

CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2017

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Maggie Alix, representing Sean Ward, Albany County Legislature
Carm Basile, Capital District Transportation Authority, Vice Chair
Mark Castiglione, representing Michael Stammel, CDRCP
Steve Iachetta, representing John O'Donnell, Albany County Airport Authority
Andrew Kreshik, representing Mayor Patrick Madden, City of Troy
Joe LaCivita, representing Paula Mahan, Town of Colonie
Joe Landry, Town of Niskayuna
Charles Moore, representing Mayor Daniel Dwyer, City of Rensselaer
Ann Shaughnessy, representing Stan Brownell, Rensselaer County
Mayor Kathy Sheehan, City of Albany, Chair
Jeremy Smith, representing Michael P. Manning, City of Watervliet
Steven Tommasone, representing John Clarkson, Town of Bethlehem
Michael Valentine, representing Ed Kinowski, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors
Linda von der Heide, representing Kathleen M. Jimino, Rensselaer County
Chris Wallin, representing Mayor Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady
Mayor Joanne Yepsen, City of Saratoga Springs
Sam Zhou, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1, Secretary

STAFF AND OTHERS

Frank Bonafide, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1
Michael Franchini, Capital District Transportation Committee
Marc Gronich, Interested citizen
Keith Irish, Interested citizen
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Tim O'Brien, Times Union
Chris O'Neill, Capital District Transportation Committee
Glenn Posca, Capital District Transportation Committee
Brian Viggiani, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1
Steve Williams, Daily Gazette
Greg Wischer, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1
Aaron Xaevier, Capital District Transportation Committee

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Kathy Sheehan opened the Capital District Transportation Committee meeting at 3:06 PM and welcomed those in attendance. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the December 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The December 1, 2016 meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Nominating Subcommittee

Mike Franchini presented the recommendation of the nominating Committee: Mayor Kathy Sheehan of Albany for the position of CDTC Chair, Carm Basile for the position of CDTC Vice-Chair, and Sam Zhou as Secretary.

New town and village at-large members for representation on the Policy Board were nominated as follows: Kevin Tollisen (Supervisor of the Town of Halfmoon) and Steve Tommasone (Supervisor of the Town of Rotterdam) were proposed as members; and Peter Barber (Supervisor of the Town of Guilderland) and Jack Conway (Supervisor of the Town of East Greenbush) were recommended as alternates. Members approved the nominations for the respective positions as proposed.

The Nominating Subcommittee recommended maintaining the practice of selecting the town and village at-large Planning Committee member based on seniority, which means that Kevin Corcoran, Town of Glenville, would be the member. Alternates would be selected based on seniority.

Members approved the nominations for the respective positions as proposed.

PRESENTATION-NYS DOT 2017 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Sam Zhou gave a presentation on NYSDOT 2017 Capital Program. He highlighted projects that have progressed over the last several years thanks to supplemental funding including:

- Washington Ave. Extension rehabilitation, Albany Co.
- Route 85 Reconstruction, Albany Co.
- I-890 Exit 4, "Big Circle/Little Circle", Safety Improvements, Schenectady Co.
- Patroon Island Bridge Rehabilitation, Albany and Rensselaer Counties
- Route 146 Corridor/ Rexford Bridge Replacement, Schenectady and Saratoga Counties

He mentioned the following locally sponsored projects which were programmed on the CDTC TIP:

- Sitterly Rd Corridor Improvements-Phase II in the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon
- Zim Smith Southern Trail Extension in the Towns of Halfmoon and Mechanicville
- Brandywine Ave Safety Improvements in the City of Schenectady
- Washington Ave- Lark to Dove Transit and Pedestrian Intersection Improvements in the City of Albany
- Madison Ave Road Diet Phase II in the City of Albany from Partridge St to Lark St.

Other Region One Core Program Projects for SFY 17/18 include:

- Rte 146 Hamburg Street Reconstruction in the Town of Rotterdam
- Bridge Replacements of Crescent Ave and East High Street over I-87 in Saratoga County
- Route 9 over Route 9J , Amtrak and Conrail RR Replacements in the City of Rensselaer
- Route 150, in the Town of Sand Lake
- Route 377 & 378 in Menands and Latham
- Project includes a road diet on Rte 377
- Route 85A in Albany County
- I-787 Exit 6 Ramp over the D&H, Village of Menands
- Green Island Bridge over the Hudson, City of Troy
- Route 4 / I-90 Town of East Greenbush
- Route 7 over the Hudson River, City of Troy
- I-90 EB To Route 9 NB Ramp & I-90 WB To Rte. 9 SB Ramp, City Of Albany
- Corporate Woods Blvd. Over I-90, City Of Albany
- Washington Ave. Over I-90, City Of Rensselaer
- Route 9P Between Towns Of Malta and Stillwater
- Two Culverts Along Rte 157, Thatcher Park, Town Of New Scotland
- Rte 43 Near Mass. Border, Town Of Stephentown

2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

A. R322, Murdock Road Bridge over the Tsatsawassa Creek, Town of Nassau, Rensselaer County

B. SA305, CR 21 (Middle Grove Road) over the Kayaderosseras Creek, Saratoga County

Sam Zhou said that these two bridge projects were selected for the Bridge-NY program. They were evaluated by other Regions. Members approved the amendment.

C. NYSDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Projects

Frank Bonafide explained that Phase One and Phase Two represent the implementation of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan in Region 1. Ninety percent of the funding will go the CDTC area, and most of the remaining funding goes to the Glens Falls MPO. Members approved the amendment.

2016-21 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL CONSTRAINT CORRECTIVE ACTION

Mike Franchini distributed a handout (attached) that is an updated version of the "Program Roll Proposal March 2017" list included in the mail out. This updated version is based on the recommendations of the Planning Committee. Based on CDTC's certification last March, FHWA now requires the TIP to be balanced by year, with overprogramming in any year not to exceed 5%. Projects were deferred year by year. The list

of deferred projects results in overprogramming in the first year of 5.0% in the first year, and no overprogramming in subsequent years. No project was deferred more than twelve months, and most were deferred by less than six months. Mayor Sheehan thanked everyone for their hard work on this, and she said that staff did a great job recommending opportunities for compromise. Members approved the changes as recommended by the Planning Committee.

2017-2018 LINKAGE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mike Franchini reported that two submissions were received for the 2017-18 Linkage Program: the Patroon Creek/Washington Avenue Corridor Study and the Carr Road Area Complete Streets Implementation Plan. An evaluation team consisting of staff from CDTC, NYSDOT, CDTA and CDRPC evaluated the submissions using criteria documented in the mail out. The evaluation team recommended approving the Patroon Creek/Washington Avenue Corridor Study. The Carr Road Area Complete Streets Implementation Plan was not recommended.

Mike Franchini said that the scope for the Carr Road submission didn't warrant a full Linkage Study; CDTC staff may be able to help them with regular staff time through CDTC's Community Services task. For example, CDTC may be able to help with the public meeting.

Members approved the Patroon Creek/Washington Avenue Corridor Study for inclusion in the 2017-18 Linkage Program.

DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Mike Franchini distributed a handout showing Draft 2017-18 Financial Tables (attached). He explained that our UPWP represents a two year budget, and mid-term adjustments are needed after one year. These adjustments are documented in the mail out. He reviewed several of the highlighted changes. The Regional Safety Plan will be a major effort and the Local Roads Safety Evaluation Plan will develop information and appropriate data for developing local safety projects, similar to the Bridge Study. Funding is provided for two freight-related planning studies, and bike/pedestrian planning. A consultant effort will complete the Regional Greenway Plan, using data and surveys from nine trails recently collected. Mayor Sheehan asked if more detail was available for the Governor's plan for trails. Mayor Sheehan said that local knowledge and input is important and she hopes that the planning process will include CDTC and the local communities. Linda von der Heide said that they are looking to use existing trails and local plans as much as possible. Frank Bonafide said that the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation will take the lead for off road trails, and NYSDOT will take the lead for on road segments of the plan. Sam Zhou said that he will make sure that CDTC is included in meetings.

Mike Franchini said that there will also be a new agreement with the Town of Malta to review traffic impact studies and determine local mitigation fees, in the same manner that we have worked with the Town

of Colonie under contract for 25 years. In response to a question, he described CDTC's participation with the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO). CDTC manages the contract for staff support services.

Members approved the UPWP update as presented.

STATUS OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES

CDRPC

Mark Castiglione that CDRPC is preparing to release community growth profiles for each municipality, and CDRPC partnered with CDTC on this effort. CDRPC is preparing for its Grant Funding Workshop on April 12 at HVCC.

CDTA

Carm Basile reported that CDTA has kicked off the Navigator smartcard system, with 2,000 users. The Washington Avenue/Lark Street intersection project will represent a major improvement for all modes—auto, transit, walking and biking. It is part of the Washington Western BRT project.

160 bikes for the Bikeshare program have been ordered for this summer. The program will be integrated with regional mobility programs. The system will eventually include 320 bicycles.

Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta said that 8 percent growth compared to the same month last year is a good economic growth indicator. Direct service to Pittsburgh is starting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Zhou
Secretary