



**Active Transportation  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes**

**Date:** July 12, 2022  
**Start Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**End Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Facilitator:** Jen Ceponis  
**Task:** 4.67 Active Transportation Planning

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Jen Ceponis	CDTC
Chaim Simon	CDTC
Anvita Nagarkar	CPMAC
Teresa Rodrigues	CPMAC
Rogério Rodrigues	CPMAC
Linda von der Heide	Rensselaer County
Addison Jewett	CPMAC
John Scavo	Clifton Park
Geoff Tillou	Albany County
David Woodin	Waterford
Ed Brennan	Albany Bicycling Coalition
Meg Fennell	NYS DOT Main Office
Jeff Olson	Re: Charge-e
John Mitchell	Halfmoon Trails Committee
Tina Carton	Saratoga Springs
Valerie Deane	NSYDOT Region 1
Ethan Warren	CDTA
Peter Knutson	Schenectady County
Jennifer Viggiani	Clifton Park
Ed Davidson	Albany Bicycling Coalition
Shalleisha Salmon-Gordon	Albany County
Ivan Vamos	NY Bicycling Coalition
Kyle Hatch	Labella Engineering

2. Electric Micromobility

- a. What has changed since 2020?
- b. What is the future?

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Jeff Olson, Vice President Connectivity & Co-Founder or [re: Charge-e](#), provided an overview of the electric-micromobility landscape and evolving technology related to electric-assist and electric-powered micro vehicles, such as bicycles, scooters, one-wheels, etc. The sales of these vehicles have grown and are critical to the path of a low-carbon, affordable and more equitable transportation system. However, despite the growing popularity of these devices, public infrastructure has not kept paced while public electric vehicle charging for cars and other light-duty vehicles have proliferated with the help of federal and state government incentives and subsidies.

Jeff discussed the need to include e-micromobility in efforts to electrify the transportation system, including provisions for public charging infrastructure, consideration of micromobility in Complete Streets ordinances, and ongoing active transportation planning. There were discussions related to integrating e-micromobility charging into existing infrastructure, such as streetlights. E-bikes and scooters typically require a 20-amp circuit and use significantly less power than electric cars. There may be potential opportunities working with schools and utilities to expanding e-micromobility and supporting infrastructure. Examples of municipalities requiring publicly available e-bike and scooter charging would be helpful to local planners and officials. There are still questions related to regulating use and speed, both of which remain to be challenges for local governments. As best practices are developed, CDTC will share them with the Committee.

Jeff can be reached at [jeffolson@the3rdmode.com](mailto:jeffolson@the3rdmode.com) with any questions.

### 3. Discussion items:

#### a. 2022-2027 TIP Update

##### **TIP Schedule:**

July 12- August 12 – Public Review & Consultation

September 1 – Policy Board Meeting

##### **Outreach events:**

**Tues. July 19 at 6:00 p.m.** Virtual Public Workshop ([registration is required](#))

**Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Open House at Saratoga County Office Building, [50 W. High Street, Ballston Spa, NY](#)

**Saturday, July 30** Pop-up at Troy Farmers Market

**Tuesday, August 2, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Open House at Albany Public Library Main Branch, [161 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY](#)

TBD, Schenectady Pop-up event



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**TIP information & materials available at [www.cdtcmpo.org/2022tip](http://www.cdtcmpo.org/2022tip)**

b. TAP/CMAQ announcement

- **\$178.8 M awarded to 75 communities across NYS**
- **\$27.2 M awarded to Capital Region:**
  - \$1,569,539 to the Town of Bethlehem to construct a paved multi-use path along Cherry Avenue Extension.
  - \$1,781,000 to the Town of Clifton Park to enhance pedestrian and bike facilities along Main Street.
  - \$4,565,356 to the City of Cohoes to construct nearly three miles of sidewalks, bike lanes and other enhancements to facilitate a pedestrian friendly environment including Safe Routes to School.
  - \$1,496,560 to the Town of Glenville to construct sidewalks along Freemans Bridge Road.
  - \$910,466 to the Town of Guilderland to construct sidewalks to provide pedestrian safety improvements along East Old State Road.
  - \$1,864,348 to the Village of Kinderhook to construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Albany Avenue.
  - \$2,456,764 to the Village of Nassau to construct intersection and pedestrian upgrades throughout the Village.
  - \$713,526 to the Town of Sand Lake to construct approximately of sidewalks along Reichard's Lake Road to connect Sand Lake Beach Sidewalk.
  - \$1,497,984 to Saratoga County to construct a connection to Zim Smith Trail - Northern Trail Extension from the Town of Ballston to Town of Milton.
  - \$1,014,400 to the Village of Voorheesville to construct and replace sidewalks, curbing, and crosswalks.
  - \$4,896,000 to the Capital District Transportation Authority to expand bus service along the Washington-Western Corridor.
  - \$2,078,926 to the City of Schenectady to provide improvements to the Craig Street Pedestrian Bridge.
  - \$2,362,592 to the Town of Wilton to construct traffic safety and pedestrian connectivity improvements.

c. 2022 Capital Coexist Mini-grants



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[Reserve \\$20,000 for community led short-term traffic safety infrastructure demonstration](#) projects related to CDTC planning studies and other community plans. [Applications](#) accepted on a rolling basis through December 2022.

