

CDTC July 1, 2020 Planning Committee Meeting

>> Mike Franchini: morning morning taking attendance is always fun Brad

>> Bradley Birge: you can have every 35 people in the room right

>> Mike Franchini: and telephone numbers

>> Bradley Birge: there's a lot of logistics behind the scenes that's for sure

>> Mike Franchini: yeah but I don't have any chat questions to worry about right now you could tell everybody's more comfortable with zoom and virtual meetings now they wait to the last minute to get on

>> Andrew Kreshik: Glenn you look like a pilot

>> Glenn Posca: these are very special glasses their supposed to reduce computer glare and migraines

>> Andrew Kreshik: I'm very familiar with them unfortunately, yes but when Steve gets on just make sure he doesn't get confused you know you might think he's at a meeting at the airport

>> Mike Franchini: yes of course where is he? still taking attendance everybody

>> Steve Iachetta: okay good morning Michael morning everyone how we doing

>> Mike Franchini: good still taking attendance though

>> Steve Iachetta: 9:31 happy July everyone

>> Mike Franchini: twenty nine people holy moly

>> Steve Iachetta: so the protocol is to mute until you want to speak raise your hand right

>> Mike Franchini: yes

>> Steve Iachetta: so you probably have a quorum

>> Mike Franchini: we're getting there let me just go with okay we just read we just reached a quorum but let me go through thee go through the list I have the attendance list I have and if at the end of the list if you don't hear your name please chime in so right now on my list I have Randy Milano Brad Burge Chris Mullin Joe Seeman Graves Andrew Kreshik Peter Comenzano John Scavo Jamie O'Neill Andrew Kohut Adam Yagelski sorry Adam Mark Castiglione Jim Markel Ross Farrell Bob Rice Greg Wichser Steve Iachetta Tim Wainwright we also have Fred Mastriani Melissa Stanley and Dahlia Sorrowitz I think I've got Ron Shafer Ron was that you Ron hold on

>> Steve Feeney: hey Michael can you hear me Steve Feeney

>> Mike Franchini: yep okay Steve thanks Ron is muted Steve anybody else I not get who is that telephone number five one eight four one nine seven eight seven three anyone

>> Joe Cimino: Oh Mike this is Joe Cimino that's not my number but I'm on the line as well there I'm on the call as well

>> Mike Franchini: okay Joe thanks

>> Steve Iachetta: was that number Mike I say it again

>> Mike Franchini: five one eight four one nine seven eight seven three

>> Steve Iachetta: mystery guest

>> Mike Franchini: and it's muted not by me

>> Andrew Kreshik: I know Jeff Pangburn was trying to get on they were going to watch it on the face the video but they were having difficulty so they might have joined zoom but I don't know

>> Mike Franchini: okay Steve we have a quorum Chris how did you do Chris Bauer you were taking attendance also how did you do on the on the list?

>> Chris Bauer: I think we have the same list okay I'm just going through all of them now and yeah I think we have the same list and I'll try to keep track of anybody who comes on after

>> Mike Franchini: okay see Steve I can I think we're fine we do have a quorum so if you want to get started

>> Steve Iachetta: thank you Michael all right we're ready to commence as of 9:35 this day Wednesday July 1st happy July everyone as well and your families as well thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us for the support and planning committee meeting of the CDTA it's my introduction with the roll call Mike we don't want to do any more self-introductions right at the end we'll do a status of cleaning activities everyone will have a good chance to network and describe their current status of any significant projects and transportation related events at that time for protocol we know that it's best to remain muted until you want to raise your hand and speak I have a list of the presenters for today's meeting so that's my brief introduction please remain muted and then unmute when you need to speak it's the tricks of the new zoom world so thank you very much once again and item 2 on the agenda is the visitors issues privilege of the floor for this meeting of the planning committee there are any visitors on the line that wish to address the board at this time going once going twice hearing none we move to our item 3 adoption of our prior meeting minutes of May 6th that were advanced or distributed by staff thank you very much and both paper and digitally and the website is outstanding with excellent access to all our CDTA and planning related issues so the minutes are on the table may have a motion to adopt the minutes of May 6 that are any revisions or amendments suggested at this time just unmute and feel free to speak motion to adopt the minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup>

>> Mark Castiglione: I make a motion to adopt the minutes

>> Steve Iachetta: thank you Mark

>> Bob Rice: I'll second it

>> Steve Iachetta: second Bob Rice very good moving right along are we ready to vote everybody comfortable voting on the minutes which is our official record that is posted publicly and online all in favor please say aye

