Guiding Metropolitan Transportation Planning in the Capital District

New York State MPO Directory

Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council
11 South Street, Suite 203, Glens Falls, NY 12801
www.agftc.org or 518-223-0086

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Broome County Office, PO Box 1766, Binghamton, NY 13902
www.bmtsonline.com or 607-778-2443

Capital District Transportation Committee
One Park Place, Main Floor, Albany, NY 12205
www.cdtcmpo.org or 518-458-2161

Genesee Transportation Council
50 West Main Street, Suite 812, Rochester, NY 14614
www.gtcmpo.org or 585-232-6240

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council
438 Main Street, Suite 503, Buffalo, NY 14202
www.gbnrtc.org or 716-856-2026

Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study
Union Station, 321 Main Street, Utica, NY 13501
www.ocgov.net/planning or 315-798-5710

Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council
121 East Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850
www.tompkinscountyny.gov or 607-274-5570

Orange County Transportation Council
124 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924
www.orangecountygov.com or 845-615-3840

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council
199 Water Street 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10038
www.nymtc.org or 212-383-7200

Dutchess County Transportation Council
27 High Street, 2nd Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
http://www.dutchessny.gov or 845-486-3600

Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council
100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13202
www.smtcmpo.org or 315-422-5716

Ulster County Transportation Council
244 Fair Street, PO BOX 1800, Kingston, NY 12401
www.co.ulster.ny.us/planning/transport.html or 845-340-3340

Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council
317 Washington Street, Watertown NY 13601
315-785-2354
www.wjctc.org or 315-785-2354

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What is an MPO?

A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is, by federal law, designated by the governor of each state for every urban area with at least 50,000 residents. MPOs develop solutions to regional transportation problems and address other important issues such as land use, air quality, energy, economic development, commerce, and quality of life. Each MPO develops a long-range regional transportation plan to guide transportation decision making and activities. The MPO also develops a short-range program of projects to be implemented with federal transportation funds. For each project the MPO’s responsibility is to engage many stakeholders, including the general public, in the planning process. By creating a vision for the region in the long-range plan and by identifying projects and investments that help achieve that vision, the MPO ensures that scarce federal transportation funds are wisely invested.

How the Capital District Transportation Committee Benefits Your Community

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), was formed in 1964 and covers the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady. CDTC is a forum for plans and ideas, as well as decisions about major capital investments. The entire community—businesses, government, and citizens—has a voice in the process. Whether the topic is a dangerous intersection or a long-term policy issue, the region’s future is shaped by decisions made by CDTC.

Key Projects

Explorations of the Future 2050
The CDTC’s New Visions 2050 is a transportation plan for the future of our region. The New Visions Plan supports keeping our highways and bridges in good condition; providing high quality transit service, and building what we call “complete streets”. Complete streets are streets that are designed for cars, as well as for walking, bicycling, and transit. CDTC remains committed to the maintenance, repair, reconstruction and right-sizing of the existing freight and passenger transportation facilities. New Visions describes the transportation investment needed for sustainable regional economic growth.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
A key responsibility of CDTC is selecting projects for the use of a wide variety of federal highway and transit funds. CDTC’s “TIP” totals over $100 million annually in federal transportation funding for highway, transit, rail, airport, and port projects. Innovative practices balance projects by type to best reflect the priorities of the long range plan. Examples of TIP funded projects in our region include:

- Washington Avenue and Fuller Road Intersection Reconstruction, City of Albany
- I-90 Exit 8 Connector, North Greenbush
- Zim Smith Mid-County Trail, Saratoga County
- Erie Boulevard Reconstruction, City of Schenectady
- NY 5 Bus Rapid Transit, Regional

Linkage Planning Program
CDTC’s linkage program addresses both local and regional transportation and community priorities through planning efforts administered by CDTC and guided by local government. Over sixteen years, CDTC had advanced 85 separate Linkage Studies with 40 municipalities and public entities. The total investment of federal, state, and local funds in Linkage Planning has exceeded $6.0 million, making it one of the most significant regional-local planning programs in the nation.