[Reserve \\$5,000 to support bike skills safety training](#) and maintenance workshops, by LCI trainers, leading up to CDTC's Bike to Work Day Challenge. [Applications](#) accepted through November 2022.

[Reserve \\$15,000 for bicycle and pedestrian safety events](#) led by local police departments. [Applications](#) accepted on a rolling basis through December 2022.

### d. CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program

CDTC and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) are seeking applications for the [2022 Community Planning Technical Assistance Program](#). The program offers CDTC and CDRPC staff time and expertise to local governments undertaking small scale community planning initiatives.

- Eligible Projects
  - Comprehensive / Neighborhood Planning
  - Community Design Assessment
  - General Community Planning
  - Land use Plan Implementation
  - Data Collection
  - Data Analysis & Mapping
  - Recreation trail planning
  - Transportation Safety & Operations planning
  - Zoning & Site Planning
- Email [techassist@CDRPC.org](mailto:techassist@CDRPC.org) to discuss request
- 25% match required, can be cash or in-kind

### e. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

FHWA and NYS made the following announcements related to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in recent weeks that will be of interest to you. Visit CDTC's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law webpage](#) for additional funding program information and assistance. Additionally, [CDTC's Local Road Safety Action Plan](#) largely meets the criteria for local planning in the Safe Streets for All Program which may allow you to consider applying for capital funding through that program. If you have any questions, need some technical assistance or are seeking data to support an application, feel free to reach out to Sandy Misiewicz, [smisiewicz@cdtcmpo.org](mailto:smisiewicz@cdtcmpo.org), 518-458-2161 at any time.

## Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), applications due on **September 15, 2022**



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### [How to apply](#)

Completed [Self-Certification Checklist](#) for CDTC's Local Road Safety Action Plan and New Visions 2050. A completed check is needed to certify eligibility to apply for implementation funds.

### **[NYSDOT to Host Virtual Public Meeting on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan](#)**

NYSDOT, in partnership with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, announced that **a virtual public meeting will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1 p.m.** to provide information and receive feedback on the development of the State's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Plan that will advance New York's nation-leading climate agenda. The NEVI program provides dedicated funding to states to support the strategic deployment of electric vehicle Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) infrastructure to establish an interconnected network for reliable charging. Register for this virtual public meeting and get more information on the program [here](#). The initial emphasis of the program is on making available publicly accessible Direct Current Fast Charging for passenger EVs at intervals of no more than 50 miles apart within 1 travel mile of the designated corridors, with an emphasis on locations near Interstate highway exits. New York is expected to receive \$175 million over five years. Before funding can be spent, the NYSDOT must submit a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan that describes how the funding will be used to the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation by August 1. The State recently [launched a website](#) to provide more information on the NEVI program.

### **[FHWA Publishes NPRM for the NEVI Formula Program – Federal Rulemaking in Process](#)**

On June 22, 2022, FHWA published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) in the Federal Register to establish regulations setting minimum standards and requirements for projects funded under the NEVI Formula Program and projects for the construction of publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) chargers under certain statutory authorities. The proposed standards and requirements would apply to:

- The installation, operation, or maintenance of EV charging infrastructure;
- The interoperability of EV charging infrastructure;
- Traffic control device or on-premises signage acquired, installed, or operated in concert with EV charging infrastructure;
- Data, including the format and schedule for the submission of such data;
- Network connectivity of EV charging infrastructure; and
- Information on publicly available EV charging infrastructure locations, pricing, real-time availability, and accessibility through mapping applications.

### **[USDOT Announces \\$195 Million for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – Funding Available](#)**



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On June 30, 2022, the USDOT [announced](#) the availability of \$195 million for the new [Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#) in Fiscal Year 2022. Funding will support planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities. **The USDOT will host an informational webinar on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 12:00 pm Eastern.** Registration information is available [here](#) and additional program information is available on [Grants.gov](#). Applications must be submitted by October 13, 2022.

