

Welcome and Introductions

Sandy Misiewicz spoke on identifying and hopefully developing some tools and resources to further assist communities in planning for their futures particularly on the topic of the connection between land use and transportation. She mentions that in speaking with some of our regional partners, land use continues to be the topic that comes up. So this is the opportunity to identify new ideas and new projects and programs moving forward that can further that conversation and look at things from an angle that we haven't looked at them in the past.

Agenda & Covid 19 Update

Jen Ceponis gave a brief intro on the agenda, including the New Visions 2050 Implementation and the development of planning tools going forward and the TIP solicitation.

Jen explained that the office is open 5 days a week, staff is working alternating schedules, in the office, 4 days a week. CDTC is still requesting visitors make an appointment in advance and wear a mask when in the office, at all times.

New Visions 2050 Implementation & Planning Tools

New Visions has been adopted for a year, and since the plan was developed, a lot has changed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Jen presented an overview of New Visions 2050 and how the planning and investment principles determine CDTC's programs and philosophy towards transportation planning. CDTC plays a major role in implementing New Visions but the objective of the plan is for everyone from local government officials, to developers, to employers, to law enforcement, to play a part through zoning that encourages transit oriented development, building affordable housing, etc.

CDTC promotes New Visions by training planners, engineers, and even town boards on these principles and strategies that will help guide the region toward developing the transportation network that we need and preserving the quality of life here in the capital region.

Accomplishments since adoption:

- Created a [New Visions web page](#)
- participated in regional virtual events and forums
- launched the [New Visions Virtual Learning Series](#)
- Completed the complete street summer series
- Expanded the Capital Coexist mini grant program
- Initiated six new linkage studies
- Continued the [CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance](#)
- Implementing the [Capital Region Trails Plan](#)
- Initiated a bus lane feasibility study
- Expanded our data collection services
- Developing an ongoing trail counting program and trail census
- Developing a Smart Communities Toolbox to assist local governments in implementing new, evolving technologies.

Sandy mentioned: CDTC will start developing its 22-23 Unified Planning Work Program which will continue to implement New Visions. In a different approach to the work plan, CDTC will be issuing a solicitation for projects in the month of October. This will coincide with the traditional timeline for the linkage program, but will include a broader range of planning and transportation studies and initiatives, from small projects to Linkage-type studies, to larger regional initiatives.

Training/ Workshops

To request New Visions Training, email iceponis@cdtcmpo.org or complete a [request form](#).

2020 US Census Updates/CDRPC Updates

Teresa LaSalle from CDTC gave a brief update on the status of the proposed criteria from the US Census Bureau regarding Urban Areas.

- The Census Bureau has read all comments submitted regarding the proposed criteria and they are currently testing out the software program that will be used to delineate the boundaries.
- Urban Area splits or merges can't be tested yet, as the data needed to determine this is not yet available at the 2020 Census geographies.
- The Census Bureau is still on track to release the final criteria by the end of 2021 or in early 2022.

The Census Bureau is considering the following possible changes to the criteria:

- Density Calculations and Identification of Initial Urban Area Cores – They are considering using 3 Tiers of Density rather than just one to define a primary core and a secondary core.
- Inclusion of Group Quarters - Census blocks containing institutional and non-institutional group quarters that are adjacent to census blocks qualifying based on the criteria will NOT be automatically included in the urban area, as originally proposed. They are looking into setting a population or population density threshold for these.
- Impervious Surface – The previous intent was to use the 2016 National Land Cover Dataset to determine impervious surface as an indication of urban land use. The 2019 data has been released, so they will now be using the more recent data.

Mark Castiglione from CDRPC gave an introduction on the 2020 census. The redistricting data population data was released on August 12th as an access database. [CDRPC's website summarizes the data](#).

Josh Tocci from CDRPC demonstrated the Regional Indicators webpage which is linked from the CDRPC website and can be found at www.CapitalRegionIndicators.org.

CDRPC has also developed a [COVID Economic Recovery Dashboard](#) to assist in tracking recovery efforts and regional changes.

Bus Lane Feasibility Study

Sandy gave a quick overview of the study, which is moving forward with launching a project website and planning demonstration / pop-events in the region. One event is scheduled for October 20th and the public should expect other virtual workshop opportunities. The consultant team is working right now with the project team to sift through all of data to create an interactive map for the project website.

TIP Solicitation Update/Other Updates

The TIP solicitation materials were released to Planning Committee and Policy Board members. A virtual workshop is planned for September 24th.

