in the 2007-12 Transportation Improvement Program. Staff has worked with members of the CDCC to identify preferred aspects of a solicitation for projects. Staff began the draft solicitation during August/September and will finalize the

draft by the end of the year.

**TASK 5.87 Hudson River Crossings Study**

This new task will be a joint CDTC-NYS DOT planning effort to study the system implications of alternative scopes for a potential Patroon Island Bridge replacement within the context of the other major Hudson River crossings in the region. The purpose of the study is to develop an understanding of the regional function of the Patroon Island Bridge as well as adjacent Hudson River crossings serving the overall needs of the Capital District.

This long-range planning effort will help determine the future capacity needs on the bridge from a "system context" perspective to ensure that the region is positioned appropriately to make sound infrastructure investment decisions. An important aspect of this study is that along with examining the Patroon Island Bridge and adjacent Hudson River crossings, evaluation of related transportation features will be included; these consist of, but are not limited to, major interstate interchanges near the bridge, mainline capacity along I-90 on both sides of Patroon Island Bridge, rail and transit plans/needs and the role of ITS infrastructure in addressing overall system demands. Results of this study will then feed into both the formal scoping/design process for the Patroon Island Bridge project and CDTC's New Visions update.

The study kickoff meeting was held on May 25. The first meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on June 18. The consultant team, led by Bergmann Associates, has produced several tech memos dealing with potential for diversion of traffic to the Thruway Castleton Bridge; VISSIM microsimulation of traffic in the Patroon Island Bridge area; bicycle and pedestrian Hudson River crossing needs and opportunities; congestion management process for the river crossings, including analysis of future growth alternatives developed in the New Visions Plan. CDTC staff provided the consultant with detailed 2045 traffic forecasts for the future growth alternatives. The consultant team prepared VISSIM microsimulation analysis of these alternatives. Land use and development needs for communities on both sides of the river were incorporated into the study.

**TASK 5.98 North Greenbush I-90 Exit 8 Connector Land Use Study**

TIP Project R173, I-90 Exit 8 Connector Phase 2: ITS Demonstration, is listed in the New Visions long-range regional transportation plan under the category of community enhancement/regional economic development. The MIS/EPP for this project was adopted by CDTC in December 1999. Since that time, work on this project continues and involves development of alternative arterial designs and a draft Environmental Impact Statement.

As work has progressed, it has been apparent to NYSDOT, Town, County and CDTC staffs that a more town-articulated land use vision for this important area would be beneficial in assuring that the investment to be made in this corridor is preserved and enhanced. To accomplish this, NYSDOT and CDTC approached the Town with a proposal to use a portion of the available demo funds to support a town-lead land use planning study that would explore land use alternatives and access arrangements within the area around the proposed connector. Funding was obtained by shifting a portion of monies already

secured for construction into the preliminary engineering category. This Town-directed planning study can proceed in parallel to the environmental analysis and other work being progressed for the I-90 Exit 8 Phase II Connector.

The study began in 2004-04, was delayed for a period to allow a GEIS effort to proceed in a portion of the study area and will be completed in 2008-08.

**TASK 5.99 Balltown Road Linear Capacity and Land Use Refinement Study, Niskayuna and Clifton Park (Rolled back into TIP project Development)**

No activity to report. As part of the 2003-08 TIP update, CDTC agreed to undertake a visioning study with the town's of Niskayuna and Clifton Park as part of the UPWP. This study was to be funded with TIP funds to support the eventual design process for the Balltown Road project, covering both phases of the project (Phase 1: Rexford Bridge and approaches, and Phase 2: Glenridge Road to River Road). Before the study could start, NYSDOT re-started the design work for the project. As a result, the \$100,000 reserved for the visioning effort was folded back into the TIP project development with the express purpose of supporting a rigorous context sensitive solutions (CSS)process.

