

CDTC June 4, 2020 Policy Board Meeting

>> Mike Franchini: for attendance and if i don't have your name please tell me later i have Joe Stahl, Craig Warner, Pat Barnes, Chris O'neill, Greg Wichser, Bradley Birge, Jen Ceponis, Patrick Collins, Randy Milano, Linda von Der Heide, Carrie Ward, Sandy Misiewicz, Chris Bauer, Glenn Posca, Pat Jordan, Andrew Kreshik, George Penn, Bob Rice, Steve Iachetta, Mark Castiglione, Tom Gifford, Jordan Solano Reid, Carm Basil, Andrew Tracy, and Chris Wallin who did i miss anyone oh i may have gotten them all karma i think we're ready to start we have a quorum

>>Carm Basil: okay great mike uh and a plus for getting everybody on the attendance list um I apologize uh mike and I had a little some confusion and i left my camera enabled laptop at home so you get to do this without looking at my made for radio face um so meeting of we'll call the meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup> to order um first order of business is accepting the meeting minutes and approving the meeting minutes from March 5th could i get a motion to accept those myths

>> Mike Franchini: we have a few comments Carm that I've kept track of Pat Jordan i don't think I think you were at the last meeting but not but you didn't make the meeting minutes is that right Pat

>> Pat Barnes: that's correct actually I'm in the minutes at the end for my report but just not in the in the beginning for attendance

>> Mike Franchini: intense great thanks Pat

>> Pat Barnes: Thanks

>> Mike Franchini: Linda von Der Heide you had some comments we missed the uh throughway member who made whom who gave the update at the last meeting i think Joe was that you Joe Stahl? oh is Joe muted?

>> Joe Stahl: yes sir I'm back I'm sorry

>>Mike Franchini: okay Joe did you give the update at the last meeting for the throughway

>> Joe Stahl: i did not

>> Mike Franchini: you did not so it must have been um then Tim Wayne Tim Wainwright did it then

>> Joe Stahl: yeah Tim Wainwright did it most likely

>> Mike Franchini: yes all right because we did we missed we missed that in the last meeting minute so we'll put uh Tim in there and Linda had one other comment Linda you're on the line

>> Linda von Der Heide: yeah I'm on the line um rather than having wind producing i think we need wind power producing

>> Mike Franchini: you're right

>> Linda Von Der Heide: for the port site

>> Mike Franchini: correct thank you, they're doing more than just producing wind i hope. all right so with those three comments Carm i think we can vote on it

>> Steve Iachetta: just add me to your minutes Mike attending

>> Mike Franchini: okay on the March minutes

>> Steve Iachetta: March 5th minutes

>> Mikee Franchini: okay great

>> Steve Iachetta: i'm bored in a report but just please note me as attending

>> Mike Franchini: yeah four four comments then

>> Steve Iachetta: thank you

>> Carm Basile: okay with the four um noted comments and changes to the minutes uh can we get a motion to approve the March 5th meeting minutes second

>> Pat Jordan: a second it's Pat Jordan

>> Carm Basile: thank you Pat all those in favor say aye

>> ALL: aye

>> Carm Basile: all right any opposed great uh we'll move into the privilege of the floor I don't know uh if there are uh any members of the public here mike if you

>> Mike Franchini: i did not find any um who made the first motion on the meeting minutes uh all right Linda thank you yep Carm i don't see any in the uh in the list here

>> Carm Basile: okay we'll ask once is there anyone who wishes to be heard? Hearing none we will close section three privilege of the floor and move to i believe five action items the first is to release the final draft of New Visions 2000 2050. Mike anything you want to add on that, I know it's been enclosed

>> Mike Franchini: yes it is closed uh we have a short presentation from Jen Ceponis and Chris O'Neill just to go over I think we got four comments but just so the board knows exactly what changes have been made since the march meeting so Jen i think you got you shared your screen you're ready to go

>> Jen Ceponis: yeah can you see my screen?

