

Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

February 11, 2020 Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County Planning; David M. Downes, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1; Mike O'Toole, Bikeatoga; Jack Celuch Albany County DOH; Meg O'Leary, Saratoga County Public Health; Zach Powell, City of Albany Planning; Tricia Bulatao, Albany County DOH; Ivan Vamos, NYBC; John Mitchell, Halfmoon Trails and CCTWG; Martin Daley, CDRPC; Tara Quackenbush, Capital Roots; Jen Ceponis, CDTC; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC; Rima Shamieh, CDTC

1.0 New Business

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Presentations

Bike to Work Day Presentation

Rima Shamieh presented on CDTC's Bike to Work Day program, discussing how the event went in 2019 and plans for 2020. CDTC sought feedback on various changes to the way the event happens to help streamline operations and increase participation.

- 560 Registered ("Pledged") to Ride
 - (But no verification of riders)
- Trophies
- Recommendations:
 - Highest Participation (11+ employees)
 - Highest Participation (5 3-10 employees)
 - Allow businesses to team up
 - Highest Participation Rate Municipal (Regionwide)
 - Largest Team
- ~~Longest Commute~~
- Longest-or-Most Multimodal Commute
- Longest Commute Certificate? 20 Mile Roundtrip Threshold

- Send visual preference survey along with the feedback survey

- Caravans
 - Tried Ride Buddies last year: ~20% were interested
 - Identified likely routes
 - Now, leaning towards caravans, volunteer led with a set start and end time. Participants can join and leave the caravan at any point.
 - Individual or agency-led routes

- Biggest Caravan Trophy?

Comfort Stations

- Establish one along each caravan route
- Solicit sponsors for donated refreshments
- "Finish Line" Event in downtown Albany on May 15th, rain or shine
- Need volunteers to staff stations
 - o 6:30am-9am (7:30-9:30am)
 - o Downtube/3 Fish
- "Bring your helmet for a discount" around the region
 - o Dunkin Donuts, Stewarts

2020 T-shirts

- Arrange t-shirt pick-ups at comfort stations; register for a comfort station
 - o Concern about people being able to access them; high-viz is helpful

1.3 CDTC Updates

1.3.1 New Visions

In the middle of the update

Reach out to host a meeting about it;

All of the documents are available on CDTC's website

Including a funding poll

1.3.2 UPWP 2020-21

- Capital Coexist
- Bikeway/Pedestrian Planning
- Capital District Trails Plan Implementation
- Regional TDM Efforts
- Complete Streets
- ADA Compliance Support

Other UPWP

Linkage Program

Data Collection (counts)

1.3.3-4 Capital Coexist Minigrants

\$30,000 requested

\$25,000 available

Committee will be formed soon to distribute funding for 2020 projects

1.3.5 2020 Continuing Education Series

1.3.6 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Update(s)

1.3.7 Almost ready to release Smart Streetlights Guidebook

1.4 NYS/USDOT Updates

1.4.1 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

1.4.2 TAP/CMAQ

1.5 Linkage – see handout

Albany Bike-Ped Master Plan has kicked off
Hoosick-Hillside is proceeding steadily

1.6 Local Program Updates

- Annual Rock and Roll Bike Fest – May 16th, 250 Delaware Ave, Community Care parking lot
 - Vendors, bike skills course
- Champlain Canal Working Group will be doing a ride on the Canalway Trail, Sept 12th
- Saratoga County Public Health – won an “All-Ages” grant; exploring ways to utilize
 - Pursuing Safe Routes to School: 250 parent responses! Town of Corinth
- Bikeatoga – new board, trying to form a coalition with other regional advocacy groups to share best-practices and promote bike infrastructure
 - Adventure event at Skidmore in May
 - Bike Rodeo with the city in March
 - Workshop in May with bike and materials give-away
- NYS has a new e-bike and e-scooter bill for consideration this year
- Albany County DOH is pursuing grants on safety and SRTS among other areas
- Capital Roots – expanding, hiring
- Rensselaer County – concern about street safety; pedestrians in the road and bikes on sidewalks

1.7 Other Updates

2.0 Upcoming Meetings

Meetings open to the Public:

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 10** at 9:00am at the CDTC Office

2020 Mini-Grant Applicants

Project Sponsor	Sponsor Type	Project Type	Location	Total Project Cost	Total \$ Requested	New project type or community?
Albany Dept. of Planning & Development	local government	pedestrian safety demonstrations	Albany, NY	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,905.00	Y
Albany Bicycling Coalition	non-profit	Twin City Community Bike Ride	Albany/Schenectady	\$ 2,196.16	\$ 1,647.12	Y
Albany Bicycling Coalition	non-profit	BikeAlbanyMap	Capital Region	\$ 4,985.00	\$ 1,785.00	Y
Albany Bike Rescue	non-profit	Bicycle Voucher Program	Albany, NY	\$ 6,018.00	\$ 4,018.00	N
Bethlehem Police Department	local government	Walk & Roll Fest	Bethlehem, NY	\$ 5,944.00	\$ 4,458.00	N
Town of Glenville	local government	Oktoberfest bike safety activity	Glenville, NY	\$ 4,215.00	\$ 2,525.00	Y
City of Saratoga Springs	local government	Bike Rodeo & Bike Repair clinic	Saratoga Springs, NY	\$ 5,449.72	\$ 3,558.20	Y
Transport Troy	non-profit	Troy Ramble & "Summer Streets" program	Troy, NY	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Y
Bikeatoga	non-profit	Helmet giveaway	Saratoga Springs, NY	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	N
Village of Colonie	local government	Bicycle Safety Day Event	Cook Park, Colonie	\$ 1,848.54	\$ 1,386.41	N
Total				\$ 47,156.42	\$ 28,782.73	
average				\$ 4,287.86	\$ 2,617.52	