>> ALL: Aye

>> Steve Iachetta: like any abstaining or opposed remember on mute going once going twice our first action item is done minutes are adopted it's Mike Valentine on line he's excellent with typographic and grammatical and other clarity of issues ok that is adopted so item 4 continuing with action items is the running story ongoing with fiscal constraint of our tip summary table for and Michael will lead us on this Mike on item for fiscal constraint Michael you need to unmute I don't hear you or see you who do I see

>> Mike Franchini: yes yes I'm trying to do a couple things at once. Jen I have to share a screen I think you have to allow it

>> Jen Ceponis: you should still be able to share the screen at the bottom of your screen should be a green share screen button

>> Mike Franchini: yeah it says host disabled participant share screen sharing

>> Jen Ceponis: ok. Can you try now?

>> Mike Franchini: yep ok I'm in ok so I'm sharing screen and I'm sharing a screen because the table that is in your package is an outdated table that was mistakenly included in the package the up-to-date schedule is on the screen right now and you'll if you're looking at your screen hopefully you'll see that in the first year of our four year tip we are 3.3 percent over programmed in the second year 2.3 percent under in third year 0.1 percent under and in the fourth year 4.9 percent under so the only issue is that we put the wrong table 4 in the package and that the table on your screen is the latest greatest and accurate table for you'll see that all of our percentages are under 5 percent any questions about that? They're all question Steve we can move on

>> Steve Iachetta: this is a voting item Michael?

>> Mike Franchini: no this is really information we do put any action items because we want to see it before we get to the tip amendments

>> Steve Iachetta: let's see FHWA is not on the line do you believe they will be team this satisfactory and we're within 5% goal in all years right 4.9

>> Mike Franchini: correct

>> Steve Iachetta: yeah birth year that's good so it should be satisfactory from all prior FHWA discussions and coordination right

>> Mike Franchini: correct

>> Steve Iachetta: very good moving to item 5 on our agenda is the tip proposed amendments which were distributed in advance paper and digital so we've got the CDTA regional project 131 CTC 31 bus rapid transit it's not a policy board item it is a cost decrease on the increase line says - 2.07 million no offset required not a change should these be groups A and B or go separate A and B?

>> Ross Farrell: they can be Steve this is Ross they can they can be grouped

>> Steve Iachetta: very good so the item 2 is the T 125 Washington Western BRT go ahead Ross please provide the executive summary and we'll vote on these items together

>> Ross Farrell: all right thanks thank Steve hello everyone the actions today are related to the wash in western B our teeth BRT which you may have seen that we were awarded from 60.9 million from the small starts program the action today though is for work that would happen prior to a finalized grant agreement through the small starts program and this is for preliminary work related to our garage Albany garage expansion so a big issue and a reason why the overall Washington Western BRT is roughly at 77 million dollars is because of the fact that we don't have the space and means to actually house and maintain the buses under our existing facilities and what we're going to do is expand our Albany garage on to sites that have that are currently employee parking so if you ever been at our facility if you go behind the garage and to the side of the garage there's parking mainly for our bus operators when they come in in the morning those with those that parking would be relocated actually across the street to what is the Boleyn building it's a site right across the street that we are acquiring to relocate the parking and then in addition another site is to be able to secure our area in our layover area in downtown Albany so if you've ever been near the Greyhound station you'll see that underneath the south mall arterial there is an area where CDTA parks its buses we can only keep our buses there during the daytime we can't leave

buses there overnight because it isn't a secure facility so we're going to be including fencing security gates security cameras etc so that this can be an area where we can store buses overnight and so what this action is is for those two two areas that sets us up to be able to construct the Albany bus garage which ties back to Washington Western BRT the reason why it is outside of the small starts project is again because this work has to happen in advance of the overall BRT line and so that's why we're using the BRT set aside where we're drawing down funds from the BRT set aside which is RG 131 and then creating it the new project which is t 125 and so that's the overall summary and willing to answer any questions that anyone may have

>> Steve Iachetta: any questions for Ross? Thank You Ross good overview so this is a balanced action between the A and the B and your descriptions are noted with the improvements to your garaging facilities so it's really no cost change right

>> Ross Farrell: no overall impact it's just moving money from the set aside and then creating a project from the set aside

>> Steve Iachetta: any other members have comment or questions before we vote hearing none motion to adopt items A and B some of 5A and 5B thank you second

>> Chris Wallin: I'll second it

>> Steve Iachetta: who is that?