### **USDOT Announces \$2.4 Billion for the Bridge Investment Program – Funding Available**

On June 10, 2022, the USDOT [announced](#) the availability of approximately \$2.4 billion for the new Bridge Investment Program in Fiscal Year 2022. FHWA is soliciting applications for three categories of funding opportunities: (1) Planning; (2) Bridge Projects (projects with eligible costs less than \$100 million); and (3) Large Bridge Projects (projects with eligible costs greater than \$100 million). Planning applications must be submitted by July 25, 2022; large bridge project applications must be submitted by August 9, 2022; and the other bridge project applications must be submitted by September 8, 2022. Additional program information is available at [Grants.gov](#). More information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

### **USDOT Launches the Thriving Communities Initiative – Technical Assistance**

The USDOT recently launched the [Thriving Communities Initiative](#) to provide technical assistance and capacity building resources to improve and foster thriving communities through transportation improvements. This includes a new online portal, the [DOT Navigator](#), to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. The DOT Navigator provides resources to help public agencies and other transportation stakeholders understand the Federal grant-making process and key Federal requirements. One of the key features is a [mapping tool](#) for identifying transportation disadvantaged census tracts. In addition, the USDOT is partnering with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to improve the coordination of housing and transportation planning to advance residents' access to opportunity and increase housing supply.

#### f. New Visions 2050 Implementation

Upcoming New Visions Virtual Learning Series webinar:

Tuesday, July 19, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. ([registration required](#))

**What Can Your Regional Planning Agency Do For You?**



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### *Panelists:*

*Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC Executive Director*

*Mark Castiglione, CDRPC Executive Director*

1.5 CM available

### g. Status of Planning Initiatives (see attached)

## 4. Other updates

- CDPHP *Cycle!* updates:
  - over 20,000 rides for the season despite starting a few weeks later than normal.
  - Menands and Watervliet –newest riding areas – are seeing some great early usage!
  - After a bit of a learning curve with members, very happy with the performance of the new QR code controllers
  - Increased ridership in Warren County (2<sup>nd</sup> season of *Cycle!*) and Schenectady
  - Continuing to work with Operations vendor for arrival of e-bikes towards the end of this season
- Scott update:
  - Still working to tie up final logistical details with the goal of having scooters out for rental end of July
- The City of Troy has released a Proposed Final Draft Troy Land Use and Development Ordinance (June 2022). Maps and related documents are available on the project website: <https://www.recode-troy.com/project-documents>. One of the proposed new zoning regulations of interest is the requirement of short- and long-term bike parking with new development.
- A Complete Streets Funding bill was passed by both the NYS Legislature and Senate and is awaiting signature by the Governor.

5. Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the CDTC Office, 1 Park Pl, Albany, NY 12205

**STATUS OF CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF June 1, 2022**

NAME AND LOCAL SPONSOR	CONSULTANT OR STAFF, PROJECT COST, CDTC CONTACT	FUNDING APPROVAL DATE	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
<b>LINKAGE PROGRAM</b>					
1. Land Use Regulations Update Village of Menands	The Chazen Companies \$80,000 Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	The consultant team is drafting the new zoning code and design guidelines.	July 2022	<a href="https://villageofmenands.com/government/land-use-regulations-zoning-update/">https://villageofmenands.com/government/land-use-regulations-zoning-update/</a>
2. Scotia Downtown Connections Plan Village of Scotia	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying \$60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/5/20	Final presentation to Village Board was held on May 3rd. Study final report delivered by consultant. Study is complete.	May 2022	<a href="https://www.scotiacoconnections.com/">https://www.scotiacoconnections.com/</a>
3. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-Municipal Update Town of East Greenbush	TBD \$90,000 Chris Bauer	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	The initial coordination meeting for the Project Team was held on April 28, 2022. CDTC has compiled existing conditions information. The team has began collecting existing traffic conditions data. The first SAC meeting will be held in June/July.	February 2023	TBD
4. Rensselaer Waterfront Connectivity Study City of Rensselaer	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC \$60,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	Study website now live. Draft existing conditions memo prepared by consultant. Second Study Advisory Meeting to be held on May 25th. Bike-ped data collection to begin first week in June.	December 2022	<a href="https://www.rensselaerwaterfrontconnections.com/">https://www.rensselaerwaterfrontconnections.com/</a>
5. Federal Street Corridor Study City of Troy	Creighton Manning Engineering \$50,000 Carrie Ward	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	The first round of public input will be virtual and is scheduled for June 2022.	December 2022	<a href="http://www.FixFederalStreet.com">www.FixFederalStreet.com</a>
6. Town of Brunswick Hoosick Road Corridor Study Town of Brunswick	TBD \$63,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	New Study in the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Award letter, Memorandum of Understanding, and Administrative Procedures sent to the Town in March 2022. MOU signed April 26th; CDTC staff beginning to prepare study scope of work.	September 2023	TBD
7. Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility Study Village of Colonie	TBD \$35,000 Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	New Study in the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Award letter, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and Administrative Procedures sent to the Village in March 2022; Village returned MOU. Coordination has started with the Village to schedule an initial project scoping meeting in June 2022.	September 2023	TBD
8. City of Schenectady Albany & Crane Streets Linkage Study City of Schenectady	TBD \$90,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	Signed MOU was received and CDTC staff is developing a draft REI.	September 2023	TBD