>> Mike Franchini: yes I can

>> Jen Ceponis: okay. So we just wanted to give an update um from the March meeting when the draft New Visions plan was adopted we did receive um some comments that we addressed in uh and updated the draft which has been uploaded to the website we did of course update our public participation plan because of Covid and everything that was going on we have an update on the conformity analysis which Chris O'Neill will talk about so we have new VMT data that we received from D O T and um we have discussed future updates um to sections like transit and to resiliency to add some language discussing ongoing impacts from the pandemic and social distancing and how that has affected mobility and then we made we fixed some typos that were in the plan and have been uh in contact with D O T about comments so as you may know there are a lot of uh virtual ways for the public to participate and provide comment and once the new york state on pause was implemented we had to cancel all of our public and in-person meetings we shifted everything to online um and set up some alternative ways for people to get in touch with us and to provide comments um so like i said we had to cancel all our in-person meetings but we are still available to schedule virtual presentations and webinars if anyone is still interested for town boards or any other community meetings instead of doing two very distinct different public outreach uh phases we're gonna do continuous public involvement and outreach through September until we're ready to adopt and with that I'm gonna pass it over to Chris O'Neill to talk about the conformity determination

>> Chris O'Neil: thanks Jen uh we need to do we needed to do a conformity determination uh for the 2050 plan consistent with the clean air act um the draft conformity determination in your package is very

similar to the conformity determination completed last year for the tip um we are coordinating with Adirondacks Glenn's Falls transportation council and also with New York State D O T for projects in Green, Schoharie and Montgomery counties because that's our air quality and entertainment area includes all of those entities and the draft has been that that was in your package has been approved by the interagency consultant consultation group or the ICG and that consists of New York State D O T FHWA FLA US EPA and also new york state department of environmental conservation so we find the New Visions 2050 plan to meet the requirements of conformity and then i just want to mention that you know ozone concentrations in the region have improved and uh we really do attribute that to the clean air act requirements including vehicle emission standards so air quality in the capital district continues to be good and i have um the next slide is a shows ambient air monitoring data uh from 2002 to 2017 we can see that we're really continuing to improve with our ozone concentration levels and i i think this is a good news story for for the capital district and Jen I'll pass it back to you now

>> Jen Ceponis: sure thanks um so as mentioned earlier um other updates to the plan include the new VMT data from D O T it doesn't change any of our principles or recommendations it's just new data that's been inserted um we are planning on doing a resiliency chapter update um just based on everything that's going on um reviewing current and discussing future economic and social impacts and monitoring reopening and recovery efforts here in the region and how infrastructure could play a role and then this was just some data uh of your interest from the from recent events i forgot to update this the traffic data there is more recent data that shows a slight recovery in BMT but as you can see BMT was at about 25 of baseline um through the end of march and all of April and a lot of this you're probably already familiar with so i won't go into detail but we reviewed how the region was adopting adapting to social distancing particularly related to mobility so how parking regulations had changed how uh agencies were communicating changing messages all of CDTA's changes which they did really quickly to keep people safe and accommodate the health of both customers and drivers and get people essential workers to where they needed to go um so you know with everything that has been going on we've I you know recognized that new visions needs to be a living document that may need more updates in the future based on changing conditions we may need to revisit performance measures we will be working with CDTA as they develop their transit development plan and integrating that into our long-range plan and seeing different trends like telework and commuting and how that impacts the region and how that might impact future expectations will be important um and then looking at other infrastructure like broadband and how that is could be considered or influences transportation in the region and of course equity and environmental justice becoming um even more of a greater priority so this is um we are still accepting comments we're scheduling virtual meetings we are doing outreach uh comments can be submitted by email we set up a virtual voicemail um box that you can call or text comments to and the number is there we're on social media um doing like polling and surveys and doing outreach and we'll be um scheduling more public kind of virtual town hall like meetings so that's all i have mike

>> Mike Franchini: okay the only other thing we have I think outstanding right now is we still are in the process of getting back to d.o.t on some of the comments that they submitted so Bob and Greg we'll be scheduling a meeting with you guys to go over those comments uh with you uh probably next week or the week after depending on everybody's availability but we haven't forgotten them we definitely need to address those comments so we will great i think that's it

>> Carm Basile: any questions for staff on this usual usual good and thorough job if not we need a motion to accept or to release the final draft to the public for review of new visions can i get a motion on that

>>Bradley Birge: will make the motion

>>Carm Basile: thanks Brad second

>> Craig Werner: second craig warner

>> Carm Basile: second all those in favor aye

>> ALL: aye

>> Carm Basile: anyone opposed hearing none passes unanimously thanks everybody um now the next item is um to seek approval for the draft transportation air quality conformity report, Mike

>> Mike Franchini: oh let's see so okay we're in uh roman numeral six and number five