>> Chris Wallin: second Chris Wallin

>> Steve Iachetta: oh thank you Chris excellent good morning all in favor please say aye raise your hand

>> ALL: Aye

>> Steve Iachetta: are any abstaining or opposed please speak now in that action item is hereby resolved thank you for consensus and can move forward to item six unified planning work program for CDTC upwp progress report for October 1st through March 31st of this year and Michael's gonna lead us on this. Mike

>> Mike Franchini: okay I'm gonna try and share the screen again so give me just a couple seconds here and I will get to the screen okay can everybody see my screen alright alright so this is the document that's in your package this is our semiannual you keep upwp progress report every six months we have to submit a progress report to the FHWA ADOT and FTA usually when we do this we just go we just highlight the the first couple pages which is the summary of key accomplishments which is on your screen so a couple things I will go through very quickly some items of note so the second bullet they're developing the upwp for 2020 2022 was a major effort again a staff effort everyone's involved in developing which tasks are included in the two-year upwp we you know I think it's a really good plan for the next two years and it takes it takes a lot of time from the staff and the inion probably about two months' worth of time but so that was a major accomplishment and I'm sure you're familiar with the third bullet there is the draft new visions 2050 plan and other staff effort by everyone involved we produced the first draft in between October 1st and March 31st of this year let's see on the fifth bullet I just want to point out that it's really an important statement that we've made and it is for a lot of reasons but in the infrastructure planning in the new visions this second you know the second sentence there where it says the principle of preserving imagining the region's transportation system continues to be CDTC's highest stated priority but I just want to highlight that because you know we sometimes forget about all the other programs that preservation is really important preservation of the bridges and highway system is really important and it is still the highest state of priority in new visions so just that out on the second page we talk about our regional operations and travel ability reliability it's the second bullet down on the second page this year we updated our congestion management process we're really proud of that it feared very

well in the FHWA FFT certification and on the third page there's a couple items I'd like to point out for the New Visions the process we also developed and this the second bullet on the third plane but we also developed a public participation strategy and you and that had to be revised because of the coronavirus but we are very active in providing virtual meetings if you or your municipality our group would like a presentation a virtual presentation resume presentation that summarizes the New Visions 2050 we're ready to go we're more than glad to do it just send an email to myself or two gents upon us and we'll schedule a virtual meeting with you for New Visions and boy there's a couple other things there you know we revised we updated our human services transportation plan which is a very big effort but we did that with our Coordinating Committee and last but not least more last bolts on the bottom our traffic safety Ambassador Program has just been going really well every year we get really motivated people that do demonstration projects like rodeos district you know just a lot of great little projects I say little less expensive but involving the community really getting down to the community level really proud of that and weekend we did that last year and we're doing it again this year that's a quick summary of the UPWP. If you have any questions I will certainly try to answer them

>> Steve Iachetta: any questions for Michael on the UPWP you want us to vote to adopt the update six-month summary?

>> Mike Franchini: yes please

>> Steve Iachetta: very good motion or any further discussion questions for Michael a lot of good work there I will accept the motion to adopt the UPWP PE report, I'll move it. Second? please

>> Randy Milano: I'll second

>> Steve Iachetta: Randy thank you good morning all in favor please say aye

>> ALL: Aye

>> Steve Iachetta: thank you any abstaining or opposed hearing none hereby adopted for the UPWP report. Item 7 is up next that was our last action item now we're into the discussion Mike will let us item 7 status of solicitations that we've got several here thank you Michael

>> Mike Franchini: yes thanks Steve so you know you can see from the agenda we have several excuse me solicitations for different projects we are making some adjustments here we are making some adjustments here excuse me to our schedule for solicitations we know that all of our members and municipalities are very busy in this time with the pandemic and we haven't seen to be honest we haven't seen all the applications that we would normally see so on many of our solicitations were going to a rolling basis so that you there is no time limit for their deadline for the applications we'd like to give members plenty of time to submit as they as they deem necessary so that's my only general comment we have staff on the meeting to just quickly summarize each one of them Sandy would you start us off please with the tech assistance program

