

CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Maggie Alex, representing Sean E. Ward, Albany County Legislature
Carm Basile, Capital District Transportation Authority, Vice Chair
Steve Feeney, representing Anthony W. Jasenski, Schenectady County
Steve Iachetta, representing John A. O'Donnell, Albany County Airport Authority
Patrick K. Jordan, Esq., Port of Albany
Ed Kinowski, Saratoga County
Andrew Kreshik, representing Mayor Patrick Madden, City of Troy
Joseph LaCivita, representing Paula A. Mahan, Town of Colonie
Joe Landry, Town of Niskayuna
Mayor Kathy Sheehan, City of Albany, Chair
Joseph Stahl, NYS Thruway Authority
Kevin Tollisen, Town of Halfmoon
Steven Tommasone, Town of Rotterdam
Linda von der Heide, representing Kathleen M. Jimino, Rensselaer County
Chris Wallin, representing Mayor Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady
Thomas C. Werner, Saratoga County
Mayor Joanne Yepsen, City of Saratoga Springs
Sam Zhou, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1, Secretary

STAFF AND OTHERS

Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee
Anne Benware, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jen Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Kyle Cira, NYSTEC
Jack Conway, Town of East Greenbush
Bill Cunningham, NYSTEC
Michael Franchini, Capital District Transportation Committee
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Chris O'Neill, Capital District Transportation Committee
Mike Walsh, NYSTEC
Greg Wischer, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Kathy Sheehan opened the Capital District Transportation Committee meeting at 3:04 PM and welcomed those in attendance. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the June 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The June 1, 2017 meeting minutes were approved by the members.

PRESENTATION— SMART CITIES PRESENTATION – NEW YORK STATE TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE CORPORATION (NYSTEC)

Mike Walsh, President and CEO of NYSTEC, explained that NYSTEC is a not-for-profit technology consulting company, advising municipalities, agencies, organizations, institutions, and businesses since 1996. NYSTEC is independent and completely vendor neutral and has a long history of delivering exceptional service and enabling client success to New York State. He reviewed the Smart City Roadmap 1.0 prepared for the City of Saratoga Springs. Extensive work was done to develop a community consensus to establish a smart city vision. It was important to recognize existing community plans along with new values and interests. In-depth interviews with key stakeholders were conducted. The smart city vision encompasses five key domains: Better Public Services; Connected Community; Education & Training; Environmental Innovation; and Intelligent Infrastructure.

Mike Walsh said that NYSTEC has a centralized services status with NYS OGS, which means that public entities in New York State can buy their services directly from OGS without going through a competitive bidding process. Interested public entities develop the basic scope, and then NYSTEC will develop the corresponding cost and will work with you to find the right scope and cost to meet your needs.

2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

R325 (PIN 1933.50): Grade Crossing Signal Upgrade, Old Schaghticoke Road, Rensselaer

Frank Bonafide explained that this is a rail safety project, managed from the Main Office. The State match requirement is addressed by using toll credits to make these projects 100% federal funded. Members approved the amendment to the TIP as presented in the mail out.

STATEWIDE SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Mike Franchini explained that the Safety Targets developed by NYSDOT are the first of a series of performance measures and targets required by law. Safety and transit are on the agenda today. Infrastructure performance measures and System Performance measures will be required in the future. MPOs are required to endorse the measures and targets, or to develop their own. Mike reviewed the safety measures and targets presented on the second page of the resolution. All fourteen MPOs in New York State are agreeing to support the NYSDOT safety performance measures and targets.

Mayor Sheehan asked what numbers would we have to hit in our region to achieve the targets. Mike explained that CDTC and NYSDOT Region 1 are making focused efforts to improve safety in our region, but the New York City area will have a disproportionate impact on achieving the safety targets, especially non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries, and NYSDOT took that into consideration. Sam Zhou explained

that the 2018 crash data would be reported in 2019. Mayor Sheehan asked if it would be possible to see quarterly reports on progress, for our region and for the State. Mike Franchini agreed to provide quarterly progress reports. Mike said that CDTC will be sending out an RFP for development of a Regional Safety Plan in the coming weeks. The Regional Safety Plan will provide local data to CDTC and to local governments.

Members approved the resolution to support the NYSDOT targets for safety performance measures.

CDTA TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Mike Franchini said that we have worked closely with CDTA in developing CDTA transit asset management performance targets, and we are confident that we will meet the targets. Carm Basile said that focusing attention on these issues is a good thing. CDTA is already exceeding the guidelines. The goal is to protect the federal investment. CDTA has a system maintenance plan and a system facilities plan. CDTA has stricter standards than required.