CDTC 2019 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN EDUCATION SERIES

You are invited to the CDTC Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series. CDTC has purchased a series of webinars and educational opportunities which it is offering to Capital District public and private sector planners, engineers, and designers at no cost. CDTC offers webinars developed by the Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals (APBP), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Pedestrian & Bicycle Information Center (PBIC), and Transportation Research Board (TRB) throughout the year. The webinars are valuable and informative in advancing transportation planning and engineering in the Capital Region. Professional development and continuing education credits are available for most webinars. The schedule will be updated as new educational opportunities are announced.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CREDIT	LOCATION
Jan. 15	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Active Transportation Planning Through Health in All Policies</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Feb. 19	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Street Typologies: An organizing framework for more walkable, bikeable streets</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Mar. 18	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Topic: Bike network connectivity (title TBA)</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Apr. 15.	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Topic: micromobility (title TBA)</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
May 20	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>2020 Vision: Through the Lens of Equity</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Jun. 17	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Taking Steps Toward Measuring the Pedestrian Environment</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Jul. 15	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Title TBA</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Aug. 19	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Transit State Connectivity: How to Get it Done!</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Sep. 16	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Title TBA</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Oct. 21	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Title TBA</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Nov. 18	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Title TBA</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC
Dec.	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<i>Title TBA</i>	.1 CEU	CDTC

Webinar titles will be updated as information is received. For full APBP webinar details, visit: <https://www.apbp.org/webinars>.

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STATUS OF LINKAGE PROGRAM AND CDTC REGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2020

STUDY NAME AND LOCATION	SPONSOR, PROJECT CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT COST AND CDTC CONTACT	DATE PROGRAMMED	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE AND COMPLETION TIME (ORIGINAL UPWP FUNDING DATE TO ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE)	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
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ALBANY COUNTY

1. Albany Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan	City of Albany Nelson\Nygaard \$90,000 Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Selected 2/7/19. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/7/19	Contract has been executed. Initial coordination meeting held in January. Study Advisory Committee meeting to be scheduled in February.	August 2020 15 Months	TBD
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RENSELAER COUNTY

1. Hoosick Hillside Study	City of Troy Creighton Manning \$92,500 Rima Shamieh	Planning Committee Selected 2/7/18. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/1/18.	Neighborhood and Business Public Workshops and a TRIP Stakeholder meeting are completed. Workshop summaries are posted on the project website. The third Study Advisory Committee meeting was held in December. The consultant team is in the early stages of developing the first draft.	July 2020 15 Months	https://www.hoosick-hillside-study.com/
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SCHENECTADY COUNTY

1. Craig-Main Complete Streets Study	City of Schenectady Place Alliance \$90,000 Jacob Beeman	Planning Committee Selected 2/7/18. Policy Board Approved UPWP 3/1/18.	Final public meeting was held on October 29th. Final presentation will be given to the City Council on February 10th for formal adoption by the City. Final report edits have been made and report will be finalized following the City Council Presentation.	February 2020 15 Months	https://www.craig-main-connection.com/
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CDTC NON-LINKAGE PLANNING INITIATIVES

1. Municipal Smart City Street Light Conversion and Evolving Technology Guidebook	Smart Communities Program Saratoga Springs Planning4Places \$20,000 Jen Ceponis	Added to the 2018-2020 UPWP	A draft guidebook was released to the Study Advisory Committee in mid-January for review.	March 2020	https://p4pclients.wixsite.com/saratoga-springs
2. Electric Vehicle Plan	Regional Capital District Clean Communities Jacob Beeman	Included in the 2018-2020 UPWP	Working Group meeting #2 was held in December 2019 for final comments on the Draft report. The Final Draft report is complete and will be included as an appendix to the New Visions Environment and Technology White Paper and will be available for public comment during the New Visions public outreach period.	March 2020	https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/advisorycommittees/smartcomm/APPENDIX_A.pdf
3. New Visions 2050	Regional CDTC Staff \$100,000 Chris O'Neill	Included in the 2018-2020 UPWP	CDTC has completed fourteen draft white papers and a draft summary document for the draft New Visions 2050 Plan. A special meeting of the Planning Committee was held on January 22 to present the results of the draft white papers. The Planning Committee (February 6) and the Policy Board (March 5) will be asked to approve the draft Plan for public review.	September 2020	https://www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050