



## 4.67-ATAC

Meeting Summary  
 July 9, 2024, 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM  
 1 Park Place, Colonie, NY 12205  
 Facilitator: Chaim Simon

### Attendance

Name	Title	Representing
Ben Luke		Albany County DOH
Charles Welge		Albany County DOH
Christina Akey	Health Educator	NYS DOH, Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention
David Long	Traffic Section Manager	JMT
Ed Brennan	President	Albany Bicycle Coalition
Ethan Warren	Sr. Planner	CDTA
Kaylee Noll	Transportation Analyst Trainee	DOT Region 1
Ivan Vamos		NY Bicycling Coalition
Linda von der Heide	Principal Planner	Rensselaer County
Rima Shamieh	Transportation Planner	Transportation Council
Sandy Misiewicz	Executive Director	Transportation Council
Scott Miller	Secretary	Saratoga PLAN
Jacob Beeman	Sr Transportation Planner	Transportation Council
Valerie Deane	Sr Transportation Analyst	NYS DOT Region 1
Amy Lolik	Asst. Planning Director	City of Rensselaer
Rob Davies	Executive Director	Saratoga PLAN
Jim Moore		DASNY
Jennifer Viggiani		Town of Clifton Park
Kris Alfonso		NYS DOH
Sasha del Peral		Canal Corp
Dave Woodin		Town of Waterford

## 1. Presentation: Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility Study, Jacob Beeman

Study objectives: traffic calming, improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure where possible, develop plan that the Village will support.

Existing conditions: mostly residential and commercial land uses. Sidewalk on one side only, with some gaps. 85<sup>th</sup> percentile around 38 mph, posted at 30 mph. No bicycle infrastructure. Crashes under state average, freight is prohibited (posted) but high truck traffic (5%).

Engagement: survey, public workshop, 3 stakeholder focus groups, website with drafts posted, followed by second public workshop and village board presentation.

Recommendations: add 8-10 ft multi-use path on west side from Watervliet Shaker to Hunting, then shared traffic lane to Computer Drive South; fill in sidewalk gaps on east side; add raised, mid-block crossings with RRFB's at key locations; lighting improvements; extend sidewalk down Mordella Dr to the school; signal upgrades, left-turn lane, driveway consolidations, center turn lane, pedestrian refuge, and center median from Computer Drive South to Wolf Rd.

Plan includes segmented implementation plan and identifies funding opportunities.

Final Study: [https://www.capitalmpo.org/wp-content/CRTC/images/linkage\\_program/AlbCoFinal/Sand Creek Road Complete Streets\\_compressed.pdf](https://www.capitalmpo.org/wp-content/CRTC/images/linkage_program/AlbCoFinal/Sand_Creek_Road_Complete_Streets_compressed.pdf)

The Transportation Council seeks to incorporate a "do nothing" funding scenario in future Linkage projects to put the costs of these sorts of investments into context. The costs of traffic congestion, crashes, injuries, and fatalities are often hidden.

## 2. Presentation: In Motion 2050 Update, Sandy Misiewicz

We are currently in Phase 3 of 5 Phases in the creation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, In Motion 2050 (<https://www.inmotionplan.org/>). Survey #1 found strong support for building more sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails; more transportation options; more frequent and reliable transit; safe roads and intersections; and fixing roads and bridges. Survey #1 respondents were the least interested in building more roads and highways.

Survey #2 asks the public for feedback on the draft goals as well as ideas on visionary projects and to identify needs for immediate capital projects. Survey #2 is now open and can be accessed through this link: <https://form.jotform.com/crtcmpo/long-range-survey>

Transportation Council staff will be hosting community tables at transit stations, farmers markets and other events throughout the summer to gather feedback. Please reach out to Chaim if you have an event or meeting, you'd like us to attend. Please help us by sharing the survey link through your social media.

### Next steps for In Motion:

- Needs Assessment – what are the priorities for each community?
- Prepare a list of “illustrative” projects, like the Patroon Creek Trail at \$10 mil, \$30-\$50 mil projects
- Create regional photo and video library. Please send Chaim ideas on what to document.
- Next In Motion Task Force meeting will be in September or October, when it will be diving into scenarios and thinking about technology

### **3. Discussion items:**

#### **a. Vision Zero Action Plan**

This plan is parallel to the effort to create In Motion and will feed into that effort.

#### **b. Regional Trail Planning (trail counts)**

So far we are doing/have done counts in Saratoga County, Schenectady, Albany Shaker Trail, and the Albany County Hudson Helderberg Trail. There is time to do more counts so please let Chaim know if you have suggestions for other locations this season. There will be a report released this fall.

#### **c. 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program**

There are two new Linkage studies, the Halfmoon/Clifton Park County Route 109 Corridor Study and the Complete Streets Study: NYS Route 7 Niskayuna.