Project evaluations are expected to be completed in January presented to Planning Committee in February, which will be followed by review and approval of Policy Board in March. After a 60-day public comment period, the TIP will be presented to Policy Board for adoption in June. CDTC has created a 2022-27 TIP webpage that explained program/project eligibility and the application process. There are also links to data and resources that are needed to complete the application.



The CDRPC Planning and Zoning webinar series is [archived on their website](#). The joint [Upstate APA / Planning Federation Conference](#) (October 2021) registration is open. Topics include emerging trends and issues, including:

- marijuana regulation
- accessory dwelling units
- getting planning for EVs
- planning & regulating short-term rentals
- land use case law update

Jen finished by opening up the chat and group discussion.



Capital Region Community Planner Forum

September 14, 2021

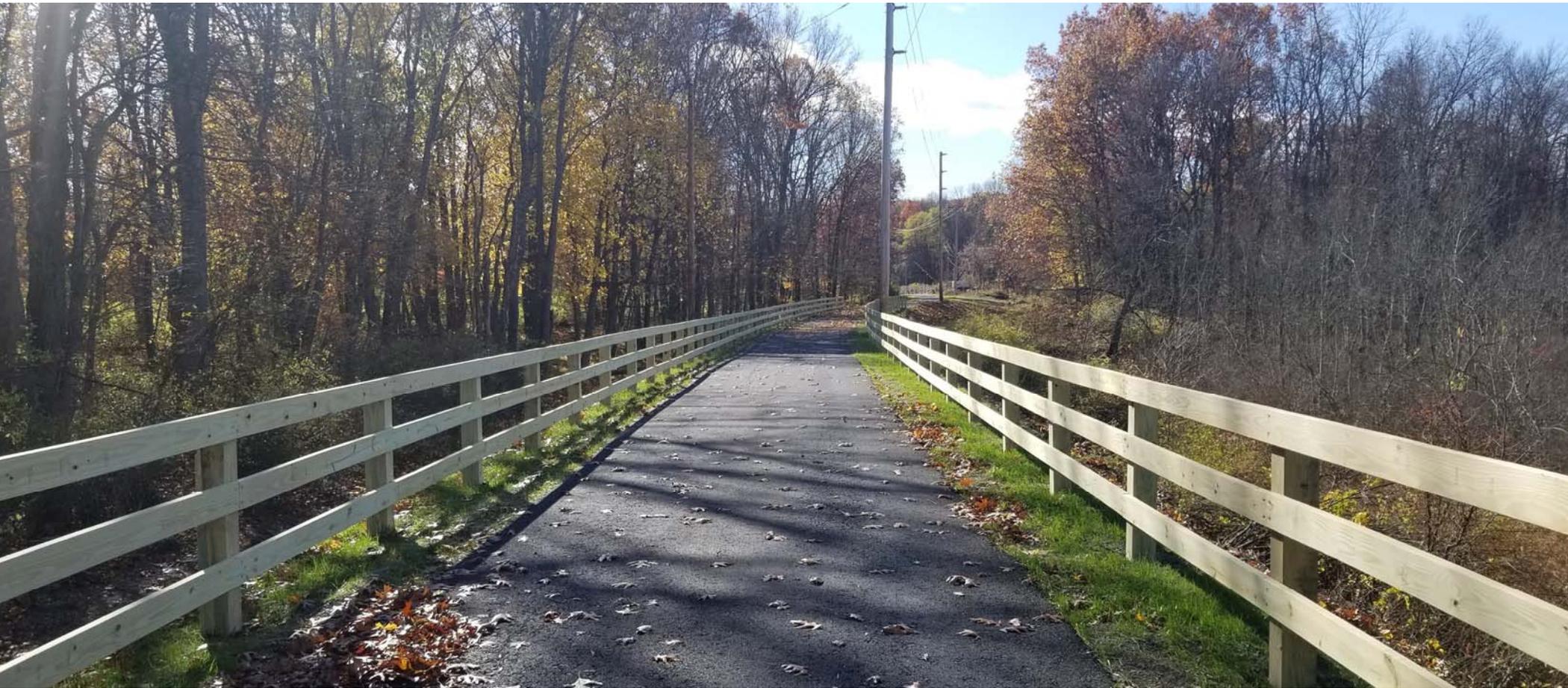
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CDTC Virtual Meeting Guidelines

- Mute your microphone
- You can choose to use just the phone function
- You can choose to turn your camera off if you want
- Use Zoom's chat function if you have a question during the presentation
- Zoom meetings and chats (even private messages) are recorded; Zoom provides a transcript of the chat

