Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
February 9, 2020

Attendees: Jen Ceponis, CDTC staff; Michael Burns, Town of Glenville; John Gillivan, Albany Bicycle Coalition & Village of Colonie resident; James Ercolano, NYSDOT; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Jennifer Hogan, NYSDOH; Lindsey Garney, CDTA; Lisa Wallin, MJ Engineering; Jess Vogl, CME; Zach Powell, City of Albany ; Lynn Walkuski, Town of Glenville; Rogerio Rodriguez, CPMAC; Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs; Nate Owens, Town of Bethlehem; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC staff; Jen Viggiani, Town of Clifton Park; Ivan Vamos, NYBC; Janette Kaddo Marino, Bikeatoga; Rima Shamieh, CDTC staff; James Rath, City of Troy; Fred Mastroianni, GPI; James Mearkle, Albany County

1.0 New Business

1.1 Welcome & Introductions

1.2 Presentation: Michael Burns - Town of Glenville Greenway Trails Plan with the Village of Scotia. Glenville is north of the Mohawk River, adjacent to Schenectady, the Mohawk-Hudson Trail, the Zim Smith Trail, and the Empire State Trail. The Study worked with Behan and Chazen to develop the plan. Advisory committee members were identified from the communities and regional stakeholders. The Plan identified different treatments and looked at previous plans, including the Capital District Trails Plan and the Freemans Bridge Road improvements. Glenville has already been awarded funds for trail improvements and Safe Routes to School. Three key corridors were identified to connect key destinations, major corridors, and regional trails.

1.3 CDTC/NYSDOT Updates (see attachments): CDTC Office is still closed for the foreseeable future.

1.3.1.1 2021 Capital Coexist 2.0: 7 proposals requested a total of $23,000. The evaluation committee will be evaluating the proposals soon!

1.3.1.2 Bike Month: Rima Shamieh (rshamieh@cdtcmpo.org) presented on Bike Month. In 2020, CDTC sponsored a Pledge to Ride campaign. 2021 Goals: Promoting non-SOV mode trips while distancing and masking, while supporting and promoting new walkers and bikers. Ideas include: Dump the Pump campaign, Employer teams, County teams, family/friend teams, multimodal trips for any purposes. SOVs and recreational trips would not qualify. Ideas include total miles traveled shifted. Goal: leverage social media, win digital "badges." Consideration: how to involve schools? Regional Slow Roll(s)? Bicycle Benefits - a Saratoga program to promote biking to local businesses.

1.3.1.3 Capital District Mobility Trends: Tina Carton shared an Open Spaces during COVID-19 fact sheet that emphasizes the increase in trail usage and support.

1.3.1.4 2020 MUTCD Proposed Rule Making – MUTCD Update is accepting public comments: 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

1.3.1.5 Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives: See attached. Albany Bike-Ped Plan is finished, Patroon Creek Study starting, Ballston Spa Bike-Ped Plan starting. Technical assistance ongoing with a number of municipalities, including for trails. CDTC staff are exploring how municipalities can handle sidewalk and trail snow removal internally, modeling after other Upstate and Northern cities including Rochester.

1.3.1.6 Draft Public Participation Plan – public comment period

1.3.1.7 New Visions 2050 Implementation: webinar series is ongoing!

1.4 Other Updates

1.4.1 CDPHP *Cycle*! Bikes will be out again in April!

Streetlight data is showing that bicycling levels are up approximately 25% around the Capital Region through the pandemic.

New Zim Smith Trail extension and Albany-Hudson Electric Trail are complete and beautiful! Menands Connector is now open connecting to the Mohawk-Hudson Trail.

2.0 Upcoming Meetings

Meetings Open to the Public: The next meeting is scheduled for **March 9th** at **9:00am.**

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldOCsqTspG9lJ12mWiU9njaq0ac4aXZHQ

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

CDTC
CAPITAL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 9, 2021

You know the drill!

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

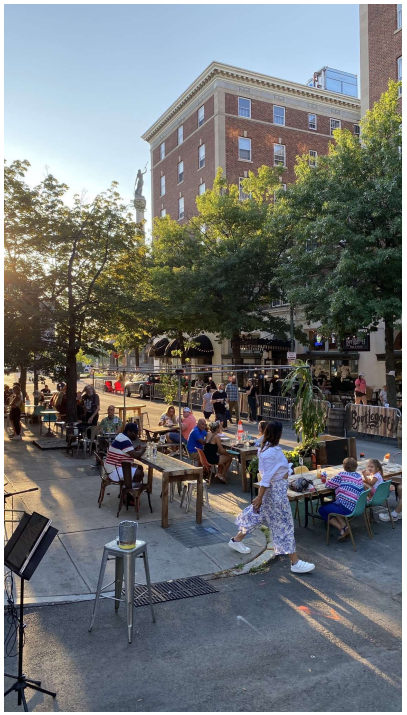
COVID-19 Updates

- *In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020.6 CDTC has implemented work from home procedures. All public and in-person meetings are (still) cancelled.*

- *CDTC office is closed until further notice.*

- *CDTC COVID Resource Page*

- *CDTC Open Streets Resource Page*



COVID-19 Recovery Resources

- NYSDOT Special Use Permit (PERM 33g-COVID-19 Recovery Temporary Special Use)
- Tools for Rapid Response
- Transit Toolbox
- IMPLEMENTATION toolbox: *Streets for Pandemic Response & Recovery*

https://nacto.org/program/covid19/#tools

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- COVID-19 Updates
- Presentation: Glenville Trails Plan, Mike Burns
- CDTC/NYSDOT Updates (see attachments)
  - 2021 Capital Coexist 2.0
  - Bike Month Discussion, Rima
  - Capital District Mobility Trends
  - 2020 MUTCD Proposed Rule Make
  - Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives
  - Public Participation Plan
  - New Visions 2050 Implementation
- Other Updates

