

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Date: April 11, 2022

Start Time: 2 pm

End Time: 3:30 pm

Facilitator: Carrie Ward

Study/Project/Task: 6.12 Human Services Agency Transportation

Attendance

Name

Representing

Peggy Osbourne	Town of Bethlehem
Mary Forman	Schdy County Senior and Long Term Care Svcs
Deborah Engel	Town of New Scotland Senior Svcs
Jen Dunn	Saratoga Bridges
Anna Biggane	Town of Bethlehem
Audrey Burneson	NYSDOT Region 1
Brian Cregin	Center for Disability Services
Brian Monaco	Center for Disability Services
Carol Rozbozom	Rensselaer County
Rima Shamieh	CDTC
Denise Figueroa	Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Tom Vaughan	NYSDOT
Diane Conroy-LaCivita	Colonie Senior Service Centers
Judy Dahoda-Taylor	Saratoga County Dep't of Aging and Youth
Angelina Searles	Town of Colonie Senior Resources

Agenda Items:

1. Acceptance of prior meeting notes

No changes

2. Short Presentation: Sidewalk and Pedestrian Accessibility

PROWAG expected to be adopted in October 2022

FHWA/NYS DOT training in 2014, eye-opening that sidewalks weren't compliant with ADA.

Muni's didn't have sidewalk data set, so did that, took 3.5 years. 1,225 miles of sidewalk.

Data set includes pavement type, road name, which side of road the sidewalk is on, start and end points. The sidewalk data was sent to the municipalities.

Inclusion of sidewalk data is required in the transition plan.

Plans included sidewalks, curb ramps, ped signals, bus stops

Condition methodology

Municipal process: invite groups focusing on seniors and disabled people

Lessons learned for planners and engineers:

Read Title II of ADA, Compliance vs Planning

Read PROWAG: paint/=crosswalk (PROWAG expected to be adopted in October, 2022)

Simple=more likely do-able

Notification from enforcement agency – it is easier to get buy-in if a superior that they have to answer to that tells them they have to follow it (it gives them cover to say that they “have to do it”)

Ownership is a jurisdictional issue.

3. Upcoming Tools of the Trade

We've reserved the Barn at Pryn House on June 23rd. Carrie sought feedback on potential agenda items.

a. Interactive/Discussion activity

- i. Disability Awareness – experiential exercise. What can agencies do to make the system easier, better for the client and provider? Diane offered to work with Peggy and Jen to prepare a possible presentation.
- ii. Discussion groups – by geography, agency type, issue area

b. Review draft agenda

- i. Alliance for Better Health about “Ride Health” program
- ii. Panel: NYSDOT, DDPC confirmed
- iii. CDTA topics – Universal Access (agency pays for employees/students/clients ride for free and agency pays). STAR technology – CDTA was updating the tech for online booking, text alerts, updated policies. travel training: they have a new travel trainer. There was additional discussion about Albany County Senior Transportation – the extent of what they do, what types of services to refer to them (Peggy's suggestion). There was interest in discussing doing something similar in other counties.

There was also discussion about road design - for example, the bus stops along Troy-Schenectady Rd don't have adequate infrastructure. How much thought goes into where and how people are going to walk once they get off the bus? What's the transition there to pedestrian infrastructure? This seems to be an issue especially on county/state roads.

c. Food

i. Barbecue, Sandwiches

Diane suggested a food truck

d. Online registration

4. CDTC updates

a. Transportation Improvement Program solicitation

TIP proposed projects are available for review: <https://www.cdtcmpo.org/transportation-plans/transportation-improvement-program/2022-2027-tip-solicitation>

How to navigate to each project's fact sheet: TIP page → map page → project ID number → fact sheet with project type and more information. Comments should go to cdtc@cdtcmpo.org.

The target timeline is as follows:

- April 20 create funding plan
- May 6 PC approve draft TIP
- May public review comment period

b. Long range plan update

We need to start thinking about updating the Coordinated Plan. We will be looking at issues over the next 5-30 years. We did a lot of public outreach in the last plan. Carrie is assuming that we will continue to do so, if you have ideas on what types of data to gather or reasons to modify data gathering, let her know. We will be reaching out to seniors, disabled people and low income people.

c. 5310 Timeline

The CDTC review team has received applications from NYSDOT, and needs to send reviews back by May 16. Projects recommended for funding will go to Planning Board at its June 16 meeting for approval. We have lapsing 2020 funds, so it is important that we do not fall behind on this schedule.

Announcements/ Around the Table:

- a. [Are You Concerned About an Older Driver?](#) NYSOFA publication
- b. Carol Rozbozom from Rensselaer County reported that they have been receiving an abnormal spike in requests from dialysis patients. Judy has also experienced a spike. It's challenging because of the times requested, which are early in the morning. Used to average 3 dialysis requests, up to 16 since January. All new to us. Many loved ones that worked from home are now back at work and can't take the patients to dialysis. Now support systems are no longer available.
- c. Colonie Senior Service Center received a Transportation Planning Grant from the NADTC. It is creating working group and develop a plan to address needs of low-income seniors of color.

Next Meeting:

October 17, 2pm – the 10th is Indigenous Peoples' Day