



Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date: April 12, 2022
Start Time: 9:00 am
End Time: 10:03 am
Facilitator: Jen Ceponis
Task: 4.67 Active Transportation

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance

Name	Representing
Ivan Vamos	NY Bicycling Coalition
Charles Welge	Albany County Department of Health
John Mitchell	Halfmoon Trails
Linda von der Heide	Rensselaer County
David Woodin	Town of Waterford
Edward Davidson	Albany Bicycling Coalition
Ethan Warren	CDTA
Jennifer Hogan	NYSDOH
Jim Levy	Planning4Places
Lindsey Bradt	CDTA
Rogerio Rodriguez	CMPAC
Valerie Deane	NYSDOT
Rima Shamieh	CDTC
Sam Morreale	City of Albany
Chaim Simon	CDTC
John Gillivan	Albany Bicycling Coalition
Carrie Ward	CDTC
Jen Ceponis	CDTC

2. Presentation: ADA Transition Planning, Carrie Ward

Carrie provided a presentation on CDTC’s involvement in supporting municipal Transition Plans. Staff created an inventory of the locations of sidewalks throughout the Capital Region and transmitted that data directly to each municipality. A few municipalities in the region created their own Transition Plan using electronic collection methods in the field, with data plans and GPS enabled devices. Carrie noted the importance of simplicity in data points collected and necessary tools. Through a consultant contract, CDTC has so far completed the plan for the Town of Glenville and expects the plan for the City of Saratoga Springs to be drafted in the next few weeks. The data collected has been for sidewalks, curb



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ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, multi-use paths, and bus stops. We expect to release another solicitation for municipalities by the end of 2022. To date the program has required in-kind match with cash match optional, municipal arrangement of public input, and a letter of support from the chief elected official.

Ivan asked about the possibility of including multi-use road shoulders in Transition Plans. Ethan inquired if there may be any synergy with paratransit ridership. Rogerio asked if there might be an ability to include volunteer student groups as part of data collection efforts. Carrie noted that there has been discussion about including a sizeable group of people who have disabilities in the data collection effort but it was determined that training many people who will each collect data for a short amount of time would not be useful for the project.

3. 2022-2027 TIP Update

Jen explained that there have been additional delays of the TIP programming. Information that is now available includes candidate lists by project type, fact sheets, and federal funding allocations. CDTC will see a 13% increase as compared to the 2019-24 TIP, however after accounting for projects “rolling-in” to the new TIP, the increase will be approximately 3.3%. We received 19 bicycle and pedestrian project proposals. Jen provided an overview of each of them. Jen advised reading through the descriptions of each and submitting any comments to cdtc@cdtcmo.org.

At the next Planning Committee meeting, multi-site and block funded projects and programs as well as site specific projects are expected to be proposed for funding, and a draft TIP is expected to be released for public review at the May 4th Planning Committee meeting. The June Policy Board meeting will be moved to June 16th to allow time for public review and to address any unforeseen issues.

4. CDPHP Cycle! & Scoot Updates, CDTA

Lindsay announced that the new season will be rolled out in the next couple of weeks with new controllers and over 400 bikes. CDPHP Cycle will expand to Menands and Watervliet this year. Mid-late season about 150 e-bikes will be added to the fleet. Scoot is on track to launch early summer after the bikes are rolled out. They will be in Albany, Troy, and Schenectady and there will possibly be a Scoot pilot in Saratoga Springs.

5. Discussion items

a. Capital Coexist



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Program information should be released very soon. \$20,000 will still be reserved for demonstration projects, \$5,000 for bike skills and maintenance workshops, and \$15,000 for law enforcement bicycle and pedestrian safety events. On Friday April 29th at 1pm there will be a Walk and Roll to School Day information session hosted with past organizers of local bike to school events.

b. Bike to Work Day / Bike and Walk to School Day

Rima Shamieh shared posters for walk and roll to school day and bike to work. Registration for Bike to Work Challenge will open Friday April 15th and the event will take place on Wednesday June 1st.

c. New Visions 2050 Implementation

The virtual learning series is ongoing, with the next sessions focusing on climate and resiliency, regional planning agencies, and bicycle and pedestrian planning resources.

d. Status of Planning Initiatives

Jen Ceponis referred to the table of ongoing projects and plans distributed with the meeting materials.

6. Newsletter

CDTC's newsletter is now an electronic newsletter. You can [subscribe to the newsletter](#) via CDTC's website.

7. News around the table

- Charles Welge asked about recent news stories about pedestrian safety at the Latham Traffic Circle, and noted that the County Health Department has pedestrian safety staff available for events or in-person education.
- Ivan noted that he continues to work with the Village of Menands on three projects, two of which were recently constructed. The third would be an underpass where there are currently culverts carrying the Little River under 787. They are asking DEC for funding to re-examine the culverts.
- John Mitchell asked for more information about the 787 redesign activity. Jen noted that funding was secured to study 787, but further information is not yet available.

8. Upcoming Meetings



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The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10th** at **9:00 a.m.** For Bike Month we hope to get out to a trail or other recently completed bicycle or pedestrian project. Please contact Jen if you would like to host. Please [register in advance](#). All meetings are recorded and live streamed to the CDTC YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb-8bvqrkwNSCpjcD1N_BA.