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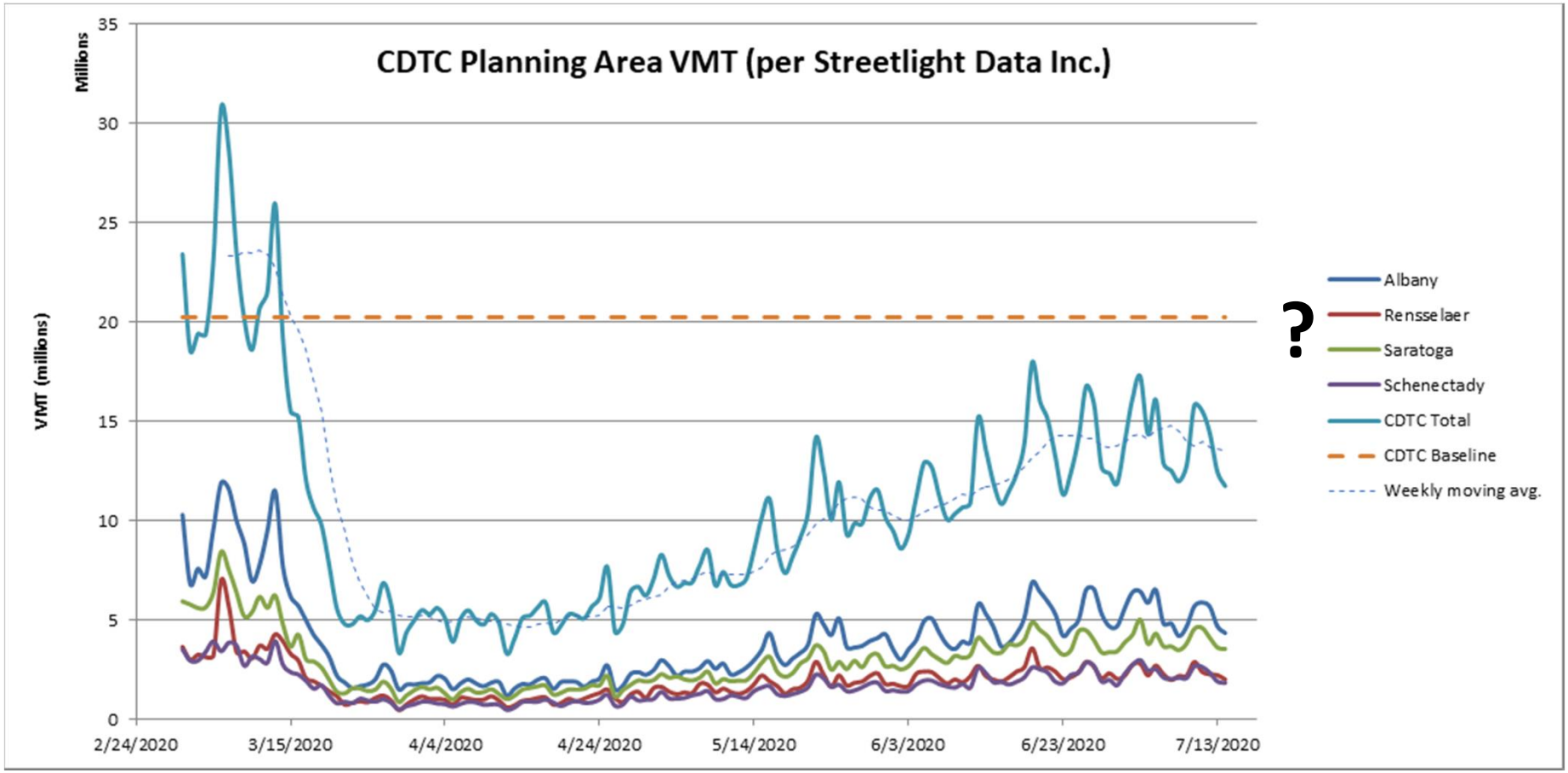
Mini-grants Update

- 7 new proposals
- Request: $23,129
- Available: $25,000
- Evaluation Committee will meet, review proposals, and prioritize projects.

Bike Month

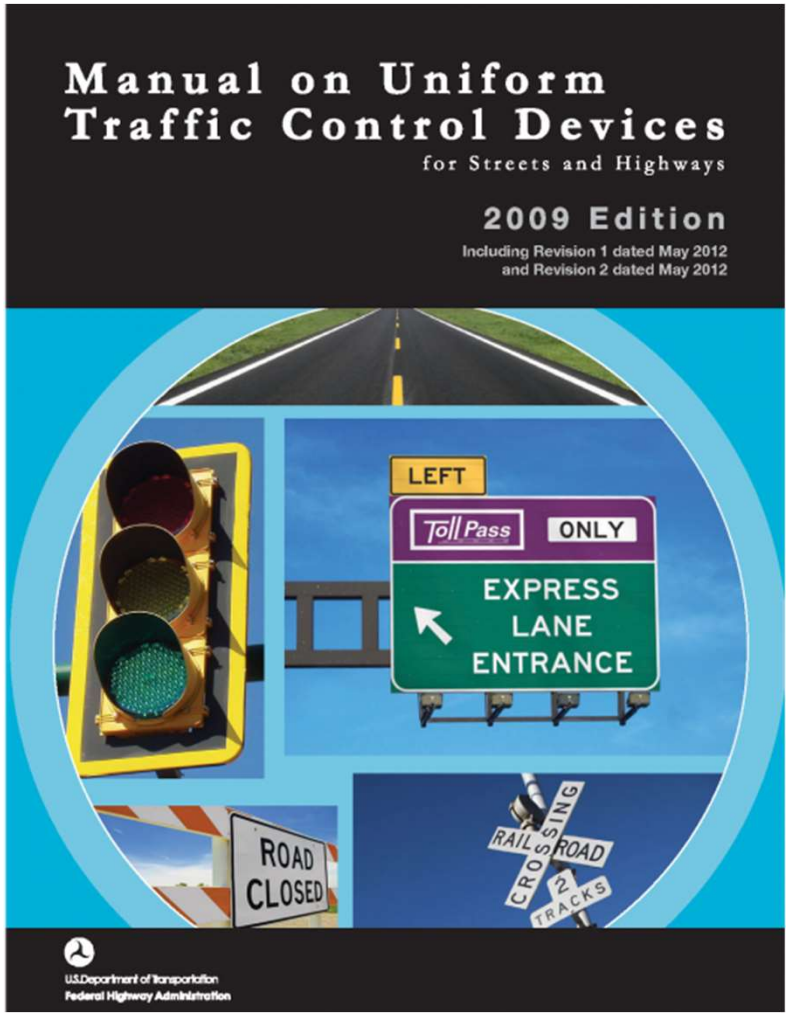
Capital District Mobility Trends



MUTCD

- **National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Revision**

- Comment period deadline extended to May 14



STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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5. Scotia Downtown Connections Plan Village of Scotia	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying $60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	Consultant selection committee selected MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., as the top-ranked firm. Contract awaiting execution; Notice to Proceed anticipated end of January.	November 2021 20 Months	TBD
COMMUNITY PLANNNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)					
1. Enhanced Development Regulations Town of Colonie	CDRPC, CDTC and City Staff $8,750 Jacob Beeman	Planning Committee Approved 11/4/20	Project kick off meeting was held virtually with the Town of Colonie on January 11th. CDTC staff role in this study will be to review and document relevant examples of Electric Vehicle zoning and development language, including codes that require new development to be EV ready or require the full installation of charging stations. Guidance will be documented in a White Paper format.	March 2021	NA
2. Gilligan Road Complete Streets Enhancements Town of East Greenbush	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff $13,900 Andrew Tracy	Planning Committee Approved 5/6/20	Stakeholder Meeting held on December 11th; feedback collected from local stakeholders and incorporated into report. Final Report delivered to Town on 12/31/2020. Consultant providing technical review; Town Board meeting on February 10th.	February 2021	N/A
3. Regional Growth and Infrastructure Capacity Analysis City of Troy	CDRPC, CDTC and Town Staff $16,626 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 11/4/20	A project kickoff meeting was held on January 13, 2020 to define project goals and parameters. The project team and the City are collecting development and growth data.	March 2021	N/A

