



# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE (RTCC)

**Date:** May 8, 2023

**Start Time:** 2 pm

**End Time:** 3:15 pm

**Facilitator:** Carrie Ward, Senior Transportation Planner

**Study/Project/Task:** 6.12: Human Services Agency Transportation

## **Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Andy Cruikshank	Fort Hudson Health System
Adam Leach	Catholic Charities Senior & Caregiver Support Services
Jennifer Michelle	Healthy Corinth Coalition
Tom Vaughan	NYS DOT Public Transit Bureau
Joseph Bonarrigo	Albany County
Jenn Dunn	Saratoga Bridges
Denise Figueroa	Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Brian Cregin	Center for Disability Services
Bob O'Connell	CAPTAIN Community Human Services
Donna Stressel	Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center
Mary Forman	Schenectady County Long Term Care Services
Brian Monaco	Center for Disability Services
Andy Gilpin	Captain Cares
Rod Anderson	Town of Bethlehem Senior Services
Mark Castiglione	CDRPC
Angelina Searles	Town of Colonie
Gretchen Moore	Albany Guardian Society
Rima Shamieh	CDTC
Peter Crasto-Donnelly	The Food Pantries for the Capital District
Anna Edwards	Saratoga Senior Center
Peggy Osbourne	Senior Services
Valerie Rosado-Beattie	CDTA Access Transit

## **Agenda Items:**

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Acceptance of February 6, 2023 meeting notes  
Don't have meeting minutes, will review them at the August meeting
3. Presentation by Carrie Ward: Results to date of the Coordinated Plan public survey, and demographic maps  
Maps included demographic data. Elderly poverty map uses 65+ as cut off for elderly. Consensus was to change the cut off to 60+.

So far we have received 240 Senior center/congregate meal responses, and 17 other responses – probably from STAR letters. In 2019, we got 250 senior responses, 113 “disability” responses, of which 56 were STAR

Summary of survey responses so far, just from the congregate meal surveys:

- Most people had access to a car, and most people drove a car
- For those that didn't drive, getting to the doctor, groceries, and shopping were places people most often cited not being able to access.
- Night vision was cited as an obstacle
- Age range of respondents: mid-70's to low-80's. Most people did not report a disability.
- 90% respondents were white, which is within the demographic range for the region's population (varies by county)

The consensus was that more outreach should be done to reach more people and different types of people (surveys were distributed to congregate meal sites, but many sites can only be accessed by car, which would skew results). It would be helpful for RTCC members to also share it through their channels, especially Albany and Schenectady County organizations, because we need more surveys in those counties. Carrie will send out a blurb of about 2 sentences for RTCC members to help with survey solicitation.

**The deadline for responses will be moved out to the end of June.**

### 240 Coordinated Plan update

#### a. Provider Survey

Only have 4 responses from providers so far. It would be helpful for the report and to justify 5310 awards to have responses from more providers.

**The deadline for provider survey responses is the end of May.**

- #### b.
- Carrie will be presenting about the updated Coordinated Plan to CDTC's Planning Committee in August, before they need to approve it in October. Let Carrie know if you are interested in helping to present the updated plan to the Planning Committee!

Carrie should have a draft of the Coordinated Plan for the August RTCC meeting.

5. Section 5310 Funding

- a. Previous grants
- b. Upcoming solicitation

Tom Vaughan noted that there has been a delay in getting the previous round of grants out. The next solicitation will be released in the fall. They anticipate allowing 5-6 weeks to submit proposals before the deadline, which will be before Thanksgiving.

6. Updates

- a. Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce

The task force is looking for ways for groups to work together to better utilize assets to help people in low-income households to get to where they need to go. CDTA, Tech Valley Shuttle, and other service providers are looking to develop a pilot.

- b. Ped Infra Transition Plans in Troy, Ballston Spa, Guilderland were funded through CDTC

- c. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant

This project will include a crash analysis and produce a safety plan to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Vision Zero is the model that it will be working from. Roadway demonstrations will be part of the project. Public input will be a big part of the process. The project will address all aspects of safety, including behaviors, i.e. education and enforcement.

- d. Colonie Seniors National Aging and Disability Transportation Center Grant

Carrie noted that Colonie Senior Services is still providing grant-funded services in Watervliet and Menands.

- e. CDTC [2023 Local Road Safety Education & Encouragement Program](#)

This grant is for law enforcement agencies, focusing on education and encouragement activities that will help implement the Local Roads Safety Plan adopted in 2019.

7. News Around the Table

Several RTCC members are participating on a resource panel at CAPTAIN Community Human Services sponsored “Here Come the Boomers,” a forum on aging in Saratoga County, which will cover topics like how to navigate the system, how to support caregivers, and transportation. Will be held on May 18.

Mark Castiglione of CDRPC continues to participate in the process to update the statewide master plan on aging and will share information as it comes. Carrie Ward circulated a survey for this effort and will reshare it if it is still open. The plan process is on an 18-month timeline, last week was the kick-off week. Subcommittees have begun identifying priorities and needs. Denise Figueroa is also serving on the Committee and will pass along information as well.

**Next Meeting:**

August 14, 2023, 2 pm