>> Carm Basile: okay sorry

>> Mike Franchini: that was all right that was what chris was talking about so we do need a second motion on that

>> Carm Basile: okay i'm sorry i should have done those together

>> Mike Franchini: no you mean you actually do need them separate thank you

>> Carm Basile: okay. Can i get a motion on that please

>> Craig Warner: I'll motion that

>> Carm Basile: thanks craig all those in favor opposed hearing none that passes okay now on to roman numeral six section 5310 um another approval sought to enhance the mobility of seniors and people with disabilities, Mike

>> Mike Franchini: okay so every few years along with D.O.T we solicit projects for the 53 funding the FLA 53 funding for USU for the most part vehicles and equipment for or companies that transport people with disabilities and seniors so senior service centers in agencies like that submit request and a regional committee evaluates those requisite those requests submits them to CDTC they're the recommendations are forwarded to the planning committee and what you have in your packet is really what the recommendations of the planning committee so it's a two-page handout with an agenda item roman numeral on the top right side uh talks about the urbanized area there is a separation between the urbanized area and Saratoga Springs and the Albany Schenectady Troy urbanized area but on the back of that page it shows what option one would be and the options that were presented to planning committee was to take the highest rated projects and fund them completely and in that way you would actually only fund a few projects second option or the I'm sorry the option number one that they approved the planning committee approved was spreading some of that funding around so that uh more of the applicants received funding so what planning committee recommended is on the last page of that handout you'll see there are several com several organizations receiving funding for vehicles and two organizations that are receiving funding for hardware and software and that's a lot of that is communications equipment. Carrie do you have anything to say you oversaw that process uh did i miss Anything?

>> Carrie Ward: no you covered everything I had here

>> Mike Franchini: All right thank you, any questions

>> Carm Basil: okay here hearing none um this is this is a program that that helps a lot of people um and this great work we need a motion um to approve the plan project excuse me

>> Bradley Birge: Bradley move motion

>> Carm Basile: Brad you're three for three

>> Craig Warner: Second, Craig Warner

>> Carm Basile: uh Craig i think you're three for three um all those in favor aye anyone opposed hearing none um next is the continuing operations plan we need to approve that it looks sort of like the standard operating procedures for CDTC um mike you want to bring us through that sure it's a

>> Mike Franchini: i apologize for the length of the document but and i don't think too many people are going to read the entire document but i just want to say that uh John Poorman started this document uh almost oh about 10 years ago and John Poorman if you knew him or knew him his writing uh it really is impressive i mean the way John handled a lot of really compact complex issues and described them really made it easy to understand so the first probably eighty percent of this document we did we chose i say we Chris O'Neill and i chose really not to change what john had written we updated the information but it was written so well that we kind of really really accepted and wanted to accept John's writing some of the major changes in your packet it just happens to be split and the packet was pretty large so it just happens to be split so that the the end of the first packet there is an organizational chart for CDTC and it was a staff effort but if you have the chance it's actually page 96 in this document that organization chart took some time and and i think we really did capture the process uh and how all the agencies are involved including advisory committees the public uh even down to non-member agencies and consultants so uh we're pretty proud of that organization chart it took some time and effort to to get all the boxes and lines all you know added up but i think it really does explain the process uh if you have time the last section is a section on uh really on actions and recommendations that we would take and in that section we look at just stop something we look at the possible scenarios and plan for those scenarios uh that would threaten cdtc's operations and i only point that out because i'm sure if you're in an office you probably have similar situations but you know we plan for things like you know what would happen to the building in case of a natural disaster we added pandemic of course because now we're dealing with that um what would happen intact in the case of the computer attack and so on and so forth so if you're actually interested in what what scenarios we planned for that's in the last chapter but that's a very quick summary uh it's a good document talks about you know our members who they are what they do the rules that we that we use and a lot of other things but it really summarizes the entire process.

>> Andrew Kreshik: Mike this is Andrew Kreshik i just had a quick question on the schematic on the squares that above one another the policy direction and technical advice and policy recommendations and then underneath planning committee the technical direction technical information and policy options are they abutted to show a shared process as the information goes up and down or are they separate entities and it's just tidier to have them a budding

>> Mike Franchini: the the the latter and not the former uh

>> Andrew Kreshik: okay

>> Mike Franchini: you know we're trying to show the process and how the information goes between staff planning and policy board

>> Andrew Kreshik: thanks

>> Mike Franchini: yeah you're welcome

>> Mike Franchini: we do need approval for it though okay

>> Carm Basile: Patrick and Linda?

