The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties. As a federally mandated agency CDTC serves as a forum for carrying out a comprehensive and cooperative regional transportation planning process, including transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight. CDTC is responsible, with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), and the 77 cities, towns, villages, and counties for producing a long range regional transportation plan that meets the social, environmental, economic, and travel needs of the region. CDTC involves and informs the public on transportation planning decisions.

The objective of the Task Force is to ensure CDTC’s conformance with Title VI and Environmental Justice, as follows:

- Ensure that CDTC takes reasonable steps to ensure access to opportunities to ensure no person is denied benefits of CDTC’s planning process on the basis of minority and/or low income status, and to identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of CDTC’s programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations.
- Ensure meaningful involvement in CDTC’s planning process by promoting collaboration and problem solving on issues related to Environmental Justice and Title VI.
- Provide input on the most effective methods to engage and respond to Environmental Justice and Title VI populations.

The Environmental Justice and Title VI Task Force will work toward its objective using CDTC’s products listed on the next page, and/or by other means it identifies. The Task Force will meet quarterly for two years, after which it will forward a recommendation on its continuation to CDTC. The Task Force and CDTC will collaboratively determine meeting locations and times.

CDTC is currently seeking up to 15 candidates for its Environmental Justice and Title VI Task Force. Applicants must be a) employees, members or active participants of Community Based Organizations that advance Title VI and Environmental Justice issues on behalf of low-income and minority populations, or b) local elected representatives of districts where a majority of residents are people of color and/or low-income. Applicants will be evaluated based on interest in serving on the Task Force and community involvement. Priority will be given to people of color and low-income candidates.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and a completed Advisory Committee application (available at http://www.cdtcmpo.org/ej/ej.htm) as listed below. For additional information please contact Carrie Ward at (518) 458-2161.

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Application Deadline: July 31 2016
CDTC must maintain a **long range regional transportation plan**. Currently called New Visions 2040, the plan considers the future of our region’s transportation system in the next 25 years. The plan includes a set of principles to guide transportation planning and investment in the region, articulates a series of short-range and long-range recommendations and actions to help achieve broad regional goals, and provides an innovative budget approach to ensure implementation of the plan. The plan’s principle on Regional Equity states: “Transportation investments will address all needs fairly and equally. Funding for appropriate repair, replacement and reconstruction will be based on the function and condition of the facility -- not ownership. Investments should meet the needs of all users of the transportation system, in a manner that increases access to transportation or does not disproportionately impact people with disabilities, and minority and low-income populations.” Recommendations include the following:

Regularly update CDTC’s Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis, include environmental justice criteria in project selection, reach out for full participation, and emphasize public participation in transportation planning, programming and implementation. To measure performance, the plan says that we will “measure the percentage of programmed projects with positive environmental justice impacts, rating each project by using objective, qualitative, and descriptive criteria.” See [http://www.cdtcnnewvisions.com](http://www.cdtcnnewvisions.com).

CDTC is also responsible for a **Transportation Improvement Program** (TIP) which assigns federal transportation funds to specific projects and must be consistent with the long-range plan. The 2016-2021 TIP includes approximately $363 Million in capacity, bridge, pavement, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian transportation projects. See [http://www.cdtcmpo.org/tip16.htm](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/tip16.htm).

To coordinate all federally funded transportation-related planning activities in the region, CDTC creates the **Unified Planning Work Program**. This comprehensive work plan identifies transportation planning and programming activities that are to be undertaken in the Capital Region during the upcoming two years, beginning on April 1, 2016 and ending on March 31, 2018. See [http://www.cdtcmpo.org/upwp14-16/upwp.htm](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/upwp14-16/upwp.htm).

CDTC is responsible to seek **Ladders of Opportunity** by identifying gaps in the connectivity of the transportation system and developing infrastructure and operational solutions that provide the public, especially traditionally underserved populations, with adequate access to essential services including employment, health care, schools/education, and recreation. This is a new emphasis area, and we are looking for input. See [http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm).

CDTC’s **Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program** offers planning assistance via a consultant or CDTC staff for regional and local planning initiatives linking transportation and land use. It is a key implementation activity of New Visions and is the cornerstone of CDTC’s local planning assistance and public outreach efforts. Many of these initiatives seek to provide safe walking and bicycling access in low income and minority neighborhoods. See [http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage.htm).

After each TIP update, CDTC conducts a **Title VI/EJ Analysis**. The goal of this analysis is to ensure that both the positive and negative impacts of transportation planning conducted by CDTC and its member agencies are fairly distributed and that defined Environmental Justice populations do not bear disproportionately high and adverse effects. See [http://www.cdtcmpo.org/ej/ej.htm](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/ej/ej.htm).