Welcome & Introductions



COVID-19 Update

- CDTC Staff will be in the office 4 days per week beginning the week of September 20th
- Staff can now be reached more easily via the office phone number
- Visitors are allowed at CDTC with an appointment and must wear masks
- Meetings continue to be mostly virtual
- Staff is continuing to monitor the evolving situation with COVID-19 variants



Agenda

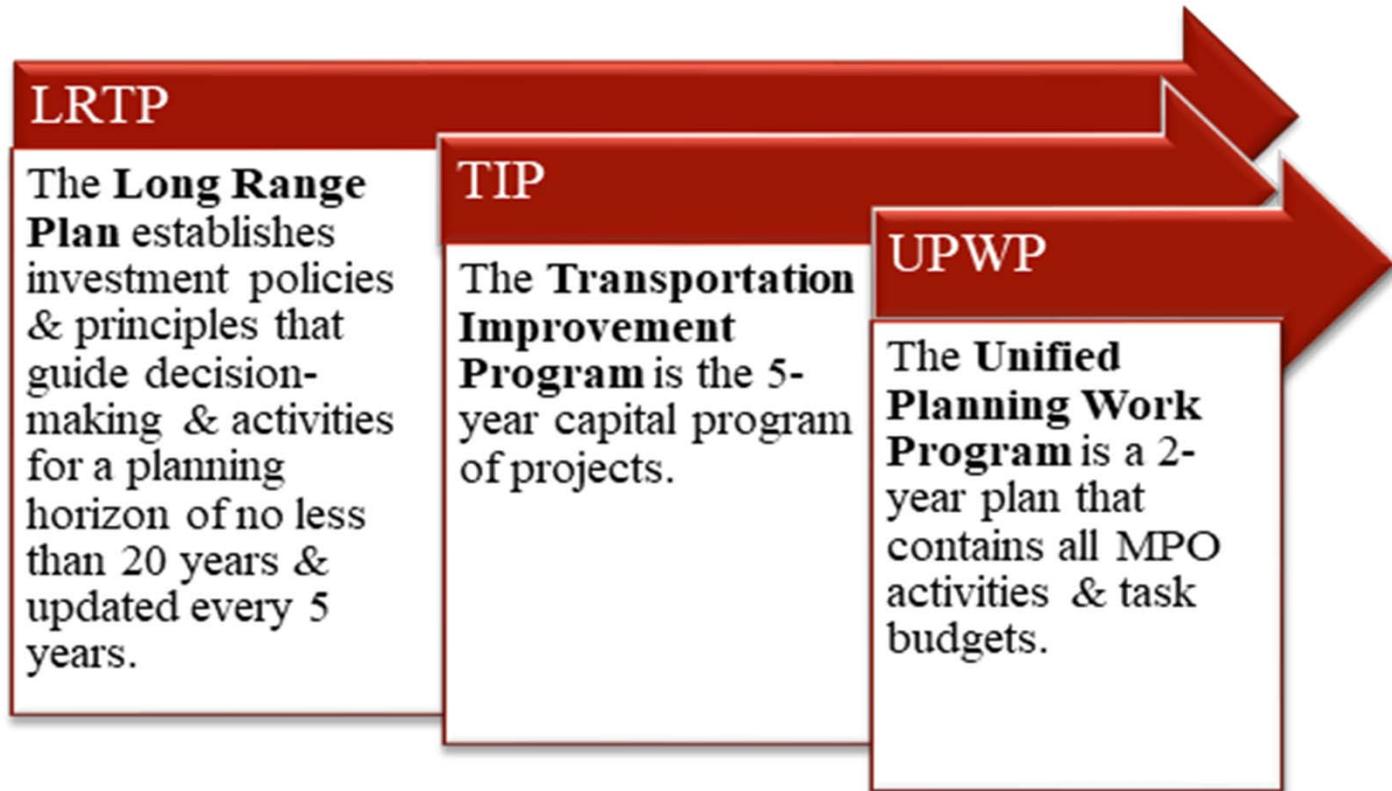
1. Presentation: New Visions 2050 Implementation & Planning Tools
2. CDTC Planning Updates
 1. 2020 US Census Updates (CDRPC & CDTC)
 1. Urban Area Boundary
 2. Capital Region Indicators
 2. Bus Lane Feasibility Study
 3. Smart Communities Guidebook
 4. 2022-27 TIP Solicitation
3. Training / Workshops
4. Other Regional, State & Local Planning Updates
5. 2021 Meeting Schedule – Start time: 9:30 a.m.
 1. Thursday, December 16, 2021