>> Sandy Misiewicz: sure so in the packet on the website we have simply changed as Mike indicated the original submission deadline to become a rolling deadline we do have even though we did fund a few projects in this program we do have some additional monies available to fund more all the criteria remain the same in terms of eligible initiatives and we'll try to fund the worthy ones as they as they come in

>> Mike Franchini: any questions about technical assistance program if not let's move on to Complete Streets Chris Bauer will you summarize that

>> Chris Bauer: sure so similar to the tech assist program we have the capacity to fund up to three Complete Streets workshops for this round as of the deadline we had received one application we are moving to a rolling deadline again until we deem three total workshops worthy we haven't done we haven't reviewed any of them yet so we have enough we have not awarded any yet so there's still time we did just receive another application this week so we are up to two that doesn't mean that there's only

you know space for one more because we haven't really awarded those yet so right now you know there's still a lot of chance to be involved and amazing questions let me know

>> Mike Franchini: okay the next solicitation is the ADA transition plans Chris is that for you or for me to summarize Chris Bauer? I can do it

>> Chris Bauer: yeah sorry I don't know about that

>> Mike Franchini: That's ok. I'll do it Carrie is on vacation right now Carrie Ward she would normally be the one to summarize that so let me call that up and share that on the screen so we are again doing a rolling solicitation rolling basis for this solicitation we've had one application we have hired chase and companies now this keep in mind this is a consultant lead plan and it's required for all municipalities so that we are prepared to assist you know in developing the self-analysis Center and just transition plans for all of our municipalities again rolling application and great program if you're interested you could email myself or Carrie Ward and our staff. Last but not least is the trail feasibility solicitation Jen do you want to talk about that please

>> Jen Ceponis: sure excuse CDTC has made up to \$75,000 available for a consultant led feasibility study to look at trails that have been recommended in the capital district trails plan that was released in 2018 so or 2019 the trails that feasibility say focus on must be the core trails we're related to the core trails that are in the plan and proposals are due August 7th and if you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or send me an email and but most of it can be programmed description can be found from our website

>> Mike Franchini: okay any questions about any of our solicitations okay Steve that's it for that item

>> Steve Iachetta: okay we ready to move forward

>> Mike Franchini: yes please

>> Steve Iachetta: any questions I didn't hear any on the solicitations those four key areas ready to move forward to item eight on our agenda is the FHWA FTA in person certification the number of meetings and a lot of support demonstrated thank you all Mike you want to do your overview for our board on FHWA FTA certification

>> Mike Franchini: yes this will be really quick we concluded our certification process with a closeout meeting last week where FTA and FHWA go over all the programs and kind of give us a summary of their aspect that their thoughts on certification just a quick summary they're in the process now of writing up the report we should see the report in a few weeks in the draft form and then we'll end we will do we will bring it to the Planning Committee for your information so the certification did go very well I guess what I'd like to say is just thank all the members for their input and for some of some of them some of the very positive comments that the members made during the up during their comment meeting virtual comment meeting so thank you for all your support staff is really great on this project again and that's really all I need to say about the certification

>> Steve Iachetta: so thank you for all participants any questions for Mike on item 8? hearing none moving forward to item 9 is the CDTC project delivery update Mike and Jacob

>> Mike Franchini: Jacob I don't have anything could you take it please

>> Jacob Beeman: yep thanks Mike. so we've got a couple updates based on updates that we've received from consultants over the past month Saratoga County project middle line road over Gordon Creek tributary letting was held in May Schenectady County project hybrid Road over East Campbell Road sidewalk reconstruction construction was authorized in the month of May town of Charleston project

peaceable Street over morning kill culvert replacement letting was also held in May and the village of Green Island Hudson Avenue reconstruction project was also held letting was held in May next month I'm going to be reaching out to the city of Rennes tiller village Varghese Ville and the town of Rotterdam for our CDTC monthly updates and as always requests anybody if you take a look at our project tracking spreadsheet that we have online under the planning committee planning committee meeting materials take a look at that and feel free to provide us with any updates you can send those directly to me or request the sheet for me as well so always looking for additional updates or kind of any modifications to that sheet we also have Adam Yagelski from East Greenbush to give us a few updates on the us 9 and 20 sidewalk project that he has going on right now Adam

>> Adam Yageski: yes thanks Jacob and thanks everybody can I Mike Jen is it possible to share my screen here

