



## Freight Advisory Committee

### NOTES

May 15, 2024, 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM

In-person: 1 Park Place, Colonie, NY 12205

Virtual: contact Chris Bauer for Zoom details

### 1) Welcome and Introductions

Jim Boni, NYSDOT

John Schneidawin, Port of Albany

Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1

John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park

Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam

Louis Esposito, Town of  
Princetown/OOIDA

Mark Landgraf

Catherine Lawson, UAlbany

Robert Rohauer, CSX

Jeff Wojtowicz, RPI

Kaylee Noll, NYSDOT Region 1

Gautam Mani, FHWA

Mike Izdebski, Plug Power

Ryan Riper, Town of Wilton

Pete Bardunias, Sr. VP, Capital Region  
Chamber

Kate Maynard, CDRPC

Tony Vasil, AJ Vasil Associates

Dave Sawicz, Price Chopper/Market  
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Jim Mearkle, Albany County

Lisa Ramundo, Albany County

Nora Wallace, City of Schenectady

Tom Phelan, BHX/Gannett Fleming

Chris Bauer, Capital Region  
Transportation Council

Jacob Beeman, Capital Region  
Transportation Council

Chaim Simon, Capital Region  
Transportation Council

### 2) Livingston Ave Bridge Project (Jim Boni, NYSDOT)

The bridge is over 120 years old. It has a 100-foot-wide navigation channel which will be expanded to 190 feet with the new bridge. The new bridge will also conform to AREMA standards. The swing bridge will be replaced with a vertical lift span. In addition to the rail improvements the bridge will also have a multi-use trail. Foundation construction is expected to begin in October 2024 and be fully completed by August 2028.

### 3) In Motion: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (Sandy Misiewicz, Capital Region Transportation Council)

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The update process is in the second phase “Inform” of five phases. During this phase, the goals and core values will be finalized. For more information, please see the attached PowerPoint presentation.

**4) Update – New York State Freight Transportation Plan (TBD, NYSDOT)**

There is a statewide freight working group meeting scheduled for May 16, 2024. A truck parking assessment was recently completed.

**5) Update – Capital District Clean Communities (Jacob Beeman, Capital Region Transportation Council)**

Clean Communities is hosting an Electric Landscaping Showcase on **Wednesday, May 22 from 8:30-11am** at the Albany County Hockey Facility. Will include zero-turn mowers and other electric landscaping equipment.

Electric and Autonomous Vehicle Training with HVCC on **July 23-25 8am-4pm**. For maintenance training on electric vehicles.

**6) Update – Recent Freight Funding Program Awards (Chris Bauer, Capital Region Transportation Council)**

NYSDOT’s Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program awarded over \$18 million to three projects in the capital region including the Port of Albany.

Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (from BIL) awarded projects that adopted alternative fuels, electrification and zero emission landside vehicles.

An upcoming grant is available for the US Marine Highway Program to expand navigable water use and improve landside operations.

**7) Other Updates**

Foreign Trade Zone Workshop on Monday, May 20. More information and registration: [https://niwt.org/may-20/?mc\\_cid=c4808e0b24&mc\\_eid=9d9f905c38](https://niwt.org/may-20/?mc_cid=c4808e0b24&mc_eid=9d9f905c38)

**8) Action Items/2024 Meeting Dates**

- i. MTP Update: In Motion Plan: [www.inmotionplan.org](http://www.inmotionplan.org)
- ii. Remaining 2024 Meeting Dates: August 21 and November 20





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## Agenda

### 1) Welcome and Introductions

- In-person – sign-in sheet
- On Zoom – please put **Name, Organization** in Chat

- 2) Livingston Ave Bridge Project (Jim Boni, NYSDOT)
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- 7) Action Items

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# Livingston Ave Bridge

James C. Boni, P.E.  
NYSDOT, Director, Alternative Project Delivery Bureau



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# IN MOTION

THE PLAN TO 2050

## Advisory Committee Intro

MAY 15, 2024

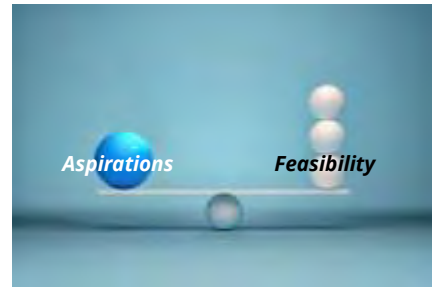
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## What is the In Motion Plan?

- Replaces New Visions 2050
- Shared vision for the future developed collaboratively with the public, governments, and interested parties
- Examines the region's future investment options

*Transportation "investments" mean allocating scarce transportation funding resources that achieve outcomes that move toward the shared vision.*



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## In Motion Plan Process

- 5 Phases – anticipate adoption of final plan September 2025
- Opportunities for the public to be involved in all phases
- Final Plan will lay out the strategies and policy the Transportation Council will use to prioritize federal transportation investments.