>> yeah

>> Carm Basile: all those in all favor anybody opposed hearing none um continuing operations plan is approved uh good work mike

>> Mike Franchini: thank you

>> Carm Basile: um next is environmental justice uh title vi analysis uh that requires approval i assume mike you want to give a quick summary on that

>> Mike Franchini: i'll do the same again yes thank you so in the same packet following the continuing operations center operations plan i'm sorry is the environmental justice and title six analysis we've done this before and basically it's an evaluation of all of our programs uh and looking at their impact on uh on environmental justice and title vi populations so uh we've looked at the tip and the long-range plan in our public participation plan and evaluated them and just looked at you know the positive negative and neutral impacts on those populations um the recommendations i don't think are surprising if you go all the way to the back of the document uh the conclusions are on page 33 you know we talk about improvements can be made you know we would certainly love to have uh for the tip we'd love to have higher percentage projects in the positive and less in the neutral we you know the public participation process we concluded that there remains room for to you know to engage ej populations people familiar with this this type of work it's never easy to engage uh the ej populations for many reasons it's just difficult because they don't always have the access or the time uh so you so we really do try to make special efforts to to uh engage them to talk to them to get their input but it's a never-ending process and we think we can approve that so there are some recommendations again the last page uh mostly talking about you know what we could do to improve uh and we need to update our website so that it's more ADA compliant and that's we're in the process of doing that now this was another very fine product produced by Carrie so i will ask Carrie if there any other comments or something i missed all right

>> Carrie Ward: no you're that's good thanks

>> Mike Franchini: thank you Carrie's also taking minutes so she's kind of doing a few things right now any questions or comments about that document

>> Carm Basile: um okay so hearing no no further questions or comments um can we move um the environmental justice title six analysis to approval you know we're going to do that

>> Tom Werner: i'll i'll make a motion to move it

>> Andrew Kreshik: second Andrew Kreshik

>> Mike Franchini: who made the first motion

>> Tom Werner: Tom Werner

>> Mike Franchini: thank you Tom so Tom and Andrew

>> Carm Basile: uh have moved that uh all those in favor thank you anyone opposed, hearing none that passes great thanks everybody we got through the um action items uh quickly and well too many hiccups Mike the next couple are um technical review of the technical assistance program and and then you might want to move into solicitations

>> Mike Franchini: yeah we can do this quick um i think Sandy and and uh Mark and Siglio and Sandy miss with Mark Castiglione could uh summarize the tech assistance program since there's a joint program between CDRPC and CDTC Sandy do you want to go first

>> Sandy Misiewicz: um good afternoon everybody um so we in partnership with cdrpc and Mark um received four applications for uh technical assistance um they were all funded by the planning committee um the project descriptions are in your packet but they are in the towns of Westerlo East Greenbush uh Glenville and Clifton Park we're in the process right now of um finalizing the scopes of work with each sponsor in terms of delivering the letter but we're going to be starting those hopefully in the next couple of weeks um some of them are going to be impacted by traffic and maybe delayed a little bit because of the need to collect data so we may be holding off on starting a few of those depending on how traffic bounces

back because of the covid crisis but you know we will likely have another solicitation in the fall as we did not use all of the available funding for this round so keep that in mind if there are any additional potential technical assistance projects for community planning that your member uh your local government members um communities are thinking about that in mind Mark did you have anything you wanted to add

>> Mark Castiglione: I think i would be a fool if i tried to perfect your description