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4. Western Clifton Park Development & Conservation Trends Analysis Town of Clifton Park	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff $18,000 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 5/6/20	Final work products delivered to Clifton Park. Project is complete.	March 2021	N/A
5. Comprehensive Plan Update Guidance and Data Village of Ballston Spa	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff $18,000 Jacob Beeman	Planning Committee Approved 1/6/21	New project awarded January 2021. Village has been notified of award. Project kick off meeting to be scheduled by CDRPC.	March 2021	N/A
6. Hoffman Hill Road Safety Analysis Town of Glenville	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff $18,000 Andrew Tracy	Planning Committee Approved 1/6/21	New project awarded January 2021. Kickoff meeting scheduled for January 26th.	March 2021	N/A
OTHER CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES					
1. New Visions 2050 CDTC - Regional	CDTC Staff $100,000 Jen Ceponis	Included in the 2018-2020 UPWP	CDTC has launched a Virtual Learning Series and Virtual Local Government Training. Information on upcoming training and learning opportunities as well as information on how to schedule training can be found on the New Visions webpage at www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050. Due to the ongoing economic recovery and response to COVID-19, CDTC is monitoring mobility trends and will update and amend the long-range plan accordingly.	Adopted September 3, 2020	https://www.cdtcmpo.org/nv2050
2. Local Bridge Preservation Report CDTC - Regional	CDM Smith $105,000 Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Consultant completed initial bridge data collection and compiled workbook; presented to CDTC on Jan. 14th. Consultant in process of identifying preservation candidates. Deliverable milestone meeting being scheduled with Local Bridge stakeholders; to be held end of Jan. or early Feb.	May 2021	TBD
3. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	City of Saratoga Springs Program capacity: $75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Data collection is underway. City staff made good progress up to the December snowstorm.	Spring 2021	N/A
4. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	Town of Glenville Program capacity: $75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Staff presented results of data collection to the Town Board in January. The consultant is now writing the draft plan.	March 2021	N/A
5. Patroon Creek Greenway CDTC and City of Albany	TBD $100,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved December 2020	New Project approved by CDTC Policy Board December 2020. Draft REI is anticipated to be released in January.	December 2021	TBD

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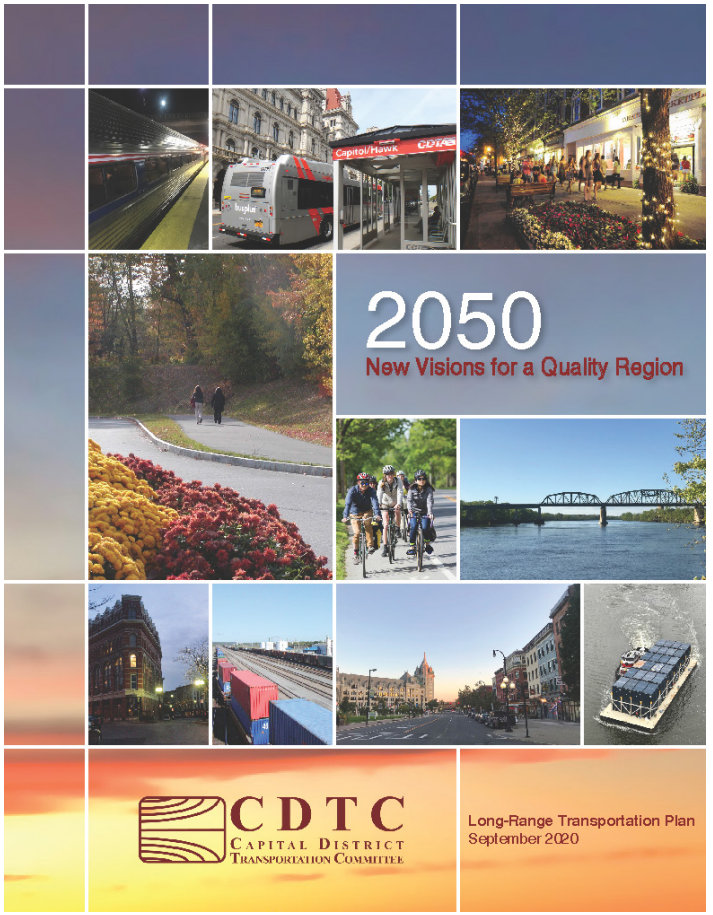
OTHER CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES					
6. Bus Lane Feasibility Study CDTA and CDTC - Regional	TBD $200,000 Sandy Mislewicz	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Request for Proposals issued on January 22nd. Proposals are due on March 5th.	March 2022	TBD
7. NY 378 PEL Bridge Study NYSDOT	TBD $TBD Susan Olsen, NYSDOT Sandy Mislewicz	TIP Project A605/R344: NY 378 Troy Menands Bridge Study	The procurement has been canceled and will be re-advertised soon. FHWA Environmental Streamlining for Major Bridge Projects workshop begins January 27th.	TBD	TBD

Public Participation Plan

Next steps: Present to Policy Board for Approval / Adoption on March 4th

New Visions 2050

- All materials & upcoming training opportunities are on website at www.cdtcmpo.org
- Request virtual board training
- New Visions Virtual Learning Series:
  - February 16: Aging & Mobility
  - March 16: Safety
  - April 20: Performance Measures
  - May 18: It's Bike Month!



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March 9 at 9:00 am
via Zoom

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AGENDA

Project Introduction

Goals and Schedule

Types of Trails

Prior Planning Recommendations

TABLE MAPPING EXERCISES

Summary / Wrap Up

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

- Planning study to envision multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trail network throughout the town and village, funded in part by a grant from Empire State Development.
- Called the “Greenway Trail System.”
- A Study Advisory Committee has been established to help guide this process and oversee the work.

STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chris Koetzle	Supervisor Town of Glenville
Melissa Cherubino	Director of Community Development, Town of Glenville
Michael Burns	Planner I, Town of Glenville
Lynn Walkuski	Executive Secretary, Town of Glenville
Dana Gilgore	DPW, Town of Glenville
Vicki Hillis	Director of Human Services, Town of Glenville
David Hennel	ZBA Chairman, Town of Glenville
Tom Gifford	Mayor, Village of Scotia
Steve Feeney	Schenectady County Economic Development & Planning
Chris Bauer	Senior Transportation Planner, CDTC
Alison Baxter	NYS Empire State Development

Consulting Team has been hired to assist the communities with the preliminary planning and engineering.

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Trails Like This

Where do we want them?

What do we want to connect to?

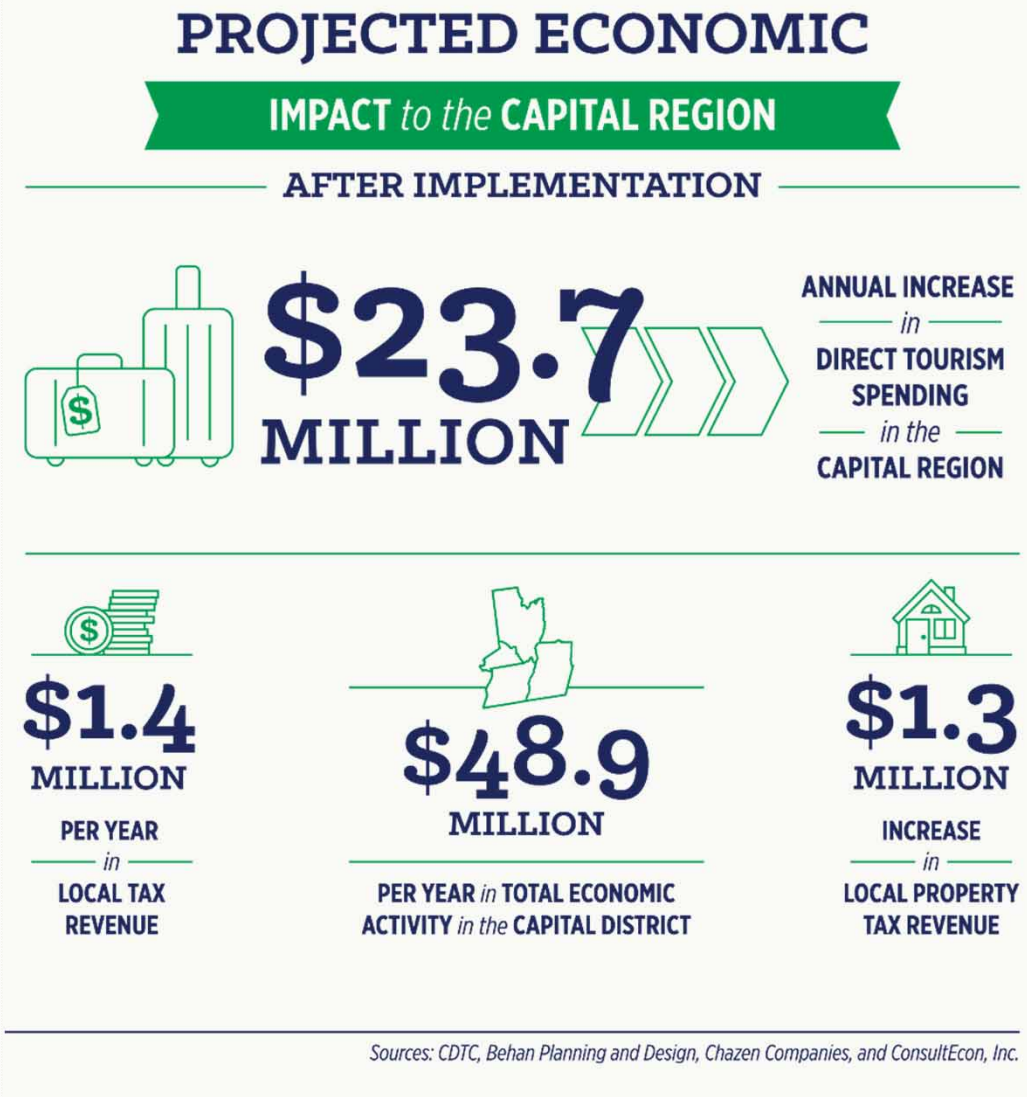
What should they look like?

GOALS

- The network of trails is intended to link residential neighborhoods to areas of employment, shopping and recreation.
- Connect missing links in the local sidewalk / trails system.
- Enhance recreation opportunities.
- Provide alternative modes of transportation to school, work, shopping connecting Scotia-Glenville to nearby attractions, and vice versa.

BENEFITS OF TRAILS

- Recreation
- Exercise & Health
- Reduces Traffic
- Reduces Pollution
- Economic Value



SCHEDULE

- Project began in the Fall of 2019
- Study Advisory Committee established Oct 2019
- **Public Workshop January 2020 (That's us now)**
- Develop draft plan (Winter-Spring 2020)
- Present Final Plan (Summer 2020)
- Expected to be complete before August 2020

TYPES OF TRAILS

MULTI-USE PATHS

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SIDEWALKS

Griffin
Insurance
Friendly Service,
Professional Advice
(845) 758-5961
7452 SOUTH BROADWAY

ON-ROAD BIKE ROUTE

ON-ROAD BIKE PATH

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EXISTING & PLANNED TRAILS

PRIOR PLANS AND STUDIES

- Mohawk River Waterfront Revitalization Plan
- Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Plan
- Freemans Bridge Road Master Plan
- Glenville Comprehensive Plan
- Town Center Master Plan
- Alplaus Hamlet Plan
- CDTC Trails Plan