**CDTC's Internship Program**

CDTC continues to offer internships to graduate students who are interested in pursuing a career in transportation planning or engineering. CDTC's program encourages students to bring what they learn in school to CDTC and bring back to the classroom what they've learned at CDTC. The program is designed to help students develop skills, abilities, and experience at both the technical and professional level. In return, CDTC benefits from good quality work that supports CDTC's ongoing planning program. During the last six months, CDTC employed two part-time interns from the SUNYA Geography Planning Department. Both interns provided support to CDTC's linkage studies, bike/ped planning tasks, and data collection effort.

**Statewide Shared Cost Initiatives**

New York MPOs have dedicated a portion of the statewide allocation of planning funds to support activities of a mutually beneficial nature. There are currently six shared cost studies underway including ITS operations and management integration strategies, high technology data collection methods, integrated transportation and community design, travel behavior, GIS training, and other MPO staff training. CDTC currently manages the Integrated Design shared-cost study; CDTC is expected to add another study to its plate in 2008. The status of NYSMPO activities are routinely reported at Planning Committee and A&F Subcommittee meetings. A more detailed discussion of activities is reported on NYSMPO's website, [www.nysmpos.org](http://www.nysmpos.org).

**Computer Support Services**

Keeping CDTC's computer capabilities current requires a fair amount of staff time. Some examples of computer-related tasks completed during the period include:

*CDTC Web Site Routine Updates:* The UPWP, TIP, Pedestrian/Bike, Freight, Clean Communities, New Visions 2030, Planning Committee and Policy Board minutes and materials, TIP Update, Environmental Justice and Linkage projects sections were changed as needed to keep them up-to-date.

*New Visions Section of the CDTC Web Site:* In addition to the above updates, the New Visions 2030 section of the website was rewritten due to the large amount of information (about 100 MB, 80 pages and many links to other pages) required. CDTC staff put considerable effort into making the interface understandable to the target audience so that the information would be accessible, while striking a balance with practical considerations such as cost and deadlines. This was done with intent to meet public participation procedures required in SAFETEA-LU.

*Computer Upgrades:* A computer with a Duo Core processor was tested in relation to VISUM, GIS and running multiple instances of both. The tests showed that these computers would enable certain staff to work much more efficiently than they otherwise would. As a result, the test computer was deployed with the expected results and two more were ordered for deployment in the next period.

*Software Upgrades:* The latest versions of ArcGIS, VISUM, and VISSIM were installed on several computers as needed.

*Servers:* The CDTC server has been deployed for over four years. Additionally, CDTC staff was approaching some software and hardware limits of its current setup. Therefore, the situation was studied so the server could be strategically replaced in the next period.

**PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

No significant problems encountered.

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES (4/1/07 - 9/30/07)**

None

**MEETINGS HELD (4/1/07 - 9/30/07)**

April 4	--	Planning Committee
April 10	--	Bike/Ped Task Force
April 12	--	Regional Transportation Coordination Committee
April 13	--	Human Service Agency
April 17	--	Linkage Forum
April 18	--	A & F Standing Subcommittee
April 27	--	Human Service Agency Survey
May 2	--	Planning Committee
May 8	--	Bike/Ped Task Force
May 11	--	Statewide MPO Air Quality
May 18	--	Albany County Human Service Agency
May 24	--	Albany County Purchasing
May 23	--	Planning Committee
May 25	--	Hudson River Crossing
June 5	--	Planning Committee
June 6	--	Regional Operations Committee

June 7	--	Policy Board
June 12	--	Bike/Ped Task Force
June 14	--	Clean Communities
June 15	--	Planning Committee
June 18	--	Hudson River Crossing
June 21	--	Regional Transportation Coordination Committee
June 27	--	Planning Committee
July 12	--	Policy Board
July 17	--	Bike/Ped Task Force
July 18	--	Quality Region Task Force
July 19	--	Linkage Forum
August 1	--	Planning Committee
August 14	--	Bike/Ped Task Force
August 16	--	Quality Region Task Force
August 30	--	Quality Region Task Force
September 5	--	Planning Committee
September 11	--	Bike/Ped Task Force
September 19	--	Clean Cities
September 27	--	Regional Transportation Coordination Committee