

**Capital District Transportation Committee**  
**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

February 12, 2019 Meeting Notes

**Attendance:**

Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County Planning; Ivan Vamos, NYBC; Nate Owens, Town of Bethlehem; Brent Irving, CDTA; John Behan, Behan Planning and Design; James Rath, City of Troy; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1; Lauren Stairs, Schenectady County Public Health Services; Lauren Alpert, City of Albany Planning; Martin Daley, CDRPC; Lorenz Worden, Albany Bicycle Coalition; Paul J Forte, NYBC; Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs; John Mitchell, CCTWG, Halfmoon TOSC; Calvin MacDowell, Capital Roots; Tricia Bulatao, Albany County DOH; Laura Byer, Alta Planning and Design; Jen Ceponis, CDTC; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC; Dave Jukins, CDTC

**1.0 New Business**

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Final Capital District Trails Plan Presentation, Behan Planning and Design

Trails plan has been released, following a four county-wide public effort. It primarily reflects core trails, with some supporting trails. The plan proposes 200 miles of new trails, to accompany the existing 89 miles. The committee requested VMT and greenhouse gas reduction numbers for each trail segment, for use with grant applications. Committee members discussed regional coordination and joint-efforts in regards to branding, signage procurement, and sponsorships.

Other questions and comments followed. The committee was informed that Michael Franchini presented the plan to the Chamber of Commerce, and the plan has been formally adopted by CDTC's Planning Committee. Trails were identified and ordered according to a prioritization matrix. Implementation guidance is included in the plan. Drone footage is available for municipalities and promotional purposes, and trail segments are available in GIS shapefiles. The trails plan can also be adopted by individual communities as a base for their own bike/ped, trail, and/or Complete Streets plans.

1.3 CDTC Updates

1.3.1 Trails Plan next steps – See above.

1.3.2 TIP Schedule Update – The Planning Committee approved amendments to two existing TIP projects - the Watervliet cycle track and Freeman's Bridge addition of a shared-use pathway. The Planning Committee also approved a \$6.5 million Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Set-Aside for the 2019-24 TIP.

1.3.3 Capital Coexist Mini-grants: Applications due Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

\$40,000 was requested for projects, with \$25,000 available. A subcommittee will meet later in February to recommend projects for funding.

Albany County Library has a materials lending library for the grants! Unused!

1.3.4 LOS evaluation subcommittee – CDTC has begun reviewing and testing around a dozen methodologies for bike and pedestrian LOS with a subcommittee and staff. CDTC will produce a white paper on the findings.

1.3.5 Regional Safety Action Plan update – no updates at this time.

1.3.6 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series – APBP webinar on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

1.3.7 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Update(s) – no updates.

1.3.8 Smart Communities Task Force Update – CDTC expects a Smart Streetlights Guide for the Capital Region from Saratoga Springs, with techs and specs

1.4 TAP/CMAQ – NYSDOT had received a number of pre-applications and the final application deadline was August 16<sup>th</sup>. No updates on finalists.

1.5 Linkage Updates – See Linkage update table.

1.6 Local Program Updates

Schenectady County Public Health has a NYS grant for pedestrian safety education with agencies and various areas.

Albany will be producing a bicycle and pedestrian master plan. The Albany Connector Trail is in design phase.

Saratoga Springs is producing wayfinding/signage for the Greenbelt Trail. Planning is ongoing for the Connector Trail to Downtown, and for the Downtown Extender – inner core connector. Greenbelt Trail work is planned.

The Champlain Canal Trail is creating an Action Plan, and coordinating with the Erie Canalway.

Bike Rescue is installing Fix-It stations around the region for bicyclists.

Troy is undergoing a sidewalk assessment that is volunteer-based.

Albany County still has a Lending Library for pop-up projects!!!

Bethlehem is pursuing a street tree inventory with a Community Forestry grant.

1.7 Other Updates – Bike to School Day is May 8, 2019, and Bike to Work Day is May 17, 2019.

## 2.0 Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are open to the Public. The next CDTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting is **March 12, 2019 at 9:00am at CDTC.**