MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bradley Birge, City of Saratoga Springs
Frank Bonafide, NYS Department of Transportation- Region 1
Melissa Cherubino, City of Cohoes
Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam
Todd Fabozzi, representing Rocky Ferraro, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Steve Feeney, Schenectady County
Michael Franchini, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary
Stephen Iachetta, Albany County Airport Authority, Chair
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy
Robert Leslie, Town of Bethlehem
Kathy Matern, Town of Niskayuna
Barb McHugh, Town of Clifton Park
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Paul Reuss, Village of Menands
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Jeremy Smith, City of Watervliet
Joseph Teliska, representing Wayne Bonesteel, Rensselaer County
Christopher Wallin, City of Schenectady

STAFF AND OTHERS

Tom Baird, Barton & Loguidice
Robert Cherry, NYS Department of Transportation- Region 1
Bryan Cross, NYS Department of Transportation- Region 1
Neil Geary, Town of Petersburgh
Karen Hulihan, NYS Department of Transportation- Region 1
Jeffrey Johns, Stantec
Tom Johnson, T.R. Johnson Engineering
Shelly Johnston, Creighton Manning Engineering
David Jukins, Capital District Transportation Committee
Gene Kluck, Town of Petersburgh
Siegfried Krahforst, Town of Petersburgh
Fred Mastroianni, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc
Nicole Matlick, Town of Niskayuna
Christina Minkler, CHA
Sreekumar Nampoothiri, Capital District Transportation Committee
Chris O’Neill, Capital District Transportation Committee
Evan J. Seyboth, NYS Department of Transportation- Region 1
Owen Shevlin, NYS Department of Transportation-Region 1
Ben Syden, LaBerge Group
Robert Wetmore, Capital District Transportation Committee

VISITORS’ ISSUES
Steve Iachetta opened the meeting at approximately 9:34 AM. There were no visitors’ issues.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Previous Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2014**

Members approved the August 6, 2014 minutes.

**Presentation—CDRPC Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

Todd Fabozzi explained that CDRPC received a grant from NYSERDA to conduct this inventory. Jim Yienger explained that the inventory was conducted for all municipalities in the eight county area, including the four CDRPC/CDTC counties, plus Columbia, Greene, Warren and Washington counties. He said that the inventory is available for each community for planning purposes. CDTC provided VMT for each community in the CDTC planning area. There were significant variations in VMT by community because of density of development. Energy costs were also estimated. The eight county region loses about $2 billion per year paying for foreign petroleum, including home heating costs. Some rural households spend over 20% of their income on energy, while some urban and suburban households spend less than 8% of their income on energy.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**BRIDGE GROUP**

**RG 126 (PIN 181022): Bridge Preservation Candidate Evaluation**

Dave Jukins explained that Bridge Preservation Study funding was approved for funding on the UPWP, but it also needs to be approved on the TIP since capital funding is being used. Frank Bonafide explained a handout (attached) that documents the proposed TIP amendment to transfer $86,000 in STP Flex funding to RG 126, NYSDOT PIN 181022 for Bridge Preservation Candidate Evaluation. Members approved the amendment.

**Bridge Group Report**

Dave Jukins report that work is well underway. A kickoff meeting was held with the consultant. The subject of potential early solicitations for bridge projects was discussed. The consultant indicated that it would not be feasible to evaluate 376 bridges in time for an early solicitation.

**Bridge Solicitation Options**

Frank Bonafide said that there is a desire to have the solicitation early enough to take advantage of the 2015 construction season. A proposal was made, called Option 3, to have the consultant first evaluate 39 or so local on-system bridges that are red or yellow-flagged in time for an early solicitation. The goal is to highlight urgent bridges. There was a discussion about yellow and red flag bridges. Those eligible for preservation would be offered to bridge
owners for possible submission to CDTC for programming. Mike Franchini commented that sponsors still have to remember that this will be a competitive process, where benefit-cost, and cost, matter. The remainder of the bridges will be included in a later solicitation. Members approved Option 3.

2013-18 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

R246/SA244 (PIN 1089.64): US 4 over the Hudson River: Bridge Replacement or Repair

Frank Bonafide explained that a schedule change was needed for this bridge because painting is urgent. The project will include steel repairs, deck work and concrete repairs. Members approved the amendment.

R300 (1758.90): Broken Wheel Road over Hoosick River

A handout was distributed for this amendment. Joe Teliska introduced the amendment. Karen Hulihan said that the need for a cost increase for this project was known during the TIP update. Fred Mastroianni said that this will be a new bridge on new alignment and the project will correct the skew. Siegfried Krahforst commented that this bridge will be of great benefit to the town, and that no detour route is available. Members approved the amendment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) APPLICATION REVIEW

Mike Franchini reported that CDTC staff participated in an evaluation committee that also included staff from NYSDOT Region 1, A/GFTC, Essex County and Greene County. CDTC projects did well in the regional evaluation. The Policy Board approved the recommendations of the regional selection committee to be submitted to the Main Office of NYSDOT.

STATUS OF TIP PROJECTS MEETING OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE

Mike Franchini said that sponsors did a very good job getting projects obligated. Frank Bonafide expressed thanks to his staff and to the sponsors, and said that this is the largest core funded local program we have seen.

STATUS OF CMAQ PROJECTS

Mike Franchini said that all projects have been obligated on time.

NYSDOT PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Frank Bonafide distributed a handout (attached) that provided a status of project delivery. Karen Hulihan commented that most projects had green dots, some have lingering right of way issues.

STATUS OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES
CDTC

Mike Franchini reported that a kick off meeting was held with the marketing firm for New Visions. Nine white papers for New Visions are underway. A new website will be completed in about two to three months.

CDRPC

Rocky Ferraro said that the CDRPC website redesign will be completed in the next few months. Employment projections are underway.

Mike Franchini mentioned that there will be a public meeting for the Saratoga County Traffic Study on November 5.

NYSDOT

Frank Bonafide said that staff is working to meet deadlines for the end of the federal fiscal year by October 1. He said that staffing is an issue, with staff losses of seven out of thirteen. Obligation for the Exit 4 project is expected in October. The Route 50 ADA project received bids that were very high and were rejected. The project will be bundled with the upcoming Route 32 ADA project in Menands in March of 2015.

Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta reported that the five year Plan for 2015-19 will be adopted. Jet Blue is still committed, but a start date has not yet been received. The next meeting of the Freight Advisory Committee will be held at the Airport.

Town of Clifton Park

Barb McHugh reported that design for the six mile towpath connector between Clifton Park and Halfmoon is almost done.

Town of Bethlehem

Rob Leslie reported that Meads Lane is open. A working group has been meeting to discuss the scope for the Delaware Avenue enhancement project.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:06 AM. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Franchini
Secretary