

**Capital District Transportation Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
June 8, 2021**

Attendees: Teresa LaSalle, CDTC; Linda von der Heide, Rensselaer County; Chris Morris, OPRHP; Ivan Vamos, NYBC; Nathan Owens, Bethlehem; Janette Kaddo Marino, Bikeatoga; John Mitchell, Halfmoon trails; Meg O’Leary, Saratoga County DOH; Valerie Deane, NYSDOT; Lindsey Garney, CDTA; John DiMura, LaBella; Michael Horn, Saratoga PLAN; Rima Shamieh, CDTC; Zach Powell, City of Albany; Jordan Solano-Reed, CDTC; Art Clayman, Cycle Schenectady; Rogerio Rodriguez, CMPAC; Jen Ceponis, CDTC

1. New Business

1.1. Welcome & Introductions

1.2. Presentation: Christopher Morris presented on the 2020 Statewide Greenways Plan. The Final Plan was released on April 7, 2021 after a year of development. The plan addresses existing trail systems and uses, benefits, trends, and goals and recommendations. Input collected included stakeholders across the state, a public survey, and scoping meetings. The plan inventoried existing, planned, and proposed plans, which is now available online as a map. Goals of the plan include expanding access to more New Yorkers and underserved communities, identify funding and collaboration opportunities, and expand bicycle and pedestrian transportation options. The plan can be used to advocate for local planning purposes, to advocate for funding, and identify connections. Next steps include additional stakeholder meetings and revisiting the full Statewide Trails Plan. Contact at: Christopher.morris@parks.ny.gov

1.3. CDPHP Cycle! has launched for the season, with promotions and 350 bikes out already. The colleges are using the bikes even more, and last week saw over 3,000 rides! CDPHP Cycle is exploring expansions into the surrounding counties, and is also piloting 50 electric scooters in the Albany, Schenectady, Troy, and Saratoga Springs this spring and summer.

1.4. CDTC/NYSDOT Updates (see attachments): CDTC will begin a slow reopening the week of April 5th. Staff will have limited hours in the office.

1.4.1. 2021 Linkage Program: The studies funded are East Greenbush, City of Troy, and City of Rensselaer. Update sheet attached.

1.4.2. 2021 Capital Coexist 2.0: 2021 Mini-Grants are in various stages of implantation. Some are complete, some are in development. Bethlehem held a Walk and Roll event. Troy has a parklet downtown and a Trails Map.

1.4.3. Smart Communities Toolbox has selected a consultant. Goals include: ID technologies for the region, define “Smart Cities,” provide case studies, and develop a roadmap for projects.

- 1.4.4. Ditch the Car Campaign: Rima Shamieh (rshamieh@cdtcmpo.org) discussed the Ditch the Car Campaign - a multi-month campaign that allows participants to earn badges and compete in a monthly social media raffle. Participants can log non-recreational non-car trips at <https://www.cdtcmpo.org/news/ditch-the-car-campaign>. #518DitchTheCar
- 1.4.5. Technical Assistance is seeking applications for 2021. The program offers CDTC and CDRPC support for small-scale community planning projects.
- 1.4.6. ADA Transition Plan solicitation – due 4/30.
- 1.4.7. 2020 MUTCD Proposed Rule Making – MUTCD fact-sheet available from CDTC, and webinars are coming up about the MUTCD updates. Comments can be given to FHWA through May 14th. Key changes include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, with emphasis on safety and accessibility. The proposed text can be downloaded from: <https://beta.regulations.gov/document/FHWA-2020-0001-0038> Comments can be submitted here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/14/2020-26789/national-standards-for-traffic-control-devices-the-manual-on-uniform-traffic-control-devices-for>
- 1.4.8. Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives: See attached.
- 1.4.9. New Visions 2050 trainings are still on-going and available for local groups, boards, or communities. Future webinars include June 15th, July 13th, and August 17th Complete Streets topics. Register online, AICP CM credits available.

Other Updates

CDPHP Cycle has expanded into Warren County! 2 Racks in Glens Falls, 1 in Queensbury, and 1 in Lake George, for 20 bikes total. Promotional events are happening! System-wide already at 20,000 rides over 9 weeks, and 20,000 members in the system. Upgrading technology on the back of the bikes.

Saratoga is hosting a Bike Repair and continuing Slow Rolls.

Trail counts in 2020 showed increases in trail usage; contact Jen if you're interested in helping conduct in-person or electronic trail counts. Saratoga is working on an eco-counter.

NYS starting a Bike Plan.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings Open to the Public: The next meeting is scheduled for **July 13th at 9:00am.**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldOCsqTspG9IJ12mWiU9njq0ac4aXZHQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.