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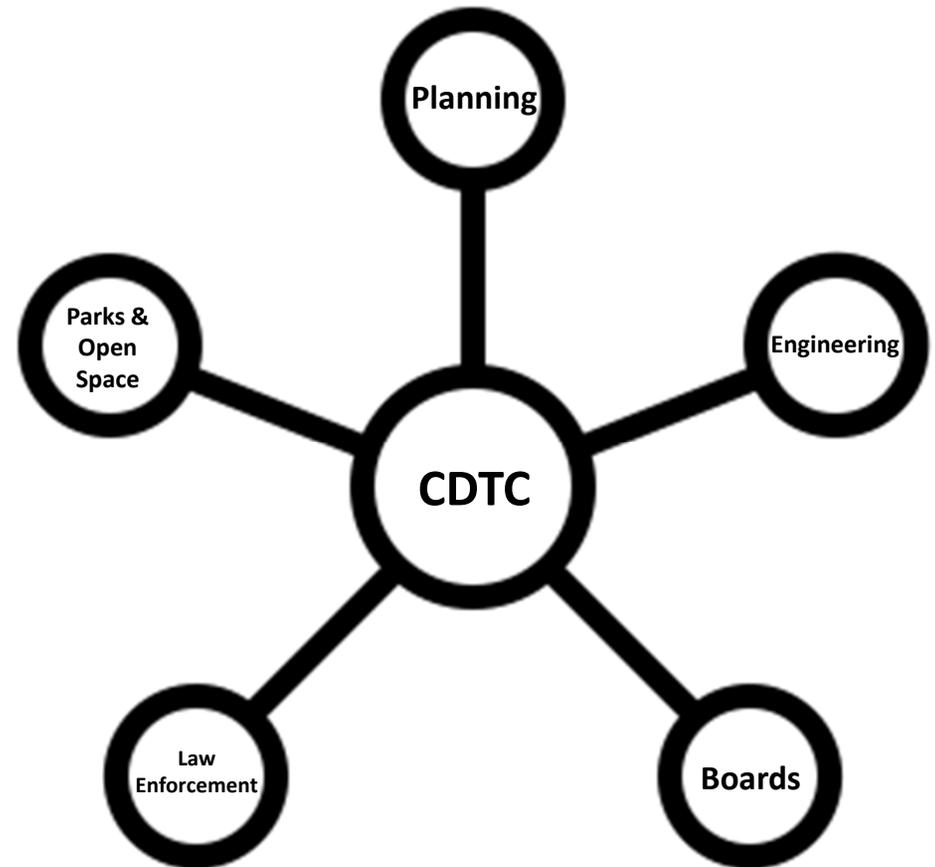
New Visions for a Quality Region

New Visions 2050



Who has a role?

- Zoning
- Economic development
- Traffic enforcement
- Land conservation
- Housing development
- Transportation service providers
- School siting & safe routes to school
- Employers



New Visions 2050
Implementation
Progress: Ongoing
Promotion &
Education

- Created a New Visions webpage
- Regional virtual events & forums
- New Visions Webinar Series
 - Complete Streets Summer Series
- Offer Local Government Training
- EV-Readiness education & training
- Complete Streets Workshops
- Expanded public engagement
 - Developed strategies toolkit as part of the CDTC Public Participation Policy



New Visions
Resource
Page

The screenshot shows the CDTC website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box and a language selector. The main header features the CDTC logo and contact information: "Address : One Park Place Albany, NY 12205-1606" and "Phone : (518) 458-2161 | Email: cdtc@cdtcmo.org". Below the header is a dark navigation menu with links for "About Us", "Committees", "What We Do", "Transportation Plans", "Maps & Data", "News & Events", and "Contact Us". The main content area features a large banner image of a modern building with a white overlay box containing the following text:

CDTC's Office Reopens

June 28, 2021 - CDTC's office is open Monday through Friday at 50% capacity. Visitors are required to wear a face mask within our office building at all times. Staff will be working at home when not in the office. Visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for more information on virtual and in-person meetings.

Below the banner are four smaller content tiles: a grid of blue squares, a construction site image, a puzzle diagram with labels "Data Collection", "Regional Planning", "Staff Work Plan", and "Programs and Services", and a street view image of a building with a "Save" button.