>> Jen Ceponis: um you should be able to

>> Adam Yagelski: okay so just I think this is the same figure that we shared back in I forget when the last update was but it's basically this green area is the project limits installing sidewalks drainage improvements and other multimodal accommodations along this portion of us nine and twenty from about Bruin Court and the Discovery Drive area down to the city line it's I want to say it's about twenty five hundred feet I should also mention too that Joe Cimino of CH a is also on the line the scope as I mentioned is install sidewalks curbing closed drainage there's also some open drainage there's a steep hill going up from West East up to Discovery Drive area the as well as a bus shelter which were working with CDTA to install here the the project objectives really the impetus was safety there was a fatal crash I believe in early 2017 might have been 2016 in in this area here so we had this we got this project program then scoped in addition that it's this part of the town's Complete Streets program it's also part of our initiative to address multimodal accommodations along the corridor I'll show you in a minute it's part of the Albany Hudson electric trail alignment as well and one thing to note that it is funded with generic environmental impact statement dollars traffic mitigation funds so this is essentially funded by development projects in town let me pull up the so here's the Omni Hudson electric trail and what you can see from the previous map and this map and I'll get into the challenges in a minute but there's a lot of stuff going along on in this corridor so one of the challenges is just to kind of keep stuff coordinated but as you can see Albany Hudson Electric trail this is the pedestrian alignment this sidewalk will fill a gap in the pedestrian alignment the here's Bruin court right here some a little bit way of the way down to the south and east the bicycle portion of the alignment actually diverse and goes on road sure would have and I on 151 toward the city of Rensselaer so part of the objectives to is to complete this gap here in the Albany Hudson electric trail alignment the in terms of the current status we got the most recent milestone was April 20th we got design approval from US DOT and New York State d-o-t and we are currently we have a pre PS any package that the town is reviewing right now the we have construction slated for federal fiscal year 2021 so that's next year we think we may and this will probably depend on the review process we may be able to let this this year and advance the construction because we're with the design is basically wrapped up but we need to work with do you know D O T and US D O T on that after the town completes its internal review in terms of the challenges like I mentioned one of the things early on was staff turnover and so now that work were finally were kind of the rubbers hit the road as I mentioned there's a lot going on here so one of the things we identified early on is let's see if we can linked up to the d-o-t projects the New York State D O T is doing they've been doing ADA compliance work up and down this for the last couple of years which is great and they've actually D O T has done some of the sidewalk rehabilitation that was actually in our original project the area so there's a real attention here also from private developers as part of this separate D O T bridge project sidewalks were brought in a portion of the project area on the other side of 9 and 20 on the west side up to the treatment plan so we've you know there's just a lot of activity that were you know we're trying to leverage opportunities to coordinate unfortunately we weren't able to link construction of this project phase with D O T ADA project which we had explored with Greg and his colleagues to leverage efficiencies in terms of mobilization and you know also to minimize I mean the traffic impacts are probably fairly minimal if these are uncoordinated and then you know one of the other things we're just working with CDTA to construct the foundation the pad and the grading and such for the bus shelter you know we've worked out with CDTA and D O T where that's going to go so there's just an agreement that needs to be executed and in all of that with so just another

step procedurally I I guess Joe do you do you want to add anything to that before we wrap this up speak now or forever Joe I think you may be on mute

>> Joe Camino: sorry about that with the full screen of your map I couldn't find the unmute button but then I minimized it and I found it so yeah good morning everyone this is Joe Camino you know CHA and we've been assisting the town with this project for the last year and a half and one thing I would add is that as I have mentioned that we do have what we feel is a full we call it a pre PS and E because obviously it requires reviews by the town and the state but we have what we feel as a full package and so if reviews go efficiently there is no right of way there are no utility core utility work permits required and so if the reviews can go swiftly we feel there's still a good opportunity as Adam mentioned to construct this in the fall it's not a big job so I just I feel that out there as kind of a you know precursor to what may be a request if possible you know Adam and I were talking about this to shift the construction back up into 19 20 it were originally had been I did notice earlier in the constraints table that 19 20 was already overcommitted so I don't know if that's even a possibility but we're not there yet so I'm not we're not and I want to speak for the town but I don't think we're asking for that yet we have to see how the reviews go but there's not much left to do other than procedural item so if all that can work out it can be moved on you know and if it can be moved on the tip we feel our construction estimate is pretty close to the dollar values currently on the construction for the project it's all very possible that this could go this could happen you know later this year and that would be the goal as Adam was mentioned mentioning with regards to a lot of the trail work and the idea that a lot of the folks you know involved with that trail system would like to see this as soon as possible so anyway we're with a lot of construct being delayed and held up this year due to Covid this would be something that we think could be done this year we just got to work with the department and the other folks the other agencies to just make it happen if we can so that's all I would add Adam thanks

