

**Capital District Transportation Committee**  
**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

August 6, 2019 Meeting Notes

**Attendance:**

Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County Planning; David M Downes, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1; Lauren Stairs, Schenectady County Public Health Services; Jennifer Hogan, NYS DOH; John Gillivan, Village of Colonie, Town of Colonie; Laura Byer, Alta Planning and Design; Jen Ceponis, CDTC; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC

**1.0 New Business**

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Presentations:

*CDTC Local Road Safety Action Plan, Sandy Misiewicz*

Sandy Misiewicz presented to BPAC on the CDTC Local Road Safety Action Plan. Sandy discussed the need for the plan as well as how it was undertaken. Public input involved NYS Police, surveys, consultants, and local governments. The two biggest concerns indicated by the plan and the public are distracted driving and lack of bike-ped infrastructure. The plan highlights that there were 1,810 fatal and severe injury crashes in the region in under the last decade, and 630 ped, bike, and motorcycle crashes. The primary take-away from the plan is that systemic improvements are necessary and best for the region.

1.3 CDTC Updates

1.3.1 LOS evaluation subcommittee – CDTC reviewed about a dozen and tested three methodologies for bike and pedestrian LOS. Staff consulted with a subcommittee, and determined that two methodologies suited CDTC and the Capital Region. Methodology 1 is Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) – a more complex and data intensive methodology that favors suburban roads and doesn't consider protection. Methodology 2 is Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) – a less data intensive network analysis approach. BLOS tends to give higher ratings to bicycle routes than LTS.

1.3.2 New Visions 2050 Update – CDTC is undertaking an updating of the New Visions Long-Range Plan. A bicycle-pedestrian committee will be convened for the update. The update will look at safety data and metrics, highlight the trails plan, assess certain bicycle and pedestrian counts, address TIP funding, discuss infrastructure inventory, and consider four scenarios used for regional planning. These scenarios will be based on vehicle ownership, development patterns, and electric vehicle adoption rates.

Committee members asked for the update to include trail mileage and mileage in a state of good repair. CDTC is seeking recommendations on locations for bicycle and pedestrian counts.

- 1.3.3 Capital Coexist Mini-grants: \$40,000 was requested for projects, with \$25,000 available. Eight projects were selected to be in funded completely or partially.  
Albany County Library has a materials lending library for trial projects! Unused!
- 1.3.4 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series – APBP webinars are on-going through CDTC.
- 1.3.5 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Update(s) – No updates at this time.
- 1.3.6 Smart Communities Task Force Update – A nighttime sky tour is being planned for this autumn!

#### 1.4 NYSDOT Updates

- 1.4.1 NYS has conducted a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.
- 1.4.2 TAP/CMAQ – TAP/CMAQ projects have been identified by NYS. There are 8 projects within CDTC’s planning area that cover bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and transit projects. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-27-million-funding-support-transportation-enhancements-capital-region>

#### 1.5 Linkage Updates – See Linkage update table.

#### 1.6 Local Program Updates

- Troy is working on the Hoosick Linkage Study.
- Schenectady is working on a shared-use path to Kings Road Bridge.
- Albany will be producing a bicycle and pedestrian master plan. The Albany Connector Trail is in design phase.
- NYS DOH is coordinating safety campaign resources for the public and local governments.
- Colonie’s Comprehensive Plan is complete.

#### 1.7 Other Updates – Walk to School Day is October 2, 2019.

## 2.0 Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are open to the Public. The next CDTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting is **September 10, 2019 at 9:00am at the CDTC Office.**