New Visions Learning Series

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Data Collection | Regional Planning | Staff Work Plan | Programs and Services

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New Visions 2050 Implementation Progress: Planning Tasks & Initiatives

- Capital Coexist 2.0 mini-grants
 - 6 new Linkage studies
 - Technical Assistance projects
 - Capital Region Trails Plan Implementation
 - Patroon Feasibility Study
 - Albany Loop Trail Feasibility
 - Bus Lane Feasibility Study
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- Expanded data collection services
 - Trail counts
 - Traffic counts
 - Horizontal curve data
 - Other Regional Planning Studies
 - Local Bridge Preservation Report
 - Smart Communities Guidebook
 - Regional Truck Parking Study

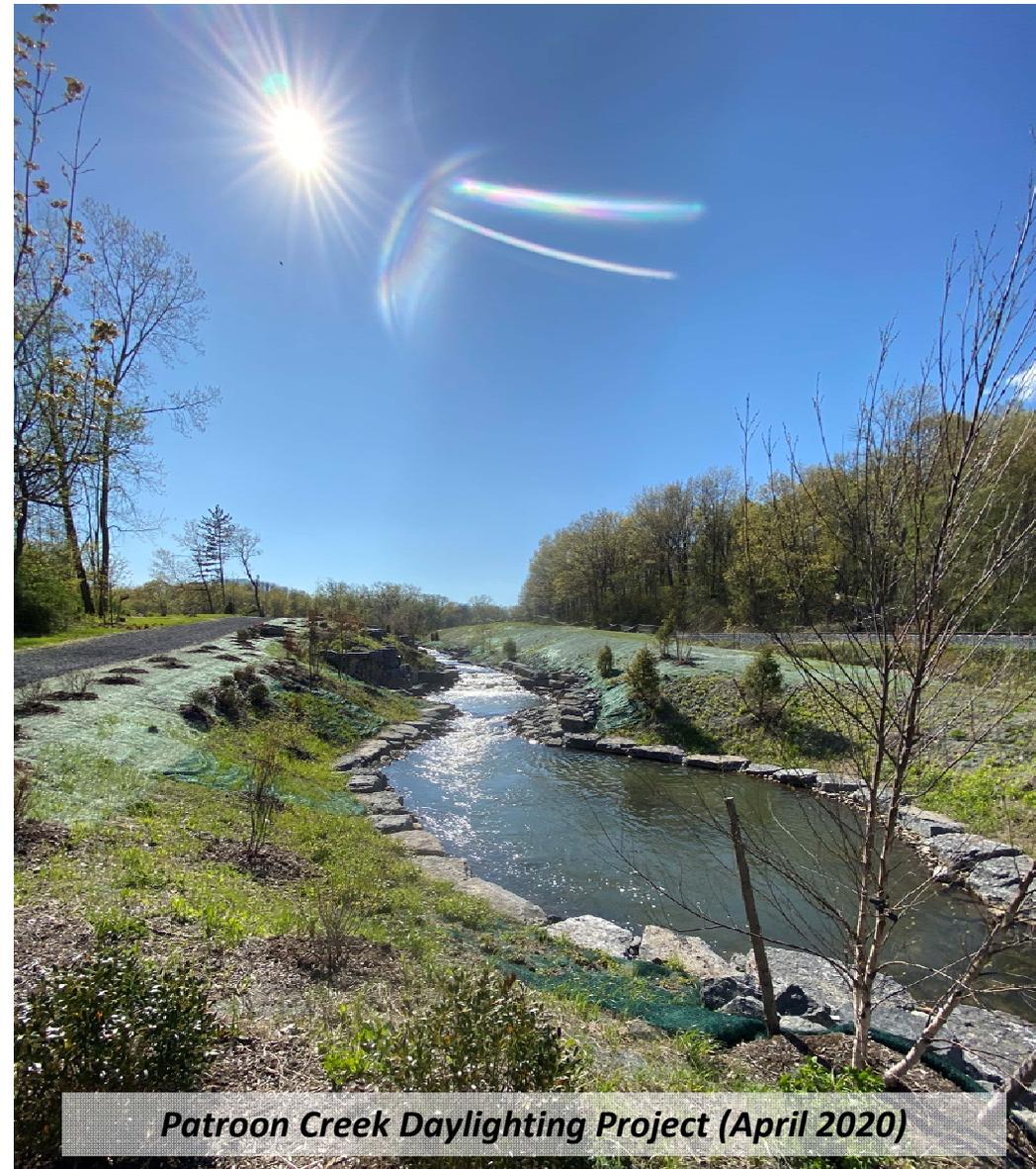


Post-Pandemic Long Range Planning

- New Visions needs to be a living document that is regularly updated, based on changing conditions
- What has changed forever?
 - Increased telework
 - Commute patterns
 - Expectations
- Revisit and re-evaluate performance metrics
 - Ex. transit
- Redefine what “infrastructure” is part of the transportation system?
- Equity and environmental justice

Next Steps

- TDM / Transit Toolkit
- New Visions Guidebook
- Resiliency update
- 2022-23 UPWP



