

New Visions 2030
Security 'section' of New Visions 2030
A Requirement of SAFETEA-LU

Background

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires that security of the transportation system be a stand-alone planning factor. This signals an increase in importance from prior legislation, in which safety and security were coupled in the same planning factor.

Issues Explored

- **Federal Requirements--** The specific SAFETEA-LU regulations were reviewed and documented.
- **Critical Infrastructure--** Physical and virtual facilities considered vital to the transportation system were identified.
- **CDTC's Role--** CDTC will continue to work with and support New York State, CDTA and other agencies responsible for security by providing the forum for discussion, provide funding strategies, and may assist with transportation modeling.

Policy/Budget Implications and/or Recommendations

With the growing importance of security in the transportation planning process, an additional guiding principle is proposed, that will strengthen CDTC's commitment to a collaborative approach when considering security related issues. The new principle will read:

“Transportation planning and implementation in the Capital District includes examination of security issues and incorporation of security actions that: protect lives and coordinate the use of resources and manpower through established plans and protocols; provide services during and after disaster emergencies to aid citizens and reduce human suffering resulting from a disaster; and provide for recovery and redevelopment after disaster emergencies.”