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CAPITAL TRAILS
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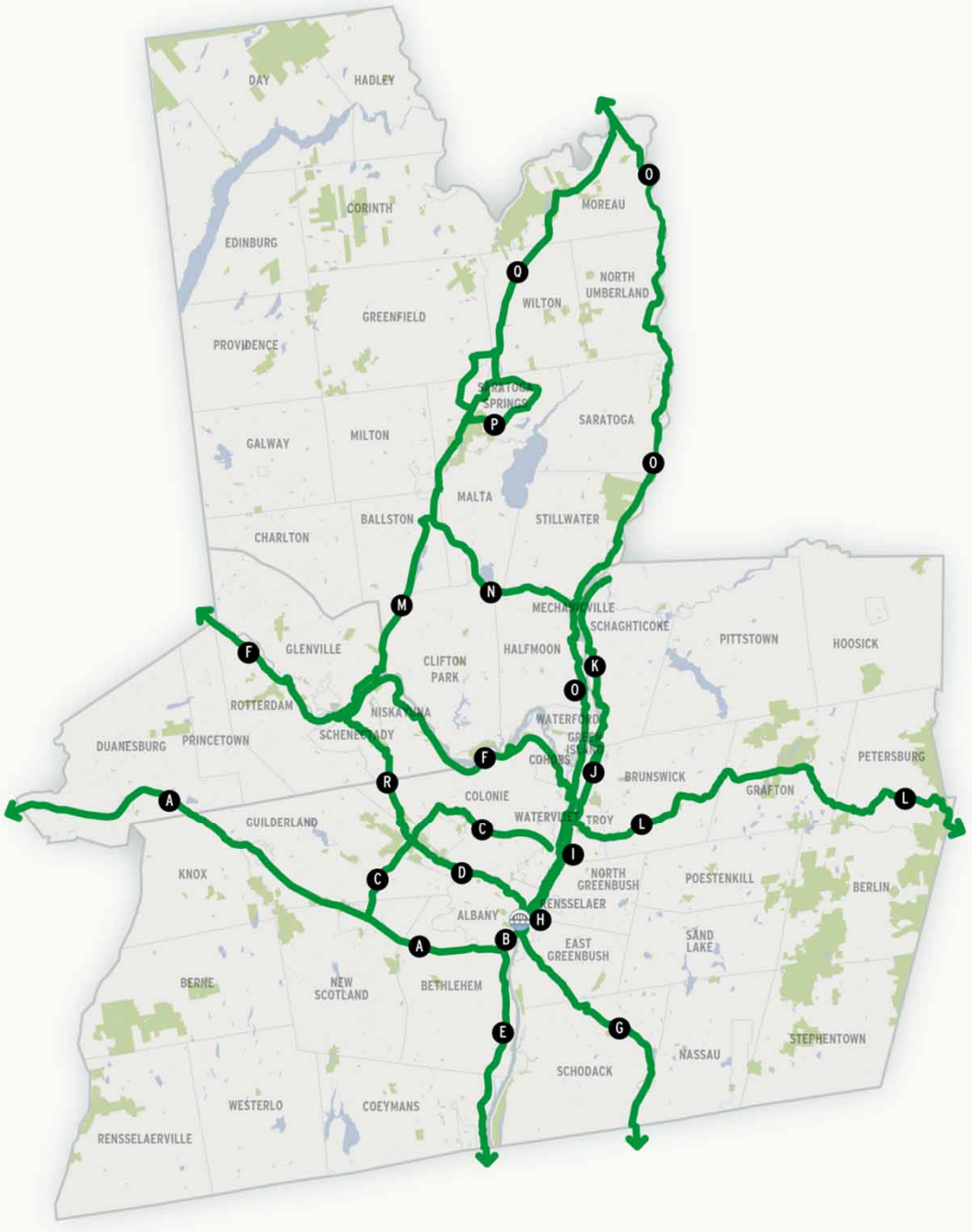
EMPIRE STATE TRAIL



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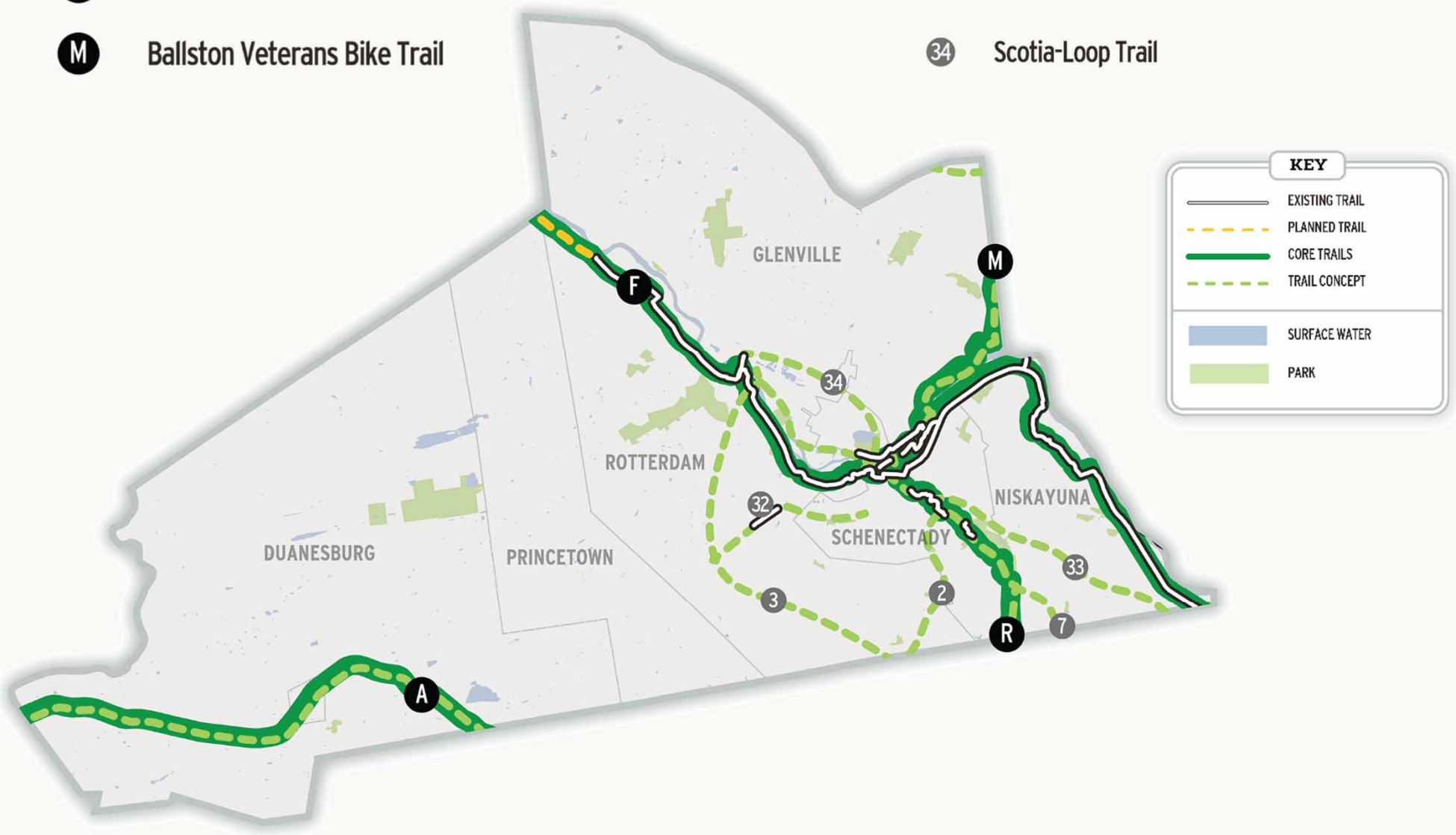
CORE TRAILS