Key Planning Emphasis Areas



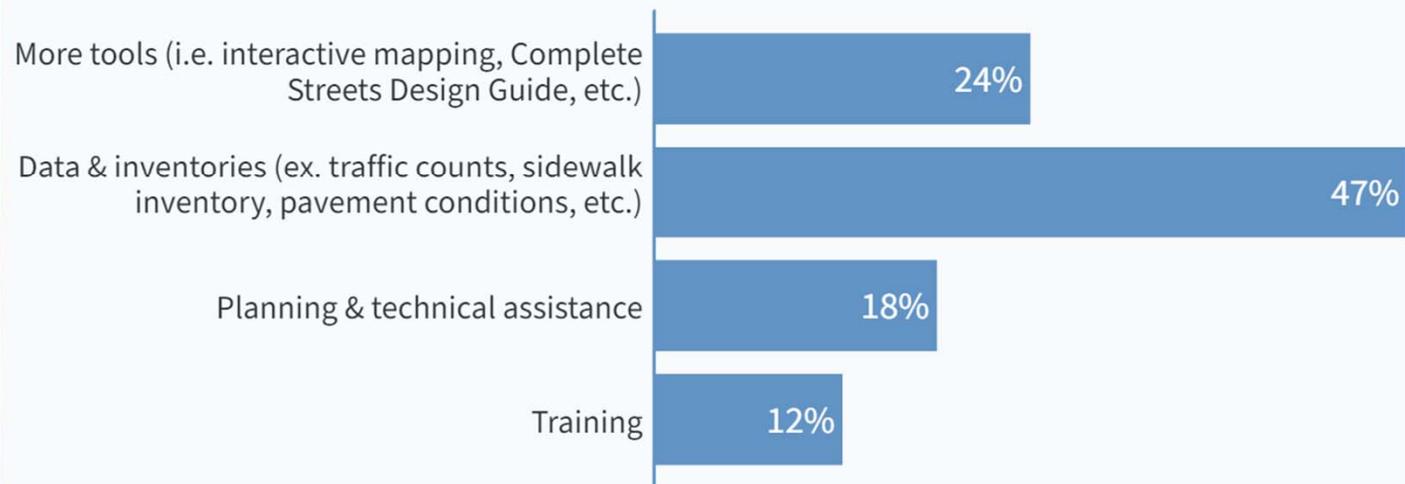
- Resiliency / Climate Change
- Equity, diversity & inclusion
- Complete Streets
- Bicycle & pedestrian planning
- Planning & environmental linkages
- Regionally significant projects & Tribal Nation planning

How can we help?

🌐 When poll is active, respond at PolleEv.com/cdtcnv2050

📱 Text **CDTCNV2050** to **22333** once to join

How else can we help?



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Request Training

- Schedule a Virtual Meeting or host your own
- Visit www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050
- Email newvisions@cdtcmpo.org



Planning Updates

- 2020 US Census Updates
 - Urban Area Boundary
 - Capital Region Indicators
 - Bus Lane Feasibility Study
 - Smart Communities Guidebook
 - 2022-27 TIP Solicitation
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2022-27 TIP Solicitation

The 2022-2027 TIP update schedule is subject to change.

- September 24 - TIP Workshop
- November 5 - Project Proposals Due
- January 2022 - Project evaluations completed. CDTC Planning Committee prioritizes projects for funding.
- February 2022 - CDTC Planning Committee Reviews Draft 2022-2027 TIP
- March 2022 - CDTC Policy Board approves Draft 2022-2027 TIP for public review. Begin 60 day public review process
- March/April 2022 - Virtual Public Workshop held (Date/Time TBD)
- June 2022 - Final 2022-2027 TIP Approved by CDTC Policy Board

9/10/21

6/30/21

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Regional Planning
Staff Work Plan
Programs and Services

All 2022-27 TIP materials can be found at www.cdtcmo.org/2022tip

Upcoming Training / Workshops



- TIP Workshop
- CDRPC Planning & Zoning Webinar Series
- New Visions Learning Series
- Joint APA / NYPF Planning Conference

Visit the News & Events pages on both the CDTC & CDRPC websites for additional updates on training & workshops

TIP Workshop

September 24 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

1. TIP process
2. Project application – new online form!
3. Project evaluation process
4. TIP programming



CDRPC Planning & Zoning Webinar Series Archive



[ABOUT](#) [PROGRAMS](#) [DATA](#) [REGIONAL MAPS](#) [NEWS & EVENTS](#) [COVID-19](#) [TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE](#)

The Spring 2021 Webinar Series has Concluded

Presentation materials are archived at <https://cdrpc.org/webinararchive>. CM Credit info can be found below.