>> Adam Yagelski: thanks Joe yeah and I should mention too that the Albany Hudson electric trail construction is ongoing right now in any screen bush and the trail the complete trail should be open by I think it's November 15th is what the Greenway is targeting so that that'll be done this fall so thanks Jacob and Mike and everybody that's what we've got

>> Jacob Beeman: thank you Adam and Joe that's a great update and certainly appreciate how thorough that was so thanks again that's um all I have for that topic Steve

>> Steve Iachetta: Great, Thank You Jacob Adam and Joe excellent overview exciting trails prudent projects for the Albany Hudson electric trail etc next up on our agenda is item 10 a d-o-t project delivery schedule is that Greg Wichser or

>> Greg Wichser: yeah I'll speak to that well I sure I'm gonna share my screen here maybe there it is while I'm sharing that I didn't want to speak real quick to Joe's topic I'm gonna moving the project back up we moved a lot of step projects out for the stip performance business and we made a commitment that if something was ready we would move it back and we would balance the table accordingly you know so don't worry about what you see there the money would basically come with it is the notion so

>> Joe Cimino: okay thank you

>> Greg Wichser: yeah so Adam and Joe if you ready that is not a roadblock so

>> Adam Yagelski: Perfect Thanks

>> Greg Wichser: nice that project delivery you know we used to report both but some CDTC for what long while now been doing the local project tracking we are just gonna provide our state projects within the area so here's the list of projects above things have been let to date so far one of them was 28 days late we're doing some bridge painting and other repairs the Twin Bridges it's with state funds which is why you don't see it on the tip something sort of came up quick on us so we jumped at and so you know you should drive the Twin Bridges you can see the base of the arches or you know a little in need of some painting so it's gonna do focus on that some other little things the bridge needs so that's that was let

recently up above here you can see that the ADA compliance the sidewalk job in an East Greenbush that was let back in April and we awarded and is moving forward a region-wide piece a project went out second phase of it and other than that oh and I 90 over fuller and Erie was rebid this this a couple weeks ago and bids came in a little high but overall our bidding is still normal the over-unders are still where they used to be and actually seeing more bidders now and we haven't passed and then the bottom three projects are the ones coming up much later in the year so any questions on this? all right pass it along Steve

>> Steve lachetta: all right thank you Greg excellent overview sounds like you're a bird paradise out there see the birds that's great

>> Greg Wichser: I gotta get a better mic there's actually Robin right there

>> Steve lachetta: I'm in the bird club alright thanks very much excellent overview good progress there are projects it is a very favorable bidding climate we've been a lot of paving melon so over lay out all our public parking areas and I've seen similar results more competition and better pricing all around next item up is our great networking opportunity with the status of planning activities throughout the region first up is Transportation Committee Mike

>> Mike Franchini: sure very quickly you know we're working on our virtual meetings for new visions 2050 scheduling town halls and public meetings and we're also starting our new linkage studies so for the sponsors of linkage so these you know we're working on drafting the mo use and the project scopes and I'll leave it at that thank you

>> Steve lachetta: okay next up is Regional Planning Commission Mark is on

>> Mark Castiglione: Thank you chair, just wanted to give a quick update on this year's Technical Assistance Program we are in the process of reaching out to project awardees across projects have started in Westerlo Clifton Park we're having a kickoff meeting for Glendale in the coming week so looking forward to getting those projects rolling in really encourage that we're going to rolling application for the remainder of this project term I think that's going to be helpful for many communities the Trump administration just announced today that CDRPC received \$400,000 in Kerr's Act funding to assist with recovery planning efforts we will also be investing that money in mini grants to support local governments and others in recovery planning efforts advancing some of our technical assistance programming and also investing in technology that will help us better track secretary recovery as we emerge from the pandemic as a reminder and thank you Mike for sharing this CDRPC is the Regional Coordinator for the purposes of the northern border Regional Commission this year's funding opportunity for academic infrastructure grants passed June 1<sup>st</sup> but if you have any questions about the northern border Regional Commission its programs etc please feel free to reach out to us the regional indicators website is still up and running so please feel free to visit Capital Region indicators org and check out the more than 50 indicators for each city town and village and county in the region and learn about those data points at your own discretion we will continue to make investments in the indicators dashboard working with our partners the cavalry can Chamber and the community foundation throughout 2020 that's all I have thanks for the thanks again for the support