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## In Motion Plan Progress

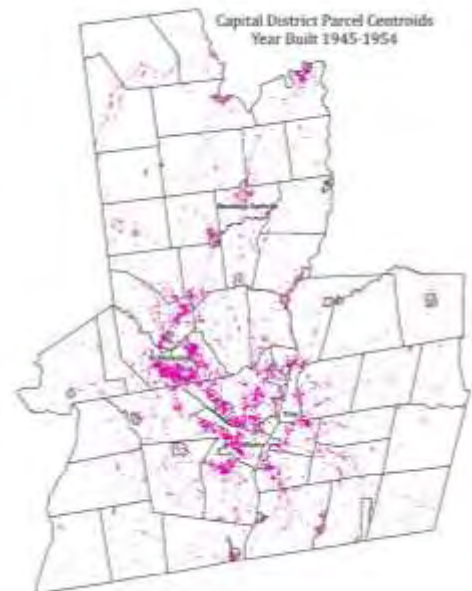
- Phase I Products:
  - ✓ Congestion Management Plan
  - ✓ Coordinated Plan
  - ✓ Regional Trends StoryMap
  - ✓ Regional Trends & Conditions Report
  - ✓ MTP Public Involvement Plan
- Phase II Products:
  - ✓ Plan name, brand, & logo
  - ✓ Project website
  - MTP Issues & Priorities Survey
  - MTP Goals

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## Key Trends

- Slow population growth
- Growing housing affordability concern
- An aging population
- Increase in traffic crashes
- Inequality of opportunity
- Aging infrastructure
- Disconnected development
- More transportation options
- Significant shifts to work-from-home



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## Initial Draft Goals

### Reduce GHG Emissions

Reduce the risks the region faces from climate change and improve air quality by reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from transportation.

### Equity

Achieve an inclusive transportation planning process and make investments that address entrenched transportation-related burdens experienced by disadvantaged populations.

### Safety

Eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on Capital Region roadways in an equitable manner.

### Stewardship

Responsibly manage the environment and transportation system for generations to come.

### Prosperity/ Vitality/ Livability

Make strategic investments in the transportation network to support economic development and growth.

### Connectivity

Close gaps in the transportation system and improve access to key destinations for people and goods.

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## Advisory Committee Role

- Review, identify issues, or provide feedback on In Motion Plan products.
- Feedback should consider:
  - Adequacy of technical data and analysis
  - Reasonableness of the concepts
  - Extent of the public participation process
  - Accuracy and completeness of the products
- Assist with promotion and identification of public involvement opportunities



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## How can you help spread the word?



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## Thank you!

Email comments or questions to:

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## Capital District Clean Communities

- Electric Landscaping Equipment Showcase
  - Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am – 11:00am
  - Albany County Hockey Facility, 18 Hockey Lane Colonie NY
- Electric and Autonomous Vehicle Training
  - Tuesday – Thursday, July 23-25 8:00am – 4:00pm
  - HVCC Automotive Lab



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## Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP) Awards

- NYSDOT State Funding Program
- Capital Region - \$18.255 Million
  - \$4.403 million to Pan Am Southern for the Patriot Corridor Safety Enhancement Project which includes replacement of rail, elimination of joints and other major rail safety components.
  - \$9.907 million to the Albany Port District Commission Lift Wharf Deck and Rail enhancement project will upgrade rail and wharf deck infrastructure to meet the increasing needs of heavier cargo at the Port.
  - \$3.944 million to CSX Vertical Clearance Improvement and Safety Enhancement Project will remove five abandoned highway bridges along CSX rail lines throughout New York

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## Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Grant Program for FY 2022-23

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL); Discretionary Federal Funding Program
- No projects in New York
- Project Award Descriptions:
  - Alternative fuels and fueling technologies, electrification, emissions reductions, zero emissions vehicles, etc.
- See handout
- Distributed as information



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## Others

- USDOT's Maritime Administration
  - NOFO for the United States Marine Highway Program (USMHP),
  - Discretionary grants
  - "Enhance the effectiveness of transportation in the marine highway sector..."
    - Expand the use of navigable waters
    - Relieve landside congestion
    - Reduce air emissions
    - Provide new transportation options
  - Applications close July 12, 2024

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## Action Items/Next Meeting

- Action Items:
  - Get involved with the MTP update: In Motion Plan [www.inmotionplan.org](http://www.inmotionplan.org)
- Next Meeting:
  - August 21, 2024, at 9:00 AM

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**Thank you for attending!**

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