- March 17 – “[CapitalRegionIndicators.org and Other Data Tools and Resources](#)” – presented by CDRPC (CM #9213151)
- March 24 – “[Comprehensive Plans: Gaining a Competitive Advantage for Your Community](#)” – Presenting Sponsor the MRB Group (CM# 9213217)
- March 31 – “[Delivery Models for Resilience: A Case Study for New York’s Great Lakes Basin](#)” – Presenting Sponsor Bergmann (CM #9214105)
- April 7 – “[Review Board Procedures: The Who, What & How to Achieve Development Success](#)” – Presenting Sponsor Barton & Loguidice (CM #9212775)
- April 14 – “[Engaging the Public in the COVID-19 Era – Lessons Learned from the “New Normal”](#)” Presenting Sponsor the MRB Group (CM #9213218)
- April 28 – “[Achieving Sustainability through Infrastructure Planning](#)” Presenting Sponsor Delaware Engineering (CM# 9213222)
- May 5 at *10:30am* – “[Not In My Backyard: Community Opposition to Land Use Applications](#)” – M. Elizabeth Coreno, Esq., P.C. (1.5 hours) (CM#9214524)
- May 12 – “[Farm Friendly Zoning to Increase Agricultural Resiliency](#)” – Presenting Sponsor Community Planning & Environmental Associates (CM #9213149)
- May 19 – “[Building a Walkable & Accessible Capital Region for All](#)” – Presented By the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CM #9214107)
- May 26 – “[Planning Infrastructure for Natural Resiliency & Green Solutions](#)” – Presenting Sponsor The Laberge Group (CM# 9214511)
- June 2 – “[Clean Energy and Your Comprehensive Plan: Guidance for Local Governments](#)” – Presented by NYSERDA (CM #9213206)
- June 9 – “[Drinking Water Source Water Projection and The Role of Watershed Rules and Regulations](#)” Presented by CDRPC and Cayuga County Planning (CM# 9217025)

<https://cdrpc.org/news-events/cdrpc-planning-and-zoning-webinar-series>

New Visions Learning Series

Tuesday, September 21 at 3:30 - 5:00 pm: Transportation & Economic Development

Panelists:

Katie Newcombe, Chief Economic Development Officer at the Center for Economic Growth

Sean Maguire, Director of Planning & Economic Development at Town of Colonie & CEO of Colonie's Industrial Development Agency & Local Development Corporation

Jayme Lahut, Executive Director at Schenectady Metroplex and CDTA Board of Directors

Megan Daly, Chief Commerce Officer at the Port of Albany

Tuesday, October 19 at 3:30 - 5:00 pm: What's the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & how does it work?

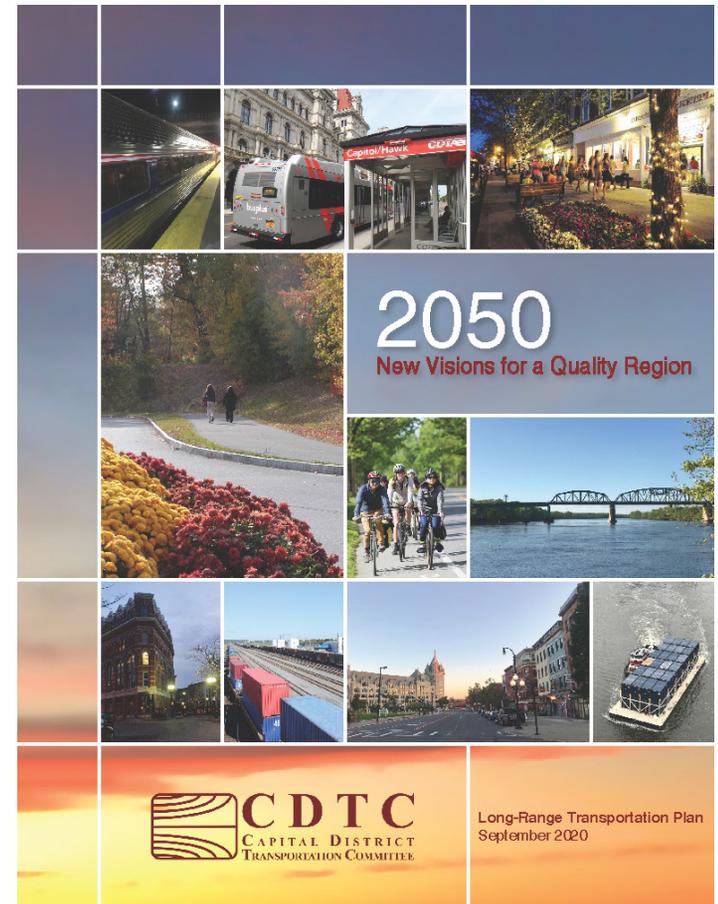
Panelists:

Jen Ceponis & Jacob Beeman, CDTC

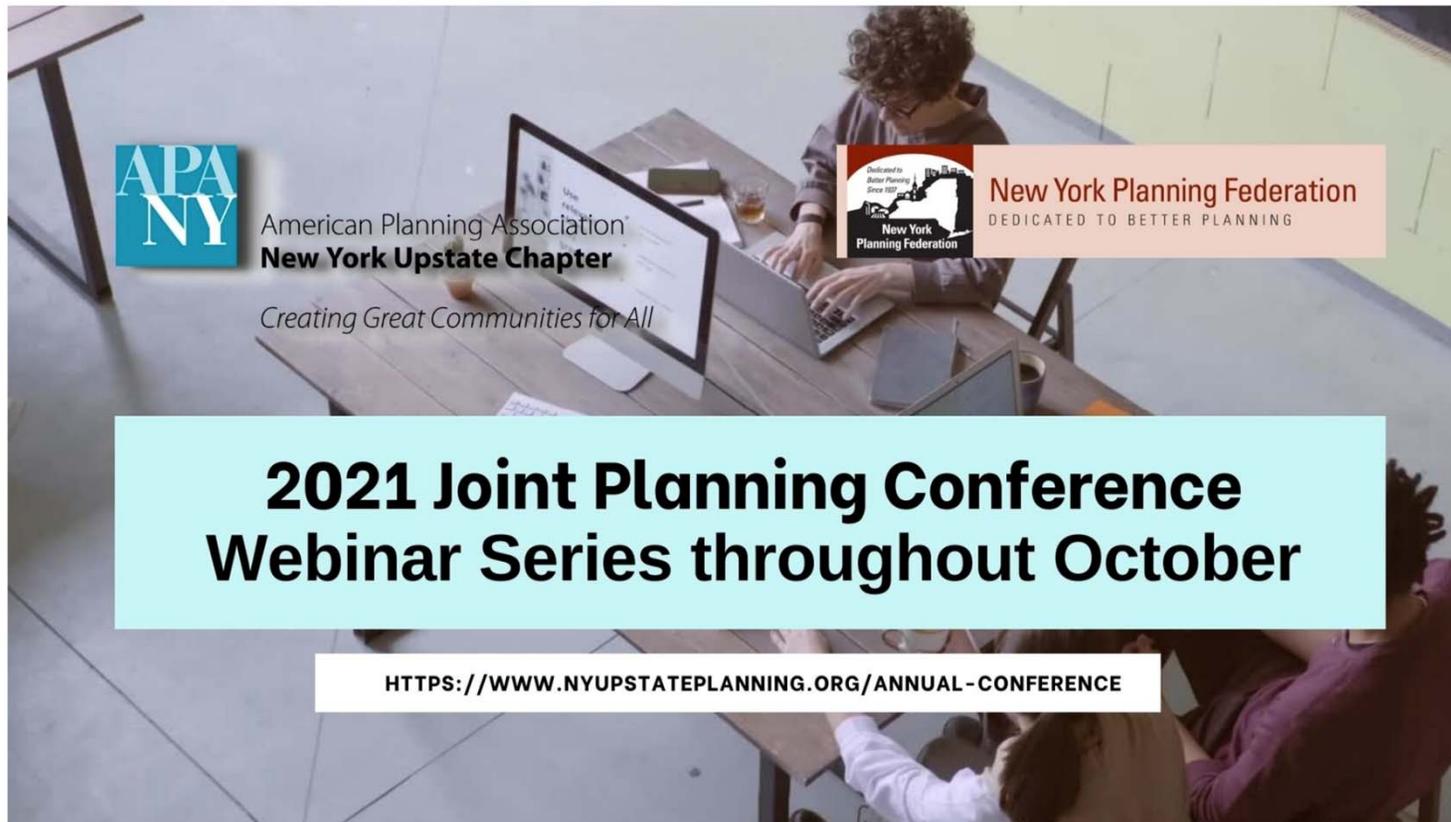
Greg Wichser & Bob Rice, NYSDOT

Tuesday, November 16 at 3:30 - 5:00 pm: Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEIS) as a transportation planning tool

Tuesday, December 21 at 3:30 - 5:00 pm: TBA



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