- F — Mohawk Hudson Bike-Hike Trail
- M — Ballston Veterans Bike Trail

SUPPORTING TRAIL NETWORK

- 34 — Scotia-Loop Trail



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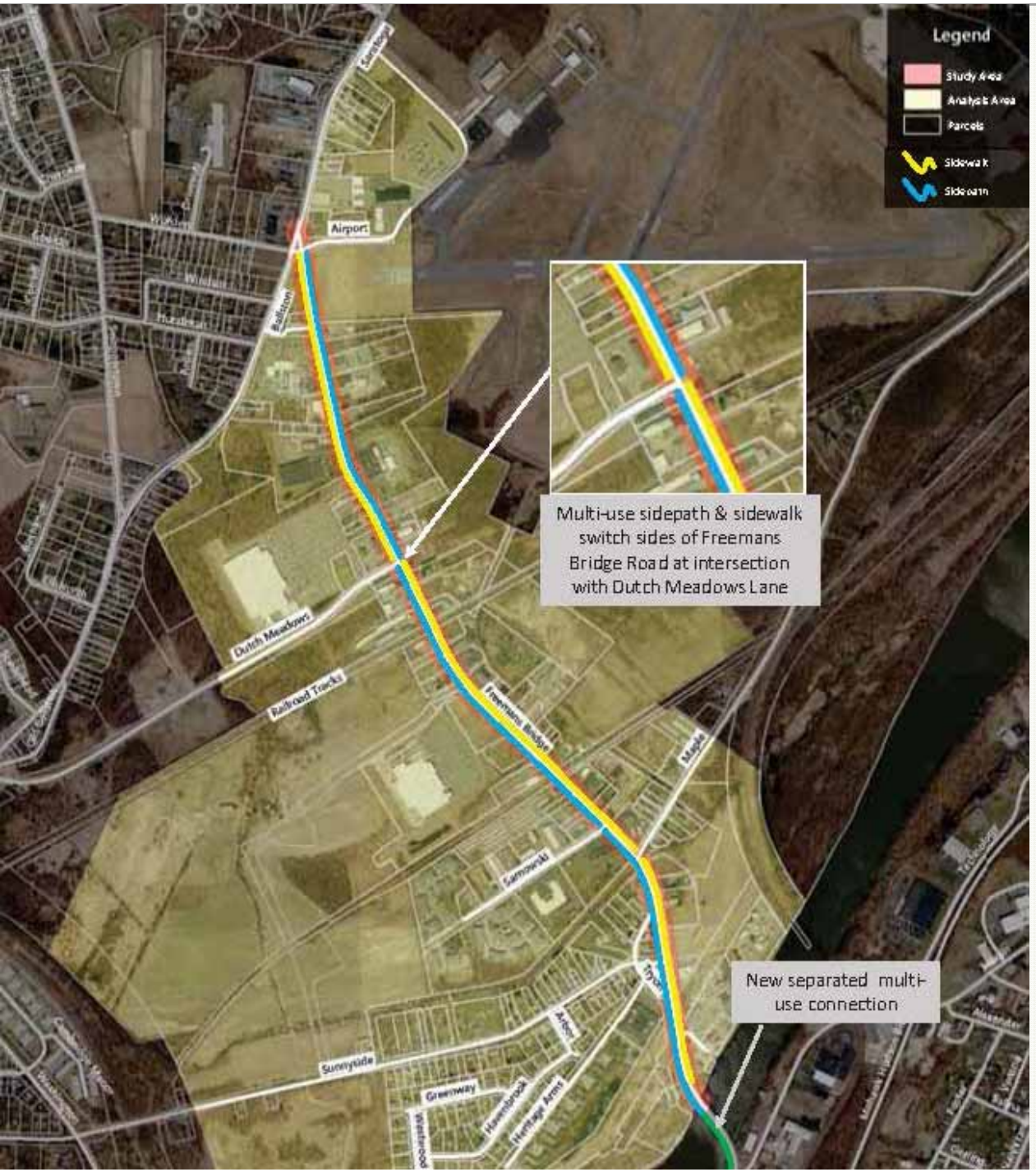

FREEMANS BRIDGE ROAD PLANS

- 10’ Multi-use path
- 5’ Sidewalk
- Design underway

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EXISTING TRAILS

- $845,000 awarded to the town and village to upgrade and repair trail between Scotia and Glenville.
- $434,000 awarded for Safe Routes to Schools to construct sidewalk connections.