>> Sandy Misiewicz: thank you thank you

>> Carm Basile: thanks guys Mark you're a smart man solicitations Mike

>> Mike Franchini: sure absolutely thank you so we have a couple solicitations going on right now for cdtc task first one there is complete streets workshops this has been a really well received uh received program that we've been doing to provide uh consultant led complete streets training to our members and if you look in the packet there's there are four types of trainings there's the basic there's the intermediate and there's the advanced and then there's the regional uh training which we've done i think once in Albany county it turned out really well but this is basically free training on complete streets all you have to do is provide the meeting room and do some of the organizational work but you know we do a lot of it and we need we know we just want to advertise that and make sure everybody knows that the applications are due by June 19<sup>th</sup> translations in your packet the ADA transition transition plans um you know we've done a lot of work on transition plans we've done uh sidewalk inventories and we've sent out sidewalk inventories to every municipality in the fort county region uh the next step once you have that inventory is to actually construct a transition plan and this is a requirement that you know the federal government puts on all municipalities so uh municipalities should be aware of it but what we're doing is offering once again consultant-led uh assistance to produce transition plans for your municipality so if you're interested if you need a transition plan please take note look in the packet call if you have any questions the applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup> and the last one there is a tree uh trail freeze feasibility study and what we're trying to do here this is a new task uh in our upwp what we're trying to do is trying to progress some of the primary uh highly rated trail projects in our just approved and completed trails plan and i think jen there's probably 15 12 or 15 of those projects yes that are in the plan so what we want to do is offer a feasibility study to take the planning process and the progress itself for these trails to the next step so we're looking for sponsors to look at those trail projects and develop you know an application so that we can help you complete a feasibility study almost all these trails are involved more than one municipality these are major trails that you know the the trails plan feels is really important to the region so and a lot of them are major connections to the empire state trail so we gave a little extra time there because we knew there's going to have to be some coordination between property owners and stakeholders before anyone submitted an application so that is due on august 7th and if you have any questions uh Jen Ceponis is overseeing that but we think that's a really good way to progress some of these projects and that's all we have on the solicitations

>> Carm Basile: any questions for mike or the staff on that uh

>> Pat Jordan: mike just a couple of questions pat jordan um on the sidewalks it's not directly on on this but do we have any um movement on when sidewalk further study or implementation is going to happen for the eastern bush uh skodak corridor uh 920 do you know how many plans that are coming up

>> Mike Franchini: i don't i know there's a few projects in the tip right now at least one project and tip to complete sidewalks on nine and twenty but i don't know the status I don't think we have anybody from east greenbush they're the sponsors for that project

>> Pat Jordan: okay i drive it a lot and there's it's sort of a piecemeal out here you know you'll get a new car dealership they'll do that block but then you have two blocks of nothing or you have it kind of broken up and I was just kind of just wondering um and on the trails can we get that on the uh the website uh easily just uh the map or showing where the plans are is that on your website

>>Mike Franchini: jen you want to answer that

>> Jen Ceponis: yes so right right now it's in the news section of the website um and in the trails program the previous release plan and the full pri program description is also on the biped page but you can find this specific solicitation that has a map and it has a table with the priority for implementation um right from our home page under news

>> Pat Jordan: okay great thank you to sure

>> Greg Wichser:: to the 9 and 20 question uh we just let a project last april i believe that is going to do sidewalks from 9 and 20 uproot 4 or a few hundred school and then also go up from route 4 up 9 and 20. i forget the termini but it's towards miller road but it doesn't get to another road but it does fill into more gaps

>> Craig Warner: in that section is that active right now jen i noticed that on the trail it just cordoned off with no activity is that just on temporary pause

>> Jen Ceponis: that the empire's the Albany Hudson electric trail

>> Craig Warner: uh off of route four um behind the uh well following the um the electrical wires

>>i know they closed it down for winter time but

>>Pat Jordan: um i'm not quite sure they probably should be opening it up again i don't know i can tell you what what's happening out here it's not i live out in skodack so right at exit 11 between 10 and 11. um they've been moving some basically moving an entire hill uh for the last two months um i can't tell if they're gonna have a parking lot at the end of it but they've been working pretty much uh seven hours a day for the last uh two months there so at least that portion is going on

>> Carm Basile: any other comments questions hearing none um we can move to the uh in-person certification review the always pleasant

>> Mike Franchini: yeah it's always pleasant uh you know mpos of a certain size basically with a metropolitan area greater than 200 000 are all required to certify every four years so once every four years the federal highway administration and the federal transit administration come to our offices and it's usually in person uh where they come and they ask we present our programs and they ask a lot of questions it's supposed to certify that our process meets all the federal requirements the mpl process meets all the federal requirements and the current federal laws and guidelines it is it is an all-out effort by staff and in staff of D.O.T FHWA and FTA um this is the first time in new york state that it's been done virtually uh we did our virtual certification last week uh i think it went really well and we didn't have any major technical problems i think there was one person who had trouble uh entering the meeting but outside of that that was probably it uh you know we we got a lot of great support our our staff you know rip i'm very proud of the staff in the presentations that they gave and the questions and the answers they gave to those questions uh staff had uh you know was really on their toes and did a great job answering the questions the process continued this week with a few interviews this morning we had a one-hour meeting virtual meeting for planning and policy board members and that went very well Tomorrow we have a meeting for the public one hour from 10 to 11. we're not sure how many people were going to get your their public is supposed to register but that hasn't really happened that's a public opportunity for the public to comment about our process uh next week there'll be a close out and then we'll see a draft report from FHWA and FTA probably in a few months uh it's a pretty involved process but that's a summary i think it all went really well but you know if there any questions certainly try to answer them

