

Capital District
Transportation Committee

December 27, 2019

2020-2021 Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program Proposals

**Albany County
Rail Trail Expansion Feasibility Study**

Evaluate possible extensions and connections from the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail into the Town of Guilderland. First, explore options to continue the trail from the Village of Voorheesville along the rail bed to the Village of Altamont. Second, explore a path along Route 155 (State Farm Road) running to New Karner Road (the Albany Loop). Third, explore a potential connection to a proposed development near the Albany Country Club.

Consultant Budget Requested			Additional CDTC Staff Assistance Requested	In-Kind County Staff Contribution	Proposed Project Total
Federal Share (75%)	Local Cash (25%)	Total Federal and Local Share			
\$45,000	\$15,000	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$75,000

**City of Albany
Washington Avenue Connection Study**

Examine Washington Avenue between Brevator Street and Henry Johnson Boulevard to improve connections to major institutions, reduce conflicts between different modes of transportation, identify preferred design solutions, incorporate elements of green infrastructure, and identify opportunities for community art, branding, and economic development.

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Federal Share (75%)	Local Cash (25%)	Total Federal and Local Share			
\$71,250	\$23,750	\$95,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$105,000

**Village of Ballston Spa
Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and Linkage Study**

Develop a pedestrian and bicycle master plan and evaluate multi-use options to connect the Village to the Zim Smith Trail which ends in the Town of Ballston. Using a Complete Streets framework, the plan will describe where to improve, replace or add sidewalks in a focus area to improve access to the central business district, recreational facilities and the Malta Avenue school; provide safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists; establish a link from the Zim Smith Trail to downtown Ballston Spa; and provide traffic calming on cut through village streets.

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Federal Share (75%)	Local Cash (25%)	Total Federal and Local Share			
\$45,000	\$15,000	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$80,000

**Town of Colonie
Bicycle Master Plan**

Develop a network of on-road and off-road bicycle facilities to facilitate bicycle connections to key destinations throughout the Town and to the regional trail system. Creating such a system would encourage people to choose bicycling for short trips thus alleviating traffic. The Town has several off-street paths and is actively working to expand them through the development review process and as opportunities arise through infrastructure projects and property acquisition. As part of the Comprehensive Plan update, the Town revised its 2008 Pathways Plan which will provide a starting point for the development of a Bicycle Master Plan Network.

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Federal Share (75%)	Local Cash (25%)	Total Federal and Local Share			
\$71,250	\$23,750	\$95,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$105,000

**Village of Colonie
Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility Study**

Examine Sand Creek Road, from Watervliet Shaker Road to Wolf Road for the feasibility of a Complete Street. The study will consider the current access and mobility of all modes of transportation which include motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists and develop a Concept Plan for future implementation that will involve a more welcoming transportation environment accommodating all modes of travel. The study will also integrate safety improvements such as options to reduce vehicular speed and congestion, minimize environmental impacts and encourage economic growth. Transit infrastructure is also non-existent in the corridor and this study will look at options to improve transit access.

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\$45,000	\$15,000	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$75,000

**Town of East Greenbush
Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-Municipal Update**

Examine the current US 4 corridor between Mannix Road and NY Route 43 (North Greenbush) in the context of both the existing adjacent land use and likely future conditions in order make transportation improvements which are needed to address multi-modal needs, current operations, and advance larger concepts to accommodate the area's continued growth. Improvements and site plan reviews have helped initiate and encourage a walkable infrastructure, but current traffic congestion is beyond the scope of any one development proposal. This effort will update the 2006 Route 4 Corridor Study recommendations, many of which have been completed.

Consultant Budget Requested			Additional CDTC Staff Assistance Requested	In-Kind Town Staff Contribution	Proposed Project Total
Federal Share (75%)	Local Cash (25%)	Total Federal and Local Share			
\$67,500	\$22,500	\$90,000	\$5,000	\$12,500	\$107,500

**Village of Menands
Menands Land Use Regulations Update**

Update and revise the Village land use regulations to improve walkability, encourage redevelopment of vacant or underutilized commercial sites, and foster infill development and compact design. This effort will audit Village zoning and subdivision regulations with a focus on updating street standards, parking requirements, multi-modal facilities, access management measures and address impediments to mixed uses. The Village is particularly interested in addressing its commercial core and encouraging reactivation of several key sites along the Broadway Corridor. The Village would also like to develop and adopt complete street standards as a component of this effort.

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Federal Share (75%)	Local Cash (25%)	Total Federal and Local Share			
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$80,000

**Saratoga County
Zim Smith Northern Trail Extension**

Examine a feasible route for an approximately 4-mile northern extension of the Zim Smith Trail from the trail's current terminus on Oak Street in the Village of Ballston Spa to the Saratoga Spa State Park. In the past, this trail extension has been mentioned in multiple planning studies, but a potential route has never been identified. If a connection can be made, this portion of trail will add to the previously constructed 12-mile-long Zim Smith Trail.

Consultant Budget Requested			Additional CDTC Staff Assistance Requested	In-Kind County Staff Contribution	Proposed Project Total
Federal Share (75%)	Local Cash (25%)	Total Federal and Local Share			
\$52,500	\$17,500	\$70,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$72,000

**Village of Scotia
Downtown Connections Plan**

The Downtown Connections Plan intends to improve the pedestrian, bicycle and mass transit experience in the Village's Central Business District along Mohawk Avenue (NYS Route 5). The current focus of this corridor, especially at the intersection with NYS Route 50, is the quick and efficient movement of commuters and freight through the Village. Although the importance of that focus cannot be minimized, the Village wishes to increase the focus on other user groups and how their safety and enjoyment of the area can be enhanced. Additionally, the connection from the Central Business District to Collins Park should be carefully analyzed with the goal of improving pedestrian flow and enhancing the user experience.

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\$45,000	\$15,000	\$60,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$72,500