



## **2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program Executive Summary**

**Prepared by the Capital District Transportation Committee  
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### **What is the Capital District Transportation Committee?**

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governor of the State of New York to ensure that existing and future expenditures of federal funds for transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. Every urban area in the United States with at least 50,000 residents has an MPO under federal law. CDTC's geographic transportation planning area includes the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga (except the Town of Moreau and the Village of South Glens Falls).

CDTC develops solutions to regional transportation problems and addresses important issues such as mobility, economic development, safety, air quality and quality of life. Federal law requires MPOs to develop a long term (20 years) Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a short term (5 year) capital program of transportation projects known as a Transportation Improvement Program and an annual Unified Planning Work Program.

### **What is the 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program?**

CDTC's 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) primarily describes how federal transportation planning funds allocated to the Capital Region will be spent in the state fiscal year (SFY) beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024. The UPWP serves as a source of information for government officials, municipal officials, and the public about:

- ◆ The types of surface transportation planning projects and programs to be conducted;
- ◆ The estimated cost of the planning projects and programs and their fund sources;
- ◆ The estimated timelines for completing the work; and
- ◆ Whether the work will be conducted by CDTC's staff, consultants or others.

### **How is the UPWP Developed?**

The UPWP is developed by CDTC's staff in consultation with partner agencies, municipal staff, and input from residents and stakeholders in the Capital Region to meet federal requirements and to achieve the goals in the

long term Metropolitan Transportation Plan known as *New Visions 2050*. For the 2023-2024 UPWP, planning activity and study ideas came from *New Visions 2050* and a combination of sources including:

- ◆ Public input gathered through community meetings, CDTC advisory committee meetings, and an online public survey.
- ◆ Existing planning documents such as completed community planning studies and regional plans like CDTC’s Freight Plan, Local Road Safety Action Plan, Capital District Trails Plan, and the Congestion Management Process.
- ◆ Identified needs by CDTC’s staff that emerged from continual interactions with state, local, and regional agencies, organizations, and community groups.
- ◆ Applications received through a solicitation released in October 2022.

This information was collected, combined and incorporated into the UPWP and budgeted accordingly. CDTC’s Policy Board approved the document on March 2, 2023.

## What is in the UPWP?

The 2023-2024 UPWP can be downloaded and viewed on the CDTC website at <https://www.cdtcmpo.org/2023upwp>. A summary of the tasks and budget estimates can be found in Table 1.

Specific planning task highlights include:

- ◆ Manage a \$1.4 M FHWA Safe Streets and Roads for All planning initiative to develop system level projects and programs that seek to eliminate transportation related fatalities and serious injuries in the Capital Region. This multi-year effort will have extensive public involvement.
- ◆ Initiate the multi-year process to prepare a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the long term regional plan that identifies the transportation vision, planning and policy priorities for the region.
- ◆ Update the Congestion Management Process and the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.
- ◆ Provide technical support on Planning and Environmental Linkage Studies for the NY 378 Bridge and to Reimagine I-787 by lead agency NYSDOT.
- ◆ Continue and complete the East and North Greenbush Route 4 Corridor, Town of Brunswick Hoosick Road Corridor, Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility, and City of Schenectady Albany & Crane Streets planning studies – all part of CDTC’s Linkage Program. These studies assist communities in addressing transportation and land use issues by providing funding to prepare community-based plans.
- ◆ Begin work on the following Linkage Studies:
  - Albany County – Broadway Flood Resilient Multi-Modal Corridor Study
  - Town of Milton – Town Center Plan Update
  - Town of Rotterdam – Curry Road & Guilderland Avenue Multi-Modal Study
  - Town of Colonie – Central Avenue West Corridor Study
  - Village of Castleton-on-Hudson – Castleton Complete Streets & Connections Plan
  - Village of Voorheesville – All Access Complete Streets Feasibility Study

- ◆ Collaborate with the Town of Bethlehem on how recent state legislation impacts efforts to reduce local speed limits to 25 miles per hour.
- ◆ Examine the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development, amendment, and project evaluation processes by a TIP Task force to improve the capital project programming process.
- ◆ Distribute CDTC’s Complete Streets Design Guide, conduct Complete Streets workshops, and encourage Complete Streets policy adoption.
- ◆ Collaborate with communities on the implementation of the Capital District Trails Plan.
- ◆ Provide technical support to CDTA on the development of its Bus Rapid Transit Expansion Study, the Route System Planning Study, and the Transit Development Plan (TDP).
- ◆ Administer a commuter survey to identify factors that motivate commuter mode choices.

