

**Planning Committee Meeting
February 2, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending

Mark Castiglione, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Ross Farrell, Capital District Transportation Authority
Steve Feeney, Schenectady County, Chair
Anna Feltham, Town of East Greenbush
Connor Haskin, Albany County Airport Authority
Patrick Jordan, Albany Port District Commission
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy
Sandra Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Lisa Ramundo, Albany County
Bob Rice, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1
Joseph Seman-Graves, City of Cohoes, Vice-Chair
Tom Tobin, Village of Colonie
Mike Valentine, Saratoga County
Ketura Vics, City of Rensselaer
Chris Wallin, City of Schenectady

Staff and Others Attending

Angelina Apindem, City of Troy
Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee
Kathleen Bell, Environmental Protection Agency Region-2
Chris Cate, McFarland Johnson
Jennifer Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Tony Christin, CME
Joe Cimino, CHA Consulting
Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam
Patrick Curran, Albany County
Kristin Diotte, City of Schenectady
Lorenzo Distefano, NYSDOT Region-1
Tess Drauschak, City of Cohoes
Steven Golding, City of Watervliet
Brian Healey, CHA
Mohammed Ibrahim, Capital District Transportation Committee
Kelly Kircher, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1
Elizabeth Kormos, Village of Ballston Spa
Kim Lambert, Saratoga County
Teresa LaSalle, Capital District Transportation Committee

Addyson Lyons, AECOM
Stephen Maples, Capital District Transportation Committee
Nicole McGrath, FHWA
David Miller, Foursquare ITP
Rebecca Odell, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jaime O'Neill, Town of Malta
Jeff Pangburn, CME
Megan Quirk, Capital District Transportation Authority
Katelyn Reepmeyer, Town of Colonie
Ryan Riper, Town of Wilton
Laura Robertson, Town of Niskayuna
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park
Melissa Shanley, Capital District Transportation Authority
Chaim Simon, Capital District Transportation Committee
Tony Tozzi, Town of Glenville
Andrew Tracy, Capital District Transportation Committee
Carrie Ward, Capital District Transportation Committee

Introduction

Steve Feeney opened the meeting at approximately 9:31 AM.

Visitor's Issues

There were no visitor's issues.

Presentation – Foursquare ITP “Bus Lane Feasibility Study”

David Miller with Foursquare ITP provided an overview of the study and public engagement undertaken. The team reviewed bus lane materials from around the country, screened corridors in the region for their potential to support bus lanes, reviewed transit operations, received input from municipal jurisdictions on four priority corridors, and conducted public input. The project included pop-up events, webinars, press releases, social media posts, and an interactive online survey with mapping opportunities, resulting in over 800 responses. Queue jumps were a focus of the public input. About 85% of survey respondents indicated they would respond favorably to additional queue jumps. In all four corridors, survey responses indicated a priority for pedestrians over buses, bikes, and cars, with bikes and/or buses ranked second.

Overall, the study found that the municipalities and public would like to prioritize multi-modal improvements, prioritizing pedestrian safety and comfort. The study also included resources on treatments for bike and bus corridors. David provided an overview of the recommended treatments in each of the four priority corridors. The study recommended additional planning work that could include parking studies, traffic analysis and simulation, transit operations, geometric design, and the overall streetscape for multimodal integration.

Administration

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Patrick Jordan motioned to approve the January 4, 2023 minutes, Bob Rice seconded, and members approved the motion.

Action Items

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Fiscal Constraint – Summary Table 4

Jacob Beeman noted that CDTC is still within fiscal constraint. The TIP is slightly under-programmed in the first year by four percent, overprogrammed by five percent in the second year, and under programmed overall by 2 percent. Jacob reviewed several budget adjustments that were made to maintain fiscal constraint with the roll-in of existing TIP projects and the addition of new projects since the 2022-2027 TIP was adopted. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the budget adjustments as shown to maintain fiscal constraint, Chris Wallin seconded, and members approved the motion.

2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

1. S265, 1761.59, Freemans Bridge Road Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk & S285, 1762.49, Freemans Bridge Road Multi-Use Path Phase II, Town of Glenville, Schenectady County

Tony Tozzi explained that the Town of Glenville has two adjacent TIP projects and would like to combine them into one project. The budget will remain the same, with no changes to the schedule. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Mike Valentine seconded, and members approved the motion.

2. A604, 1085.49, Carman Road Sidewalks, Okara Drive to Just South of East Old State Road & A628, 176261, East Old State Rd Sidewalk Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Town of Guilderland, Albany County

Jacob Beeman noted that this amendment would combine two Town of Guilderland sidewalk projects into one, with the same budget and schedule. Chris Wallin motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Joe Seman-Graves seconded, and members approved the motion.