GLENRIDGE ROAD TRAIL

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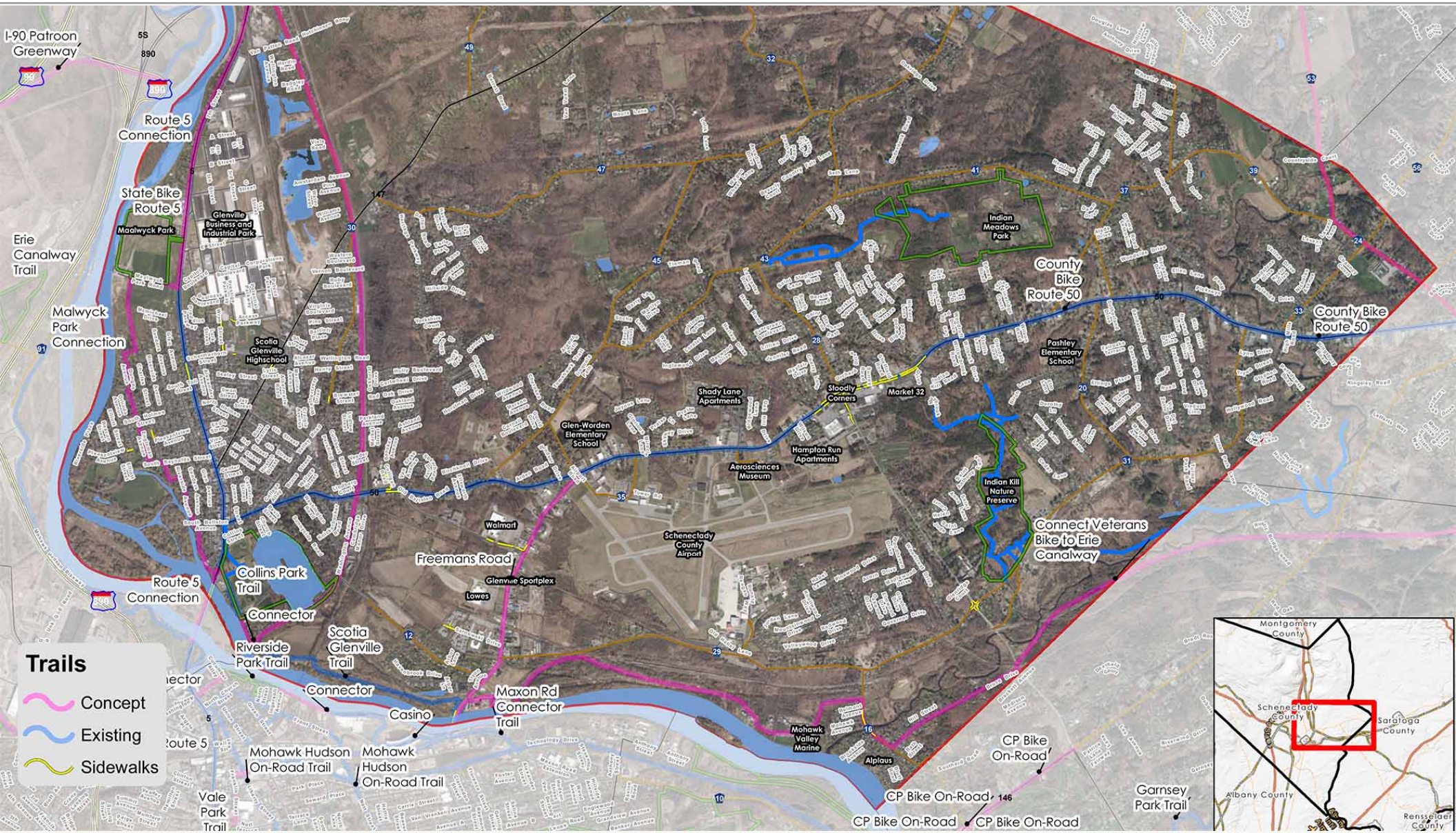

OUR PLAN

- Develop a long-term blueprint for desired future trail connections.
- Identify the three (3) “Highest Priority” trail connections in town for additional study and analysis.
- Identify ways in which the town is going to maintain these trails or funding sources to maintain them.

TABLE MAPPING DISCUSSIONS

- We are going to break up into separate table discussion groups for about an hour.
- Would like people to draw on maps, write ideas, concerns and discuss things with others.
- Maps, questions and reference materials are provided at each table (they are all the same).
- At end of period, we all come back to discuss the highlights of what our table came up with.

TABLE MAPPING DISCUSSION

Questions before we start?

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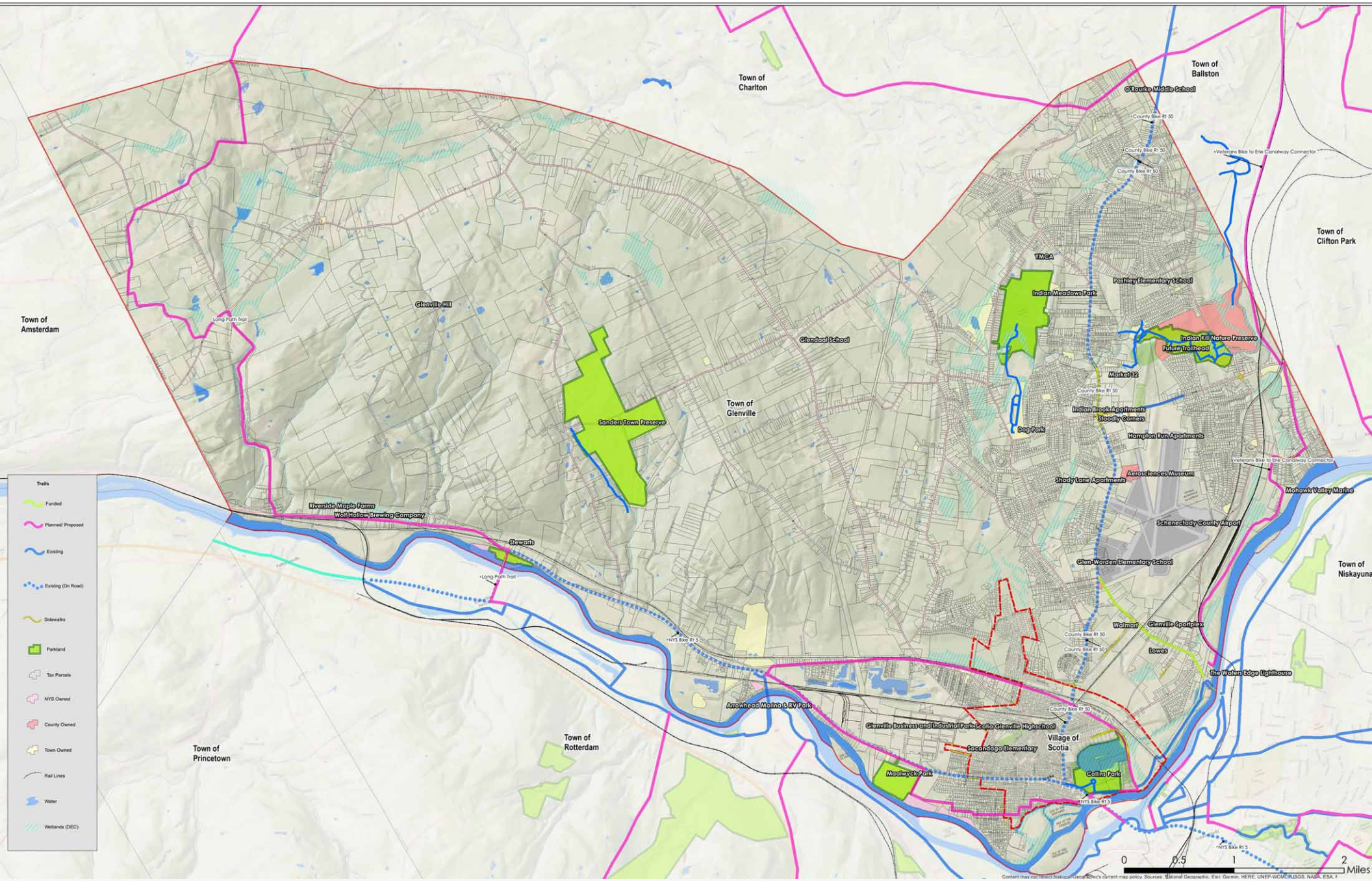