**Table 1: 2023-2024 UPWP Planning Tasks and Total Budget Estimates**

ID #	Planning Task Name	Budget Estimate
1.51	Committee Activities	\$80,000
1.61	CDTC Operations & Management	\$70,000
1.65	Unified Planning Work Program Development	\$45,000
1.66	Equity, Environmental Justice and Title VI	\$68,000
1.68	NYSAMPO Administration	\$250,000
1.69	NYSAMPO/AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations)/TRB (Transportation Research Board) Committees and Working Groups	\$50,000
1.70	Public Participation	\$100,000
1.73	CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program	\$39,000
2.25	Transportation Data Collection and Analysis	\$157,304
2.28	Census and Capital Region Indicators	\$40,000
2.29	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	\$105,000
2.30	Pavement Condition Inventory Albany County	\$12,000
3.11	STEP (Systematic Transportation Evaluation and Planning) Model Development and Maintenance	\$60,000
3.21	Climate Change Planning	\$20,000
3.22	Regional Operations and Congestion Management	\$58,625
3.31	Infrastructure Planning	\$45,000
3.32	Regional Signal Timing Program	\$130,000
3.35	Town of Hoosick Asset Management Plan	\$48,000
3.41	New Visions 2050 and MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) Refinement	\$95,000
3.51	Performance-Based Planning	\$14,140
4.17	Complete Streets	\$62,000
4.21	Freight Planning	\$112,825
4.35	Health Impact Assessments	\$16,000
4.60	Traffic Safety Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement	\$42,500
4.64	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Planning	\$144,000

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4.67	Active Transportation Planning	\$70,000
4.70	Clean Cities	\$110,000
5.01	Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Maintenance	\$78,625
5.21	Air Quality Conformity	\$20,000
5.51	Travel Demand Modeling Services	\$20,000
5.61	TIP Project Development Support	\$135,000
6.12	Human Services Agency Transportation	\$50,000
6.13	Transit Planning	\$125,000
6.14	Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Initiatives	\$75,000
6.16	Safety Planning	\$1,453,100
6.17	Resilience and Security Planning	\$20,000
7.10	Town of Colonie GEIS Support	\$45,000
7.11	Town of Malta GEIS Support	\$25,000
7.20	Shared Transit Service Planning and Analytics Initiative	\$104,265
7.21	All Access Complete Streets Feasibility Study (Village of Voorheesville)	\$70,000
7.22	Broadway Flood Resilient Multi-Modal Corridor Study (Albany County)	\$130,000
7.23	Castleton Complete Streets and Connections Plan (Village of Castleton-on-Hudson)	\$95,000
7.24	Central Avenue West Corridor Study (Town of Colonie)	\$180,000
7.25	Curry Road & Guilderland Avenue Multi-Modal Study (Town of Rotterdam)	\$125,000
7.26	Milton Town Center Plan Update	\$115,000
7.70	East and North Greenbush Route 4 Corridor Study	\$93,440
7.86	Town of Brunswick Hoosick Rd Corridor Study	\$110,645
7.87	Sand Creek Rd Complete Street Feasibility Study (Village of Colonie)	\$60,000
7.88	City of Schenectady Albany and Crane Streets Linkage Study	\$100,433
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,274,902</b>

For more details on the work related to the planning tasks and the budget estimates, refer to the full UPWP document: <https://www.cdtcmpo.org/2023upwp>.

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