3. R339, 1761.61, NY 2 Corridor Project, NY 2 (Congress and Ferry Streets) from 11th Street West to the Congress St Bridge Ramps & R353, River / Ferry Street Intersection Improvements, City of Troy, Rensselaer County

Andrew Kreshik noted that funding for the ramps at Ferry and River Streets was recently received, and the City would like to combine that funding with the corridor project, with schedule changes to coordinate phase dates. Ross Farrell motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Patrick Jordan seconded, and members approved the motion.

4. S204, 1758.95, Kings Road (CR65) Over CSX, Bridge Replacement, City of Schenectady, Schenectady County

Chris Wallin explained that all right-of-way and Amtrak agreements have been obtained for this project, now a replacement project. Preliminary design and a public hearing recommended expanding shoulders to accommodate bicycles. The amendment is for a cost increase to include the shoulders as well as support from Amtrak for their flagging services. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the amendment as presented with a budget increase over 25%, Mike Valentine seconded, and members approved the motion.

5. A625, 1941.30, Water Street over the D&H Bridge Element Specific Bridge Repairs & A295, 1132.16, NY 155/CR 157 New Karner Road Corridor Rehabilitation, From US20 to Watervliet Shaker Rd, Towns of Guiderland and Colonie, Albany County

Bob Rice noted that the Water Street bridge is actually not part of the federal aid system. The amendment will swap fund sources for that project from NHPP to STBG Large Urban and switch the funding for NY155/CR157 New Karner Road from STBG Large Urban to NHPP. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Joe Seman-Graves seconded, and members approved the motion.

Bridge NY Evaluation Results & Programming Options

Andrew Tracy discussed the Bridge NY evaluation results. Twelve sponsors submitted a total of 19 applications and staff reviewed and scored each project using the methodology previously approved. In Albany County, the County submitted all three applications received. The top scoring bridge is proposed for funding, CR352 over the Fox Creek. In Rensselaer County, ten applications were received. The top four scoring bridges are proposed for funding, rehabilitation of 1st and 2nd Streets over Ferry Street by the City of Troy, Washington Street by the City of Rensselaer, Plank Road by Rensselaer County, and Thais Road by the Town of Sand Lake. In Saratoga County, there were five applications, with the two highest ranked projects proposed for funding: Antioch Road over Alder Creek by the Town of Providence and CR1 Stony Creek Rd over Wolf Creek by Saratoga County. In Schenectady County, one application was received for Muselbeck Road over the Sandsea Kill from the County and it was also proposed for funding. Tom Richardson motioned to approve the staff recommendations for funding and to release the projects for public review. Andrew Kreshik seconded, and members approved the motion.

FY 2023-2024 UPWP Project Evaluation Results & Programming Options

Sandra Misiewicz described the UPWP solicitation and outlined the applications received. Jen Ceponis discussed how the projects scored based on the primary and secondary evaluation criteria. Staff developed three programming options, the first focused on new sponsors and sponsors that had not received funding in the last five years, the second focused on new sponsors and highest scores, and the third focused on the project score. Patrick Jordan motioned to approve funding the projects presented in Option 1 and release for public review, Mike Valentine seconded, and members approved the motion.

Draft FY 2023-2024 UPWP Document to Release for Public Review Draft Resolution 23-1

Sandra Misiewicz defined the Unified Planning Work Program and reviewed the available funding for next year. On February 1st, CDTC was awarded a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant to pursue Vision Zero safety planning, which will be incorporated into the draft UPWP for public review. Stephen Maples reviewed public survey results. Respondents prioritized complete streets, transit, and safety, as well as land use and active transportation. UPWP tasks include rebranding CDTC and development of a new website, investment in equity planning and traffic volume data collection, revamping CDTC's pavement data collection program, the development of a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Congestion Management Process, development of a regional signal timing program and municipal ADA Transition Plans, continued support for the USDOE-funded Clean Cities program, TIP project development planning work, completion of a statewide Shared Transit Planning project, completion and initiation of Linkage program planning studies, and traffic reviews for GEIS support in Colonie and Malta. Tom Richardson motioned to approve the draft work plan as presented, with the addition of the recommended projects from the last agenda item, as well as the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, and release for public input. Chris Wallin seconded, and members approved the motion.

US Route 4 over the Hudson River RAISE Grant Support Letter

Bob Rice explained that NYSDOT is putting together a RAISE grant application for the US Route 4 bridge over the Hudson River in Northumberland. The state has already funded the preliminary design. A support letter from CDTC would be helpful. Joe Seman-Graves motioned to approve the RAISE grant support letter as provided, Andrew Kreshik seconded, and members approved the motion.

