

**Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
April 13, 2021**

Attendees: Melissa Cherubino, Town of Glenville; Jim Mearkle, Albany County; John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails Committee; Ed Brennan, Albany Bicycling Coalition; Jen Hogan, NYS Department of Health; Rebecca de la Cruz, Parks and Trails New York; Valerie Deane, NYS Department of Transportation; Janette Kaddo Marino, Bikeatoga; Lindsey Garney, CDTA; Dylan Carey, Parks and Trails New York; Charles Welge, Albany County Department of Health; Jesse Vogle, Creighton Manning Engineering, Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC; Rima Shamieh, CDTC; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Cary Anderson-Hanley, Union College; Ivan Vamos, New York Bicycling Coalition; John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park; Zach Powell, City of Albany; Art Clayman, Cycle Schenectady; James Rath, City of Troy; Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs; John Gillivan, Albany Bicycling Coalition; Jill Harrison; Rogerio Rodrigues, CMPAC

1. New Business

1.1. Welcome & Introductions

1.2. Presentation: Dylan Carey and Rebecca De La Cruz presented on PTNY's Pop-up bike lane demo in Poughkeepsie. PTNY is an Albany-based non-profit advocating for open space and trails. The project received a Governor's Traffic Safety Grant for this pop-up project and pop-up guide. The project measured speeds and bike-ped counts, and found higher usage during the project as well as lower traffic speeds. 67% of surveyed bikers felt more comfortable in the bike lanes. PTNY used Capital Roots coordination, as well as DOT permitting. PTNY worked with Poughkeepsie's DPW to temporary stripe and lay out the reconfigured road. Because of the pandemic, the project came to fruition in August. Challenges included changing existing road configuration and outreach during the pandemic. The public response was overwhelmingly positive.

1.3. CDPHP Cycle! has launched for the season, with promotions and 350 bikes out already. The colleges are using the bikes even more, and last week saw over 3,000 rides! CDPHP Cycle is exploring expansions into the surrounding counties, and is also piloting 50 electric scooters in the Albany, Schenectady, Troy, and Saratoga Springs this spring and summer.

1.4. CDTC/NYS DOT Updates (see attachments): CDTC will begin a slow reopening the week of April 5th. Staff will have limited hours in the office.

1.4.1. 2021 Linkage Program: The grants funded are East Greenbush, City of Troy, and City of Rensselaer.

1.4.2. 2021 Capital Coexist 2.0: 2021 Mini-Grants are all being funded.

1.4.3. Smart Communities Toolbox has received 6 REIs to the solicitation, to provide definitions, case studies, and guidance for the region on smart communities.

- 1.4.4. Bike Month: Rima Shamieh (rshamieh@cdtcmpo.org) discussed the Ditch the Car Campaign - a multi-month campaign that is targeting between Bike to Work Month and Bike to School Day in the fall.
- 1.4.5. Technical Assistance is seeking applications for 2021.
- 1.4.6. ADA Transition Plan solicitation – due 4/30.
- 1.4.7. 2020 MUTCD Proposed Rule Making – MUTCD fact-sheet available from CDTC, and webinars are coming up about the MUTCD updates. Comments can be given to FHWA through May 14th. Key changes include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, with emphasis on safety and accessibility. The proposed text can be downloaded from: <https://beta.regulations.gov/document/FHWA-2020-0001-0038> Comments can be submitted here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/14/2020-26789/national-standards-for-traffic-control-devices-the-manual-on-uniform-traffic-control-devices-for>
- 1.4.8. Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives: See attached. Albany Bike-Ped Plan is finished and the Ballston Spa Bike-Ped Plan starting. Technical assistance ongoing with a number of municipalities. Patroon Creek Greenway study is starting, as is the Albany County Loop Trail study.
- 1.4.9. New Visions 2050 trainings are still on-going and available for local groups, boards, or communities. Future webinars include April 20th on Performance Measures and May 18th on Bike Month.

Other Updates

Statewide Trails Plan has been released, and may present to BPAC.

Trail counts in 2020 showed increases in trail usage; contact Jen if you're interested in helping conduct in-person or electronic trail counts. Saratoga is working on an eco-counter.

NYS starting a Bike Plan.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings Open to the Public: The next meeting is scheduled for **May 11th at 9:00am**. The next meeting may be held outdoors.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlIdOCsqTspG9IJ12mWiU9njq0ac4aXZHQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.