>> Steve lachetta: thank you mark excellent overview I had one quick question on our u.s. census every 10 years you're a regional coordinator for that I had the male count go on April and May and which is] coming up on the decennial census

>> Mark Castiglione: Iwould relate to no hesitation funding a response rate of about 68 percent Nationwide

>> Steve lachetta: very good

>> Mark Castiglione: that's the only update I have on the census

>> Steve Iachetta: excellent and that will affect our transportation authorities on forward thank you

>> Mark Castiglione: apparently it's still happening in the midst of everything it's kind of hard to Believe we'll see how it shapes well you know it shakes out certainly unprecedented times for that to happen this year

>> Steve Iachetta: the census website has a population clock and I would check that weekly as a good planner to see if it's slowed down at all it counts one birth every eight seconds one death every 12 seconds one immigrant every 46 seconds the immigration never change what we lock down our borders and JFK and the International Airport so here another no flights it's funny

>> Mark Castiglione: who's keeping summary of the our region's population change flat like that

>> Steve Iachetta: nice something to watch as a planner at the high altitude it affects everything our transportation funding especially thank you Mark any other questions for Mark on regional planning federal issues hearing none we'll move to CDTA is Ross Farrell is Ross on the line?

>> Ross Farrell: I am to 2 things first on July 12th CDTA is gonna undergo another round of service changes we've been making changes roughly every three or four weeks since the beginning of the pandemic to respond to changes in ridership levels at first ridership fell off from 55,000 rides per day to below 20,000 and now we're inching back up to about 35,000 and so we have a plan together to try to accommodate to the best of our ability of 40,000 riders or more that is going to lead to a number of our bus routes having a substantial increase in frequency for example the 905 bus plus the route 22 which goes from Troy a few other routes are gonna run every seven or eight minutes which is very frequent for service in our region point for that is to try again to the best of our ability to allow social distancing on our buses at the same time throughout this last few months we have had to suspend services in areas where ridership was low before and then went to virtually nothing and that's you know as everyone knows that's usually in our lower density areas of the region so really investing heavily where we see ridership growth coming back where we need to social distance the best we can while you know reducing that G over all geographic coverage where our service goes into the future you know we have no idea this is really the first time that we're being proactive what rather than reactive this is the first time we're putting out a service plan advance of a projected ridership change rather than just reacting but where this goes we we don't know the one thing we do know though another topic is the river BRT is still planned to begin service in November the final phase of construction for site work is occurring now at a number of locations up and down the corridor you'll start seeing the blue and silver shelters be installed in actually this month in July buses start arriving in August and currently we're finishing the expansion of our Troy garage which is where the BRT line the blue line will be operating from this will be great for the region obviously it's a project we will also allow more service on the BRT corridor which is another one of these corridors where we're having overcrowding issues and where we need more social distancing with that that's my update thank you.

>> Steve Iachetta: excellent thank you Ross any questions for Ross on the regional bus CDTA services hearing none next up is D O T Greg did you want to give a summary report

>> Bob Rice: hey Steve it's Bob talk about this morning as Greg mentioned the letting program continues to move forward there is a couple statewide safety program initiatives that we may be coming forward with future to tip amendments there's a wrong-way driving initiative basically signage along the with access to limited access facilities and interstate facilities some additional signing there there's been a identifying safety issue with folks going the wrong way onto those facilities as well as low bridge clearance so whatever candidates get selected it wouldn't involve local allocations but we would we would certainly bring them forward to the group we're finishing up our or where were the scope of services for our consultants solicitation related to the pel study for the Troy Menands bridge the 378 over the Hudson you know I appreciate at CDTA and Sandy's participation and comments and that it's making our way through our contracts and consultant folks hopefully we see that out sooner than later but would like to get that study going as as I assume most of you know I mean the current federal highway bill the fast Act expires at the end of September there's a house proposal out there called the invest which another

acronym invest in America Act a four-year bill that wouldn't start until federal 22 not not this September the following September and basically calls for another one-year continuance and it's interrelated to some Covid relief and other elements and it still remains to be seen whether the Senate takes action on that bill or their own version but yeah it's good to see that it's at least being talked about now so that's all I got this morning Steve.