Saratoga Street City of Cohoes RAISE Grant Support Letter

Joe Seman-Graves explained that the City of Cohoes is putting together a RAISE grant application for a complete streets project on Saratoga Street, including sidewalks and a culvert replacement. There is already \$279,000 committed from the Department of State for designing the project. A support letter from CDTC would be helpful.

Mike Valentine motioned to approve the RAISE grant support letter as provided, Patrick Jordan seconded, and members approved the motion.

Andrew Kreshik motioned to recommend that the Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to provide letters of support for local entities pursuing federal grant funding at their discretion, as long as the project meets the grant requirements, Ross Farrell seconded the motion, and members approved the motion.

Discussion Items

Carbon Reduction Program Funds & Options

Sandra Misiewicz explained that there is a lengthy project eligibility list for this program. CDTC staff drafted two frameworks to consider for programming this funding. Once the state plan is

completed, it will guide how the funding can be used. One option is to create a set-aside for the program. Another option would be to switch funding for already funded projects eligible for this program, freeing up other funding sources.

Summary of 2022-2027 TIP Project Selection Moves

Project Selection changes are those that do not require an amendment, typically small cost and schedule changes. Jacob Beeman noted there were three moves this month. Albany Shaker Rd Corridor Enhancement project preliminary designed moved from FFY23 to FFY24. East Line Rd and Route 67 Roundabout preliminary design moved from FFY24 to FFY23 and added \$0.075 for right-of-way incidentals. Village of Voorheesville Sidewalk Improvements added \$0.035 for right-of-way incidentals and \$0.030 for right-of-way acquisition. Jacob noted that projects funded for design only can only show funding for preliminary design and right-of-way incidentals. Also shown are STIP Update changes made to the 2022-2027 TIP once it was approved, bringing it in line with the previous TIP.

CDTC Project Delivery Update

Jacob Beeman noted that the design report for the Lark Street Mill & Fill project was completed in December. Construction on the City of Troy's bridge repair project at Campbell Avenue over the Wynantskill was completed in December. Preliminary design on the Village of Scotia project for the Sunnyside Road bridge replacement was authorized in November.

Katelyn Reepmeyer discussed the Town of Colonie's Albany Shaker Road project. During preliminary design it was determined that some of the sidewalks are on private property. Those segments were removed from the scope. To better coordinate with a County project on Albany Shaker Road, the Town's project will remove the intersections at Everett, Osborne, and The Crossings from the scope, with the Shaker El and Maria/Marie intersections remaining.

NYSDOT Project Delivery Update

Bob Rice noted that the emergency culvert replacement on Route 7 over the Hoosic River will be completed in a few days. Water Street over the D&H will be let this spring. NYSDOT received 43 culvert NY applications, totaling about \$15M in requests, three times the available funding. The pedestrian connection over the Dunn Memorial bridge is now closed pending structural repairs and is expected to re-open in a few weeks.

Status of CDTC Planning Activities

Sandra Misiewicz noted that CDTC is seeking a Planning Committee town and village representative replacement for Anna, whose term is up. CDTC is also seeking a town or village supervisor or mayor from Rensselaer County for the Policy Board.

2020 Census Urban Boundary

Teresa LaSalle explained that the new census urban area boundaries are defined differently from 2010, and allow discontinuous polygons. The new boundary for the region shows that some areas previously designated as urban are no longer urban. CDTC has can smooth boundaries to maintain

consistency in roadway federal aid eligibility. Once FHWA provides guidance, staff will work with NYSDOT on proposed changes. The population in the Albany-Schenectady urbanized area decreased slightly, and the population in the Saratoga Springs urbanized area increased. However, the population in New York City significantly increased, which could impact future CDTC funding allocations.

CDTC's New Name

CDTC's name change finalists all combine "Capital Region" with "Transportation Planning Council" or "Transportation Planning" or "Transportation Council". A final decision will be made by CDTC's Policy Board following discussion by the Administrative and Financial Standing Subcommittee.

Status of Regional and Local Planning Activities

There were no updates provided at this meeting.

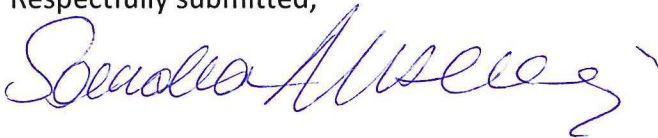
Upcoming Meetings/Events/Deadlines

Steve Feeney referenced the upcoming meetings listed on the agenda.

Adjournment

Mark Castiglione motioned to adjourn at approximately 12:05 pm, Steve Feeney seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Misiewicz, AICP
Secretary