>> Carm Basile: hang on that painful but necessary okay uh the next section um is where we get quick updates from um from the members so the organizations agencies uh involve first up is CDTC

>> Mike Franchini: okay and we're up again so uh since the middle of march or somewhere after the middle of march we've been working uh from home uh we're very fortunate that we had the computer equipment where we could connect all of our employees to their work computer in the office so staff has been very good and very productive uh our plan right now where we're drafting a reopening plan is to be open the week of the 15th of june and we'll have the office open for a few for i think three days i think three days the first week and then we'll increase that until we get to five days but it'll be a slow process uh as you know uh we're very concerned in making sure we're concerned about employees that have young children at home and the need for you know daycare and summer camps and all that which just hasn't been determined yet in many cases but uh we will be in you know back in the office uh in the middle of June so we're doing fine and no reported cases of uh covid v co covid 19 in at CDTC thank you

>> Carm Basile: thanks mike um to the CDRPC

>> Craig Warner: yes thank you this is craig warner CDRPC is the economic development district from the ADA will be receiving 400 000 dollars related to covid 19 disaster recovery planning and locales questions and is assisting the capital the capital region chamber in their application to the e d a for the creation of a 10 million dollar regional revolving loan fund we have converted our our traditional in person planning and zoning workshops into an online webinar series held thursday mornings since launching the series on april 30th more than 400 have participated in our weekly webinar sessions this week's topic is electric vehicle charging stations sessions are exceptible for planning and zoning board credits as well as certification maintenance credits for professional planners visit cdrpc.org for details cdrpc has released the capital region atlas which includes 53 regional covering demographic characteristics such as population housing race income commuting patterns and education the atlas also includes maps on development patterns environmental characteristics and i wrote a hydrogen graph individual maps can be downloaded on either p d f or p j p g formats and incorporated into re alerts in grant applications four projects have been approved for the 2020 c dtc and cdrpc c community planning technical assistance program it's the town of clifton park western clifton park development and conference and and on starvation trends analysis town of east greenbush Gilligan road complete streets project in the town of glenville comprehensive plan and zoning code analysis town of west turlo us as a distance we've had their apprehensive plan update cdrpc erastus corning second oh whoa second annual awards for intramural principal cooperation were rewarded in the following projects and individuals albany albany county and saratoga county regional biosolids treatment facility and the second is adam Greenberg tom boardman town board member town of new Scotland and rensselaer plateau alliance which is the post in detail flood assessment project in the town of rhys greenbush for the east green bush national resource inventory thank you mike

>> Mike Franchini: thanks craig

>>Craig Warner: um i got through it

>> Mike Franchini: you did good who's your speechwriter i can't tell

[Laughter]

>> Carm Basile: all right mark we'll remember that on my own speech writer which gets me into trouble it's been a rough few months for cdta and it continues to be rough right now we have seen ridership dipped at least early on in in in the crisis to about 40 percent of where we normally would be um so and we creep back up we're back up to about 50 but ensuing actions resulted in us closing the front door turning the fare box off and and having boarding and exiting through the rear door only a lot of our service was trimmed back to adjust to demand so we haven't collected a fair in a couple of months annualized that's about a 20 million 22 million dollar line item so we're working towards reopening the front door and the fare box but that's several weeks off um we need to modify the cabin where the operator sits to make it safe and secure so um we are bringing ridership as part of our reopening plan we're bringing service levels back to where they normally were at least on our main trunk routes and in fact because of new the definition of what a crowded vehicle is because that's

changed in many quarters there will be much more service than existed before covid so we're going to go from covid less service warp speed up to more than we had before we started so how we balance all that and pay for that is going to be somewhat of a challenge you may have noticed we received 43 million dollars in federal money from the cares act and i think some people outside looking in thought that happy days are here again for chta but that is basically a debt filler um it's just a way to get us through several months our pay our payroll is about a million dollars a week so that's 34 mil 44 million doesn't go very far when you're not collecting fares and unfortunately have not received state operating assistance as many of you are aware in cities and towns those state payments have have been delayed while we our state um understands better what they're going to do with their budget so in the midst of it all we were pleased about two weeks ago to receive a white house tweet announcing um that the washington western brt the third brt in our network um will indeed be fully funded um so we'll start construction on that god willing in 2021 while we are preparing to open our river corridor brt um along route 32 between albany and troy later this year so some interesting things we're cutting back as a result of covid but many of our signature projects move forward uh new york state D.O.T