>> Steve Iachetta: well thank you Bob good overview and thank you for mentioning the federal legislation in process any questions for Bob at this point do t status projects throughout the region hearing none is there any one on from Thruway Authority Michael?

>> Tim Wainwright: good morning this is Tim Wainwright

>> Steve Iachetta: A Tim good morning.

>> Tim Wainwright: good morning just a quick update the electronic toll collection project continues to make progress and I think one of the more significant projects we have as well as we're doing the bridge replacement on Old State Road between interchange 23 and our 24 and 25 if there's any questions I'd be happy to answer any thanks

>> Steve Iachetta: any questions for Tim? right Thruway Authority hearing none who's next the airport okay as a briefing we're seeing slow recovery our normal here is about 5,000 passengers a day around 1,400 passengers daily essential cargo is continuing we're all essential staff so the authority is fully staffed with care Zach support in operations maintenance etc we had a great D O T event the governor's press office announced the final completion successful completion of our sixty three point three million dollar modernization of the Albany International Airport on time under budget installation a new gateway sign is up on the county highway 161 Albany shaker road if you haven't seen us as welcome to the Capital Region so it's a nice regional way finding and place recognition program advancement for our region so that was a press release on June 26 just a couple days ago our last Friday the gateway sign was actually directed we had to close the highway and close the primary runway for a brief period during the day I was personally involved with coordinating that FAA airspace closure we could remain open on the crosswind with our current configuration similar LaGuardia it's across one configuration here so it's been an exciting week and we're very grateful to the state's leadership and support for our regional gateway sign and airport terminal and parking garage improvements so I mean to be long-winded travel advisories the last thing I should mention we're up to sixteen states that all travelers from these states including Alabama Arkansas Arizona California Florida Georgia Iowa Idaho Louisiana Mississippi North Carolina Nevada South Carolina Tennessee Texas and Utah now 16 states including some very populous states Florida and California are required for mandatory well it's voluntary 14 day quarantine State Health Department staff are on site it's a coordinated effort between the carrier staff circulating the State Health Flyers with the travel advisories and coordinated across all agencies and carriers to try and get voluntary quarantine for travelers coming into Albany from these 16 states now as of yesterday so that's a big change and it's a heavy lift but the good news side of it is I understand all the winglet states in New York and our region are are relaxing and seeing much improved trend analysis on confirmed cases hospitalizations etc so that's affecting our regional economy in a big way including intermodal transport so open to any questions at this time anyone interested in anything we're doing check out the gateway sign if you can travel hoping to shake a road just on the new exit 3 it's a great ride and nice improvement for our region over 3,000 trips per day that area so thank you who's next is the port district follows us is Tony Vasil anyone on for port district? lastly in our update I don't think we have port district report

>> Mike Franchini: No we don't Steve

>> Steve Iachetta: thank you Michael, linkage and local planning this is our opportunity for any local initiatives that wish to be heard a thought on the status of current transportation activities just speak up

>> Mike Franchini: Steve I forgot to mention now I forgot to mention that we start our local bridge study process which we have done before but this is a new update we'll get a really good sense of what local bridges need for preservation and replacement projects that's all I have

>> Steve Iachetta: you Michael last chance for any local initiatives we're good on schedule it's just 10:30 right now our last item report our upcoming CDTC meetings and events as of now we have a July 13th regional transportation coordination committee meeting and July 13th July 14th is the bike ped advisory board or committee I should say July 15th is a webinar and victim-blaming and crash reporting in our next meeting that this planning committee is Wednesday August 5th any other meetings to report before we close

>> Mike Franchini: Steve I have one question the new attendee came into the meeting M.Burns M. Burns could you identify yourself

>> Steve Iachetta: Oh Michael Michael burns

>> Michael Burns: good morning it's Michael burns town of Glenville economic development planning

>> Mike Franchini: Thank You Michael just want to be sure

>> Michael Burns: you're welcome

>> Steve Iachetta: did anyone else join the meeting that hasn't been recognized yet it's a brave new world virtual meetings yeah thank you for your support cooperation leadership with consensus ready to close Mike motion to adjourn thank you Bob Rice, second Andrew Kreshik thank you very much Michael was that

>> Mike Franchini: no I thought Mark raised his hand also

>> Steve Iachetta: okay all right thank you all we'll see you August 5<sup>th</sup> stay safe and stay well