

CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2014

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Thomas Dolin, Town of New Scotland
John Evers, representing Daniel McCoy, Albany County
Flora Fasoldt, Town of Sand Lake
Steve Feeney, representing Anthony Jasenski, Schenectady County
Terrence Hurley, Albany Port District Commission
Steve Iachetta, representing John O'Donnell, Albany County Airport Authority
Andrew Kreshik, representing Mayor Lou Rosamilia, City of Troy
Joseph LaCivita, representing Paula Mahan, Town of Colonie
Joe Landry, Town of Niskayuna
Michael Loftus, NYS Thruway Authority
Mayor Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady
Randy Milano, representing Mayor Kathy Sheehan, City of Albany
Charles Moore, representing Mayor Daniel Dwyer, City of Rensselaer
Tom Richardson, representing Mayor Dennis Baker, City of Mechanicville
Jeremy Smith, representing Mayor Mike Manning, City of Watervliet
Mike Stammel, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Linda von der Heide, representing Kathleen Jimino, Rensselaer County
Thomas Werner, Saratoga County
Sam Zhou, NYS Department of Transportation-Region 1, Secretary

STAFF AND OTHERS

Frank Bonafide, NYS Department of Transportation-Region 1
Andy Donovan, City of Troy
Ross Farrell, Capital District Transportation Authority
Michael Franchini, Capital District Transportation Committee
Alan Grattidge, Town of Charlton
David Jukins, Capital District Transportation Committee
Gayle LaSalle, City of Saratoga Springs
Sreekumar Nampoothiri, Capital District Transportation Committee
Chris O'Neill, Capital District Transportation Committee
Christopher Wallin, City of Schenectady

OPENING REMARKS

Sam Zhou opened the Capital District Transportation Committee meeting at 3:02 PM and welcomed those in attendance. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the June 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The June 5, 2014 meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Administrative and Financial Standing Subcommittee

Mike Franchini said that the A & F Subcommittee discussed the status of expenditures, which are all within budget. The cash flow situation with respect to CDTA is in very good shape now, with a cash flow balance of about \$300,000.

2013-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

S229 (PIN 1085.33): Safety Improvements on Hamburg Street (NY 146), Rotterdam

Frank Bonafide said that this project was awarded \$5.0 million of HSIP funding through the FFY 2015-2017 Highway Safety Improvement Program by the Main Office; funding for this project does not count against the regional MPO allocation. The Region is proposing supplementing the HSIP funding with \$3.25 million of NHPP funding, with an offset from RG117, State Pavement Set-Aside. Members approved the amendment.

DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING RIVER CORRIDOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Mike Franchini said that Ross Farrell gave a presentation on the River Corridor BRT at the June meeting. He reviewed the Executive Summary of the River Corridor Simplified Alternatives Analysis included in the mail out. He said that three alternatives have been studied and Alternative 2 is recommended based on selection criteria and benefits. Ross Farrell said that after several months of public outreach, the public has expressed strong support for Alternative 2. Based on public comment, CDTA has decided to retain express service on I-787.

Mike Stammel asked about service in southern Rensselaer County and HVCC. Ross explained that CDTA has been increasing service to HVCC because HVCC ridership has tripled since students can use their ID cards for unlimited transit service. He said that a long term option for BRT service to the Amtrak station has been included in plans.

Members approved the resolution.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) REGION 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

Mike Franchini reviewed the summary of recommendations developed by the regional selection committee, included in the mail out. He said that MAP-21 combines a number of previously stand-alone programs into the Transportation Alternatives Program. Frank Bonafide said that the selection committee used a staff process to rank the project applications, and the rankings have been submitted to the Main Office. Members approved the recommendations of the regional selection committee to be submitted to the Main Office of NYSDOT.

CAPITAL CARSHARE AND BIKESHARE WEEK UPDATES

Mike Franchini explained that there was a media event for the Capital CarShare program on August 22. There are six cars available in the area around Washington Park in Albany. Capital CarShare has 37 members to date with a goal of getting to 100 members.

Mike Franchini said that four demonstration/trial weeks of Bike Share were completed in Albany, Troy, Schenectady and Saratoga Springs. Good results were experienced, with many people stopping by, totaling about 1,800 people.

STATUS OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES

CDTC

Mike Franchini said that a consultant team headed by CHA has been selected for the I-787 Study. The study corridor will extend from Albany to Watervliet (Exits 2 to 9) and will include a lot of public outreach. Sam Zhou said that there have been similar studies in Buffalo for the I-190 corridor and in Syracuse for the I-81 corridor. In response to questions, he said that the rail corridor will be considered.

Mike Franchini said that on September 10 there will be a kick-off meeting of the advisory committee for the Saratoga County Traffic Study. This study represents a public/private partnership.

Mike Franchini reported that CDM Smith was selected for the Bridge Preservation contract. A consultant will be selected for the Regional Freight Plan. There are currently two finalists.

CDRPC

Mike Stammel said that the GIS atlas has been updated and posted on the web site including 40 new GIS maps reflecting a variety of geographic features and demographic characteristics. Using the ACS journey to work data, CDRPC has created TAZ level origin destination tables for the four counties plus the ten surrounding counties, summarized at the municipality to municipality level. Tables include the number of persons, as well as mode of transportation to work from one community to the other. The Combined Sewer Overflow project is progressing well as required in the Order on Consent including the preparation of Draft documents to create the Local Development Corporation. CDRPC applied for funding through the latest round of CFA's to review existing municipal codes to accommodate green infrastructure to address storm water management, recommend code revisions based on the evaluation, and to develop a Green Infrastructure Banking System.

NYSDOT

Sam Zhou reported that the Exit 4 Project is on track for a letting by the end of October, with construction expected to begin next year. Design approval was received for the Rexford Bridge at the end of August, with construction expected for next year. The Washington

Avenue Extension project is a Beyond Preservation project and preliminary design is underway, with construction expected next year. The Route 50 ADA compliance project received two bids, with the lowest 60 percent higher than engineer estimates. Both bids were rejected. Eastbound deck work on the Patroon Island Bridge is completed and work on the westbound side will start in September and continue until winter weather prohibits. The project will be completed next year. Repaving of Route 140 Kenwood Avenue will finish this season. Repaving on Route 146 from Riverview to Route 146A is progressing. Route 67 has three sections under construction, for a total of seven miles; construction will finish this season. Route 43 in North Greenbush and Sand Lake will be finished this season.

NYS Thruway Authority

Michael Loftus said that the Thruway Authority is working on the development of the new Transportation Resource Center, which will house the Thruway staff and NYSDOT staff.

Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta reported that July showed strong growth at the Airport, with a six percent increase in enplanements. The Albany International Airport is progressing a \$7.5 million airport improvement program, including full runway rehab and building improvements. He mentioned that most thoroughbred horses going to Saratoga are entering the region by plane.

Albany Port District Commission

Terry Hurley reported that maritime activity has been robust, with a 15 to 20% increase in cargo. Work on the Rensselaer Dock is going well and should be completed by the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Zhou
Secretary