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**COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

1. Development Growth Trends Analysis Town of Guilderland	CDTC, CDRPC and Town Staff \$12,765 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 6/2/21	The Traffic Trends analysis, CDTC's portion of the project, is complete. CDRPC is preparing their final report.	March 2022	N/A
2. Development Growth Trends Analysis Village of Castleton-on-Hudson	CDTC, CDRPC and Village Staff \$12,765 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 11/3/21	The Transportation Trends analysis, CDTC's portion of the project, is complete. CDRPC is working on the existing conditions report.	March 2022	N/A
3. Saratoga Greenbelt – Wilton Connector Trail Project City of Saratoga Springs/Saratoga County/Town of Wilton	CDTC, CDRPC and Municipal Staff \$14,101 Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Approved 8/4/21	The final Technical Memo was delivered.	May 2022	N/A

**ADDITIONAL CDTC PLANNING INITIATIVES**

1. New Visions 2050 CDTC - Regional	CDTC Staff \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	CDTC continues to offer the Virtual Learning Series and Virtual Local Government Training. View the schedule and sign up for training at <a href="http://www.cdcmpo.org/nv2050">www.cdcmpo.org/nv2050</a> . CDTC is also monitoring mobility trends and will update and amend the plan accordingly. Webinars have been scheduled through October 2022 - 6/21: What's TDM? More info at: <a href="https://www.cdcmpo.org/news/nv-webinars">https://www.cdcmpo.org/news/nv-webinars</a> .  CDTC staff is monitoring local trends and preparing to develop a scope for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update that is anticipated to begin in 2023.	Adopted September 3, 2020	<a href="https://www.cdcmpo.org/nv2050">https://www.cdcmpo.org/nv2050</a>
2. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	City of Saratoga Springs Program capacity: \$75,000 Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Public review of the draft Transition Plan is being planned for this summer.	Spring 2022	N/A
3. Patroon Creek Greenway CDTC and City of Albany	Bergmann Associates \$100,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved December 2020	A series of pop-up events and a virtual public meeting were held in May. The final PAC and CAC meetings were also in May. Public comments are being collected through the end of May and the final report will be delivered in June.	June 2022	<a href="http://www.patroongreenway.com">www.patroongreenway.com</a>
4. Bus Lane Feasibility Study CDTA/CDTC - Regional	Foursquare ITP \$200,000 Sandy Misiewicz	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	A study advisory committee meeting will be held on June 1st and a leadership meeting is scheduled for June 15th to share draft concepts for five corridors in Albany, Schenectady and Troy.	August 2022	<a href="https://www.buslanestudy.com/">https://www.buslanestudy.com/</a>
5. NY 378 Bridge Transportation Scoping/PEL Study NYSDOT	WSP \$400,000 Susan Olsen, NYSDOT Andrew Tracy	TIP Project A605/R344: NY 378 Troy Menands Bridge Study	The NYSDOT Regional Design Services was used to select the consultant for this effort. Kickoff held Sept 2. Call held on December 16th to discuss Scope of Services.	TBD	TBD

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6. Albany County Loop Trail Feasibility Study	CDTC Staff \$30,000  Jen Ceponis	Albany County support contract 12/8/20	CDTC staff is collecting data and developing an outline for a trail concept plan.	February 2023	N/A
7. Regional Truck Parking Study	CDTC Staff \$137,750  Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The consultant team has begun preparing Task 1 and 2 deliverables including existing conditions and the public participation plan. The consultant team has surveyed all local facilities, and has initiated the purchase of ATRI truck parking data.	February 2023	TBD
8. Smart Communities Guidebook	WSP \$100,000  Jen Ceponis	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The consultant team completed stakeholder interviews which will be used to develop final Toolbox materials. The consultant team presented the draft concepts to the ROSAC in April and a Draft Report is expected in June.	July 2022	<a href="https://www.cdtcsm.artmobility.com/">https://www.cdtcsm.artmobility.com/</a>
9. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	City of Albany Program capacity: \$75,000  Carrie Ward	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Data collection is complete and compilation of the draft Transition Plan is underway.	Summer 2022	TBD
10. Data Collection Services	Quality Counts, LLC \$40,000  Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2020-2022 UPWP	Remaining counts delivered by consultant on May 23rd; two count locations pending further QA/QC. CDTC staff are reviewing count data.	Spring 2022	N/A
11. Hoosick Asset Management Plan  Town of Hoosick	TBD \$33,000  Teresa LaSalle	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	The draft Scope of Work is in development.	September 2023	N/A