>> Pat Barnes: i'm on the line can you hear me?

>> Carm Basile: we can yes okay

>> Pat Barnes: so like everybody else the covid has changed things here at d.o.t and probably one of the biggest changes is now when people walk around this is what we look like so that's that's one of the big changes but um like everyone else uh nearly percent of our employees were working remotely um and i'm proud to say that nearly 100 of our employees were able to keep up with the workload we're very lucky here with our it program we by coincidence we're testing for a similar event although it wasn't a pandemic it was more like a a natural disaster where we'd have to work remotely so we were pretty well prepared and uh you know it's business as usual on paper here although it's very lonely here in the office I think i'm the only one who's here on a daily basis but we're working on bringing people back um by monday june 8<sup>th</sup> about 25 of the population that works here at 50 wolf road will be reporting here um so that's part of our reopening plan uh during the time along with moving the capital program forward we had a role with many of our transportation partners helping in the covid response heading up the esf1 again with like the thruway canals many others a lot of work was done here to help the people of new york with covid and i'm very proud to be a member of D.O.T and that esf1 function it's amazing what the people in new york have done here but back to dot projects we're continuing to keep our leading program moving forward and uh and again our design folks uh have been working uh 100 remotely so it's it's kind of business as usual but different the new normal i guess that's all i have thanks

>> Carm Basile: thanks patrick the the new normal is not very recognizable so we though will adjust uh throughway

>> Joe Stahl: uh good afternoon everyone it's Joe Stahl just uh kind of an update uh a lot like pat and d.o.t we're expected to start bringing about 50 of our staff back on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> our central staff has kind of been here right along working but we have a group of non-essential or limited ability to work from home those folks are going to start returning back at fifty percent level uh 100 from a construction standpoint uh there's many had been out if you have been out you've seen some changes along highway in the installation of some of the over-the-road gantries in the all-electronic polling process uh a little better than a week ago we put one up between 23 and 24 covering both the north and southbound lanes that was caught we did that in the middle of the night during a lane shift and stoppage of traffic to get that put in place we anticipate doing the one between 24 and 25 i believe it's the week of june 15<sup>th</sup> tentatively scheduled for the 18th of june right now but they tend to tend to fluctuate and move the dates quite a bit yet the next one after that will be out between 25 and 25 a we have most of the capital district area the ones that are what we call open road tolling at the interchanges most of those are up and the equipment is being installed on those currently so aet is moving along uh it has a scheduled uh i guess installation opening date of late fourth quarter 2020 that's still on target even with all the challenges we've had with supplies and things of that nature from the covid 19 pandemic the old state road bridge is down foundation walls are going back up um that is actually ahead of schedule a little bit which will be good news for those folks in that corridor um we are still anticipating I believe it was in October completion for

that project there's one thing with the drastic reduction in traffic it's allowed us to do some unique things out here that we've never been able to do before as far as daytime closures and movement of traffic so that's all I have at this time

>> Carm Basile: thanks joe um airport steve

>> Steve Iachetta: oh thank you Carm uh I'll keep it brief uh similar to your agency and probably all agencies uh we've seen a decline significant in late March April and may passenger boarding starting to come back now freight has been up as reported by our cfo um seen about a 10 increase in cargo so reflecting our national economy and shipping by air staff have been essential and just about everyone is reporting nearly full time some staggered shifts so it's good to see that recovery in progress we are advancing uh nearly four million in new passenger boarding bridges uh for our board meeting this Monday also awarding uh a new master plan for our 20-year Albany international airport vision similar to the tip for air traveling public and freight uh with that um I'd be happy to answer any questions on the aeronautical so flight operations are starting to restore but we're down about 65 to 70 percent currently on passenger load and operations are coming back that's my report