Members approved the resolution supporting the CDTA targets for transit asset management performance measures.

SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM PROJECT SOLICITATION

Mike Franchini said that this is an update on the biennial solicitation for human services transportation. Anne Benware explained that NYSDOT is the administrator of the program. 2016 and 2017 FFY funds available for new 5310 projects include: Albany-Schenectady (Troy) urbanized area: \$979,025; Saratoga Springs urbanized area: \$226,539. CDTC will receive applications next week. CDTC has a review committee consisting of CDTC, Region 1, the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Office for the Aging. Different this time is that the scores will be submitted to NYSDOT for approval. Final scores will then be submitted to the Planning Committee in November. A total of fourteen applications were received, compared with eight applications received in the previous round.

NYSDOT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN (PSAP) PROJECT SOLICITATION

Mike Franchini said that NYSDOT is expected to release a call for local pedestrian safety projects in September. The call is directly related to the New York State Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Region 1 has a project programming target of approximately \$3.49 M, with a minimum of 60% going to the focus communities, the Cities of Albany and Schenectady. Mike said that projects had to be located in either the Albany-Schenectady Urbanized Area or the Saratoga Springs Urbanized Area; he handed out a map showing the urbanized area boundaries. The PSAP shows the types of projects that are eligible. CDTC staff will help any members who are interested in applying, contact Sandy

Misiewicz. Sam Zhou commented that HSIP funding requirements are very strict. Frank Bonafide said that this solicitation is for local projects only. Sam Zhou suggested that Albany and Schenectady may want to consider a joint contract.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CDTC SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

Mike Franchini said CDTC is considering establishing a Smart Cities Task Force. He will develop a scope and send it to members. The Task Force would meet on a quarterly basis. Mayor Sheehan recommended that the chairs of the Schenectady and Saratoga Smart City Commissions should be included.

FISCAL CONSTRAINT DISCUSSION - TIP SUMMARY TABLE 4

Mike Franchini reviewed the summary of fiscal constraint included in the mail out. He said that the overprogramming of 4.1% in year one meets the 5% goal required by FHWA. The total four year program is underprogrammed by 2.0%. Mayor Sheehan noted that overprogramming needs to be reduced for year three. Mike said that this year a number of projects were moved from the second year to the third year. Staff will monitor this closely after the end of this fiscal year, which ends on September 30.

STATUS OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES

CDRPC

Todd Fabozzi reminded members that the 50th Anniversary Dinner for CDRPC will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

CDTA

Carm Basile reported that maintenance on the top deck of the Rensselaer Train Station is underway. Washington Avenue and Lark is being reconstructed to improve pedestrian crossings and traffic flow. The Bus Plus station will be moved. The new Bikeshare program is proving to be extremely popular, with over 6,000 bike rides and 1,600 members. Mayor Sheehan commented on the stunning bikeshare ridership that has occurred even before the students returned. She said that Uber and Lyft have reduced congestion. Carm said that transit ridership has not been diminished by Uber and Lyft, but that they may be helping transit with new rides. Taxi oversight is progressing. Uber and Lyft raise the game for taxis.

Mayor Sheehan congratulated CDTA on winning the award as the Best Mid-Size Public Transportation System in North America for 2017.

NYSDOT

Sam Zhou said that NYSDOT Commissioner Matthew Driscoll has been assigned as the new Executive Director for the New York State Thruway Authority. Cathy Calhoun is serving as the NYSDOT Acting Commissioner. Tom Hoffman is the new Region 1 Design Engineer. Two new bridges are open to traffic: the Rexford Bridge and the Route 32 Bridge over the Mohawk. Joe Landry said that the Rexford Bridge is working very well.

Sam Zhou said that Phase 2 of the Schenectady Train Station project will be let on October 15, with an expected completion date of November 2018.

NYS Thruway Authority

Joseph Stahl reported that Matthew Driscoll started yesterday as Executive Director of the New York State Thruway authority. Pavement rehabilitation work between Exit 24 and Exit 25 was completed at the end of August.

Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta said that the airport is experiencing modest passenger and freight growth. He said that Lyft is approved to serve the Airport, but Uber has not yet received approval. Lyft service is going well, and in response to a question, he said it has not affecting parking revenue, which is growing.

Albany Port District Commission

Patrick Jordan reported that the fourth annual Port Industry Day was a great success and thanked attendees. The construction of a new 45,000 square foot climate controlled warehouse is well underway; new generators will be housed there from Schenectady.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Zhou
Secretary