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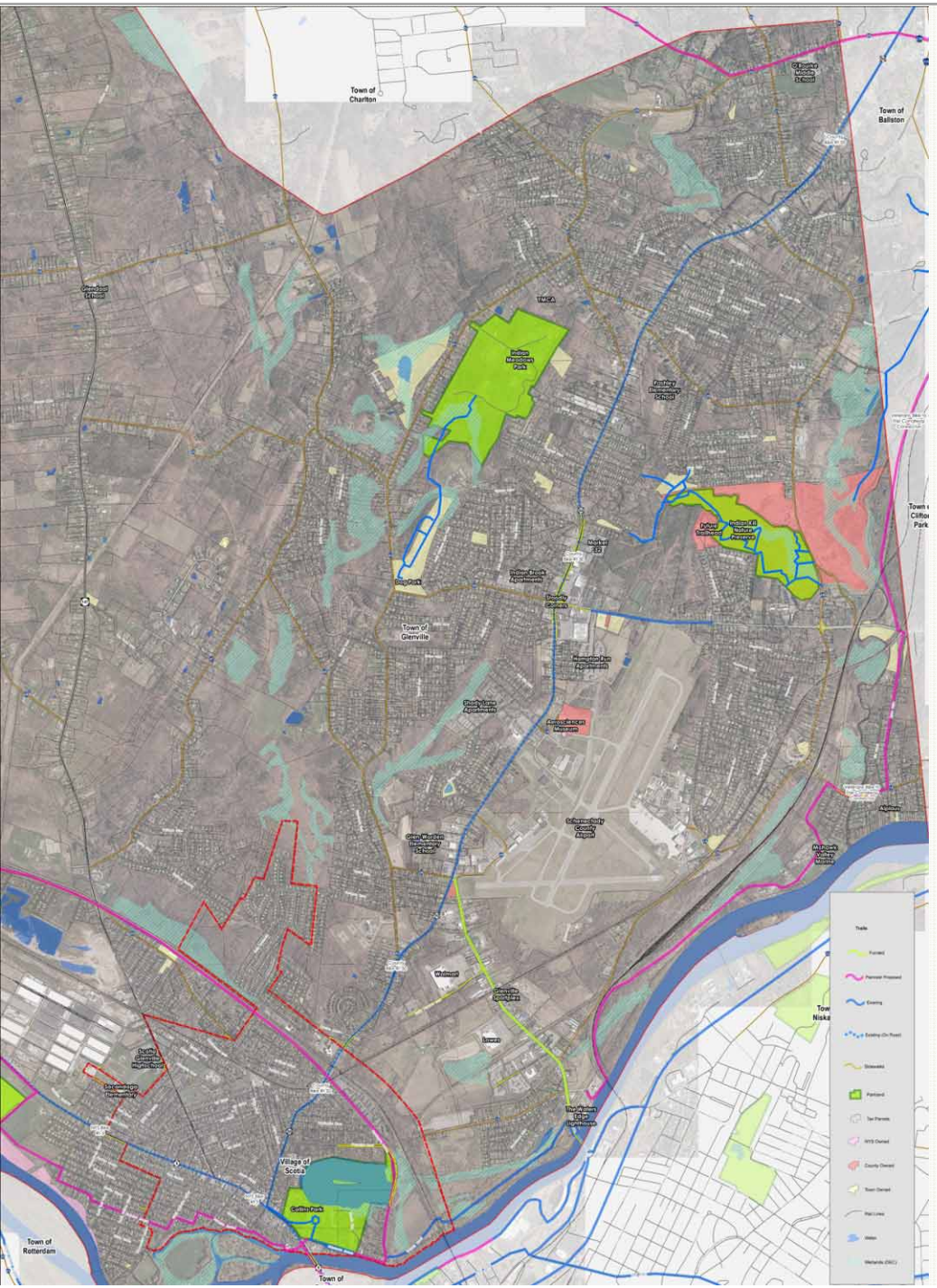

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

- What were the priority trail connections which your table discussed?
- What were some priorities that were agreed on?
- What are your concerns?

NEXT STEPS

- Going to review the input from this meeting and assess feasibility / priority of ideas proposed.
- Know others that were not able to attend? They can submit comments / suggestions online at:

  www.townofglenville.org/economic-development-planning-department/news/trails-workshop

Will be developing draft trails list for consideration by the committee, identify long-term trails and priorities.

- Draft presentation this summer.

Thank you

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Rossi Junction

Honoring a Crucial Bicycling Activist

New York's network of bike trails, paths, and routes that we enjoy today didn't just materialize. In the 1990s laws were enacted that allowed the Highway Trust Fund to be used for bicycle and pedestrian needs. Afterwards public investment in bicycle infrastructure exploded.

Route Blazer

No activist contributed more to New York State's bicycle infrastructure than Lou Rossi. He was a principal influence in opening the trust fund, and then became the driving force behind New York's system of 21 signed Bike Routes. He wrote popular books on touring the state by bicycle. And, as a founding member of NYBC, the New York State Bicycling Coalition, he formed an organization that vigorously lobbies State government to make cycling in New York friendlier and safer.

When Lou passed away in 2020, his colleagues at the State Department of Transportation decided to memorialize his immense contribution to bicycling. Lou's work exemplifies the best of Civil Service. Few in the broad bicycle community are aware of his contributions, but we all owe him immense gratitude. His colleagues hope to dedicate the memorial this spring.

Bike Route 9 Upstate

The memorial will be in Albany the intersection of the two longest Bike Routes -- Bike Route 5 from Niagara Falls to Massachusetts and Bike Route 9 from Canada to New York City. To be known as ROSSI JUNCTION, it will denote the junction's significance and have a rest area for local and touring cyclists' enjoyment.

Bike Route 9 in New York City

We are in the process of raising funds to erect a suitable Junction marker with interpretive plaques. If you enjoy New York State's bike network or otherwise have benefited from Lou's efforts we hope you will help.

You can learn more about Lou Rossi's career and contributions to New York's bike systems at this Internet link: https://tinyurl.com/RossiStory. And if you want to know more about the memorial plans, go to this link: https://tinyurl.com/MemorialDescription.

If you'd like to assist, please make a check out to the New York Bicycling Coalition and put "For Lou Rossi Memorial Fund" on the memo line. Mail it to New York Bicycling Coalition, P.O. Box 8868, Albany, NY 12208. Alternatively please go online at NYBC.net where you can use a credit card.

Proposed Site of Rossi Junction Memorial

Thank You,

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