>>Carm Basile: thanks Steve um last but not least port district

>> Pat Jordan: thanks Carm it's always nice to go last um so the port's probably one of the few places that kind of weathered this this storm um right out of the gate the entire port district was deemed essential so our 25 tenants were up and running um we did not get any reports from any of them and several thousand workers including all of our stevedores of any cases of the virus so we were very happy with that i think everybody had their plans in place as soon as this happened and and those plans worked um the board itself like everybody else's uh municipal buildings closed to the public uh and our ceo took that as a sign for people to work remotely so most people were lucky like that uh i'm kind of in uh pat barnes's uh business where i get to go to work uh three days a week and wear my mask most of the time and our ceo is there five days and i kind of rotate out with the ceo just to kind of keep the business going um we had some really good things come out of this where one of our biggest tenants is Mohawk paper and they switched from doing some of their normal paper products to really kicking high gear to getting products to you know toilet paper companies and other companies like that in addition to be calling out called on to invest and build those cardboard paper dividers that were going up and mash hospitals around the around the state so um they were happy to be you know able to assist in this and we're happy that they're right in the district um vessel calls i think i said last time too are surprisingly up we are we are increasing our vessel calls from the last two quarters compared to 2019 um our products are just products that are necessary it's just you know it's a smaller port but our wood pulp and G.E products and other things uh just keep coming through um we think it might catch up a little bit this summer we know that the big boys down south of the port of New York and New Jersey are experiencing a significant um shortfall so that could hit us a little in the summer but we're gonna try to work through it um two days ago Tuesday night i've been reporting on the Bethlehem planning board they finally approved our finding statement for the 80 plus acre expansion so that's the last bit under seeker to have a developable site ready to we've already marketed but to really be marketing it it was a year and a half and the chairman reminded us that we were there for 19 meetings to get this passed um so it was we were really uh put through the ringer but it's fully approved um i really want to thank mayor Sheehan she wrote some great letters on our behalf to the planning board Mike and his staff gave us great support especially with some road studies and traffic studies that we were able to use to show that we can keep the traffic in the port and i know a lot of people are in favor of it that it's gonna be once we get this off the ground and get some of these wind powered the big boys up here um it's gonna be just a i think a boom to the area like like the port's never seen hopefully like the area's never seen but the possibility of 200 million dollars' worth of new build-outs uh wharf factories everything um and the last thing that last last week our board approved uh an awarded four contracts to we're going to build a brand new 60 000 foot square house or a square foot warehouse right in the middle of the terminal that's going to help us keep up with the demand that we are seeing right now and we're hopefully hoping that that'll be fully constructed by the end of the year if not early first quarter 2021. uh that's it thanks

>> Carm Basile: thanks pat good report uh you can see um there's a lot there's a lot of good things going on as we kind of navigate as a region navigate our way through this difficult period here at CDTA we've had several positives but that was all in the first half of the crisis we had many quarantines but all in the first half of the crisis it really does show you that frontline workers who many of us work with represent lead are doing their jobs and are not are not the spreaders not that a spreader is a bad person but you know frontline workers are getting it done so great work by everybody last thing we have here is linkage and planning activities i think is enclosed Mike did you want to add anything to that

>> Mike Franchini: no that's that's correct they're enclosed unless someone else has a local planning activity they want to talk about

>> Carm Basile: yeah or or like why is it moving to is there any other business anything you want to talk about what we missed if not in your packets our upcoming meetings a list of them in June and actually all through June one in July but mike any comments on those

>> Mike Franchini: no they'll they're they will all be virtual we all we all have gotten pretty accustomed to virtual it's been working pretty well so no comments

>> Carm Basile: any other business anything we missed last minute comments thoughts um don't need any inspirational quotes

>> Tom Gifford: i'm tom gifford in scotia i just like to introduce myself i'm an alternate a new member and uh just learning the language here i'm the mayor of scotia and a great place i want to say your uh pat was talking about the mask we've got official ones from tough traveler it's connectivity nice so anyway uh hi everybody i i hope i can learn the language before my alternate time is up

>> Carm Basile: thank you tom thanks um we do that on purpose we speak in code so that no one will really understand what we're saying and figure out what we're doing um but once you learn the code you remember the club and forever a member um if there's nothing else um outside for those of you working at home you just walk out the door for those of us in the office you know you get home as quick as you can so um did i get a motion to adjourn motion thank you