

Capital District Transportation Committee

2022-2027 DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

June 2022

Title VI Statement & Nondiscrimination Statement

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its metropolitan transportation planning process on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, or economic status, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations. It is also the policy of the CDTC to ensure that all programs, policies, and other activities do not have disproportionate adverse effects on minority and low-income populations. Additionally, the CDTC will provide meaningful access to services for persons with Limited English Proficiency.

Appropriate services can be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities who submit a request at least seven days prior to a meeting. Call 518-458-2161 or email cdtc@cdtcmpto.org.

Public Review and Consultation

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) adopted its Public Participation Policy in 2021. The policy outlines criteria and goals for meaningful public involvement in the metropolitan planning process. CDTC ascribes to a holistic and ongoing approach to public participation through a variety of strategies and tools. The goals of the process are “establish a thorough, inclusive process that uses creative approaches to offer the public continuous opportunities to shape the region’s transportation system.” The policy was adopted in March 2022 to require a 25-day public review period specifically for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The first step in the development of the public participation plan is an equity scan to identify historically and ongoing disadvantaged communities and create engagement processes and opportunities that enable their participation and ability to provide input during the public review period. CDTC encourages input from all stakeholders and ensures that all segments of the population, including Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons, have the opportunity to be involved in the metropolitan planning process. To date, CDTC has not come in contact with LEP persons or received requests for language-assistance in the planning process but will provide translation of vital documents and key selected documents on request, and oral interpreting when necessary and possible. Appropriate services will also be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities who submit a request at least seven days prior to a meeting or event.

CDTC has planned a series of public participation opportunities that employ a range of strategies and technologies in order to make the metropolitan planning process reasonably accessible to as many stakeholders as possible. Below are options provided to stakeholders for participating in the process and submitting comments:

- ◆ TIP Feedback Portal
 - CDTC has developed an interactive, web-based form to gather public input. This form includes materials that describe the TIP and programming process, interactive maps and project data, a survey, and open-ended feedback form.
- ◆ Social and print media outreach

- CDTC maintains Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts which will be utilized to promote and collect comments related to the Draft 2022-2027 TIP.
- A press release detailing public input opportunities will be distributed to all major and minor local media outlets.
- CDTC will develop print materials including an Executive Summary, walk sheet booklet, survey and comment postcard, and a variety of maps that illustrate project locations.
- CDTC will work with members and stakeholders to cross-promote the public participation opportunities.
- ◆ TIP Virtual Workshop
 - CDTC has scheduled a virtual workshop for Tuesday, July 25 6:00 p.m. Registration is required but free and open to the public. It will include an overview of the TIP, programming process, project information, and how to find details on each project contained in the Draft TIP. The workshop will conclude with a question-and-answer session and will be recorded and uploaded to the CDTC YouTube channel. The video recording will be embedded in the TIP Feedback Portal.
- ◆ TIP Open House & Pop-up Events
 - In order to reach as many stakeholders in the Capital Region as possible, CDTC has partnered with local agencies and organizations to engage the public at a number of community events. The following are currently confirmed and scheduled. Additional events will be listed at www.cdtcmmpo.org/2022tip.
 - Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Saratoga County Office Building, 50 W. High Street, Ballston Spa, NY
 - Tuesday, August 2, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Albany Public Library Main Branch, 161 Washington Ave, Albany, NY
 - CDTC will add events as opportunities arise. Any new events will be posted to the TIP Feedback Portal. To notify CDTC of an upcoming event that CDTC is requested to participate in, please contact us at (518) 458-2161 or via email at cdtc@cdtcmmpo.org.
- ◆ Other consultation
 - CDTC will invite Federal Land stakeholders in the Capital Region to participate in the public review and consultation period.
 - CDTC will invite Tribal Nations with interests in the Capital Region to participate in the public review and consultation period.
 - CDTC will collaborate with local partners on public outreach events that reach populations that do not have access to a private vehicle.
 - Public outreach events will be located on transit routes

A summary of the public review period, comments received, and any actions taken in response to a comment(s) will be included in an Appendix to the 2022-2027 TIP.

How to participate:

The public review period was initiated on Monday, June 27, 2022 upon the Policy Board's approval. The public is invited to participate in the metropolitan planning process and submit all questions and comments.

- ◆ View the Draft 2022-2027 TIP at www.cdtcmpo.org/2022tip
- ◆ Register for the virtual public workshop on Tuesday, July 19 2022, at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at www.cdtcmpo.org/2022tip
- ◆ A recording of the workshop will be made available on the CDTC YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb-8bzvqrkwNSCpjcD1N_BA/
- ◆ Email comments to cdtc@cdtcmpo.org
- ◆ Mail comments via U.S. Postal Service to: CDTC, One Park, Place, Albany, NY 12205
- ◆ Leave a voicemail or text comments to the Google Voice option at (518)313-0384
- ◆ Find CDTC on social media:
 - Twitter: www.Twitter.com/MPOCDTC
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/CapitalDistrictMPO
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mpocdtc/>
- ◆ Public comments and feedback must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2022.

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