#### **d. Funding Opportunities**

Federal Discretionary Program Application Deadlines

[July 17 – Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#)

[September 30 – Reconnecting Communities Pilot \(RCP\) Program](#)

#### **e. Status of Planning Initiatives**

Attached

### **4. Other Updates**

- **TAP/CMAQ Awards** 6 projects awarded in our region, all originated in Linkage studies. This is the poorest showing our region has had regionally in TAP, not sure what happened. 3 TAP projects funded sidewalks and a multi-use path. 3 CMAQ projects funded sidewalks on state routes and 2 roundabouts, sidewalks

and a multi-use path

- **Transportation Council/ CDRPC Technical Assistance Program** accepts proposals on a rolling basis. Contact us to discuss how we can help your community. Send an email to [techassist@CDRPC.org](mailto:techassist@CDRPC.org) or call 518-458-2161 and provide your name, phone number and a time convenient for representatives to call you.
- Menands is working on waterways restoration project
- Town of Clifton Park is using Climate Smart funding to construct .5 mi of sidewalk
- The Albany Mayor's office is holding a meeting on July 18 about Central Ave from Henry Johnson Blvd to Allen St. Meeting will be at Steam Garden, 279 Central Ave, from 6-8 pm.

## **5. Upcoming Meetings: October 8, 2024**

**STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL AND REGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES AS OF JULY 1, 2024**

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**COMMUNITY PLANNING SUPPORT**

1. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-Municipal Update  Town of East Greenbush	M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying \$90,000  Chris Bauer	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	The consultant team delivered the first draft final project report. Transportation Council staff provided initial review comments to the consultant team. The consultant team continues to address the comments. Next steps will include Town review, Study Advisory Committee (SAC) review and public review.	July 2024	<a href="https://nyroute4study.com">https://nyroute4study.com</a>
2. Safe Streets Policy and Plan  Village of Voorheesville	EDR \$55,000  Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	The first SAC meeting was held in May. Task 1 deliverables are in review by the SAC. The Existing Conditions Report is in development.	March 2025	<a href="#">TBD</a>
3. Broadway Flood Resilient Multi-Modal Corridor Study  Albany County	Highland Planning \$115,000  Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	A Draft Baseline Corridor Assessment was submitted by the consultant team on 6/14/24 and SAC meeting #2 was held on 6/26/24. SAC is developing comments on baseline assessments. Focus group meetings are underway.	November 2024	<a href="http://www.ResilientBroadway.com">www.ResilientBroadway.com</a>
4. Castleton Complete Streets & Connections Plan  Village of Castleton-on-Hudson	Verity Engineering \$75,000  Chaim Simon	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	The first public meeting was held in May. The consultant team is working on draft concepts.	December 2024	<a href="http://www.castletonstreets.com">www.castletonstreets.com</a>
5. Central Avenue West Corridor Study  Town of Colonie	TBD \$150,000  Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	Kickoff meeting held June 4th. Stantec is the lead consultant. Existing Conditions data is being compiled and draft Public Involvement Plan is being developed. Study Advisory Committee roster is being prepared with assistance from Town of Colonie.	November 2024	<a href="#">TBD</a>
6. Curry Road & Guilderland Avenue Multi-Modal Study  Town of Rotterdam	JMT \$90,000  Carrie Ward	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	The team attended a school moving up day to collect public input. The first public workshop will be held July 23rd.	March 2025	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/curryguilderlandstudy">https://tinyurl.com/curryguilderlandstudy</a>
7. Milton Town Center Plan Update  Town of Milton	LaBella \$100,000  Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	Consultant delivered the Draft Existing Conditions report on 5/14/2024. SAC meeting #2 was held on 6/13/2024. SAC is developing comments on the Draft Existing Conditions report. Consultant is planning for upcoming public engagement.	March 2025	<a href="https://milton-towncenter-planupdate.squarespace.com/">https://milton-towncenter-planupdate.squarespace.com/</a>
8. County Route 109 Study  Town of Halfmoon, Town of Clifton Park, and Saratoga County	TBD \$150,000  Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/7/24	Halfmoon and Clifton Park MOUs are signed, Saratoga County MOU is pending.	March 2026	<a href="#">TBD</a>

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**COMMUNITY PLANNING SUPPORT (continued)**

9. Route 7 Corridor Study  Town of Niskayuna	TBD \$139,400  Chaim Simon	Policy Board Approved 3/7/24	Signed MOU was returned. Currently working on Scope of Work.	March 2026	<a href="#">TBD</a>
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**COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

No active projects					
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**ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING INITIATIVES**

1. MTP Update: In Motion 2050  Transportation Council - Regional	Transpo Group \$250,000  Sandy Misiewicz	Included in the 2023-2024 UPWP	A consultant team led by the Transpo Group was awarded the MTP services contract. The second In Motion Task Force Meeting was held on June 27, 2024. A survey on the draft plan goals was launched in June. The survey is also seeking ideas from the public on visionary projects.	Anticipated adoption: September 2025	<a href="http://www.inmotionplan.org">www.inmotionplan.org</a>
2. 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	Project is near completion, awaiting final report. The Troy-Menands Bridge Draft Project Scoping Report (PSR) and Draft PEL Questionnaire are available at <a href="https://www.dot.ny.gov/troymenandsbridge/reports">https://www.dot.ny.gov/troymenandsbridge/reports</a> .	TBD	<a href="https://www.dot.ny.gov/troymenandsbridge">https://www.dot.ny.gov/troymenandsbridge</a>
3. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	Town of Guilderland City of Troy  Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Approved 11/2/2022	The Town completed internal review of the draft Guilderland Transition Plan and the consultant is making final edits prior to release. Compilation and response to public comments on the Troy Transition Plan is underway.	May 2024	N/A
4. Design-Engineering Feasibility and Planning Study for Reimagining the I- 787 Corridor  NYSDOT	Parsons \$5,000,000  Greg Wichser, NYSDOT Kelley Kircher, NYSDOT Chris Bauer Sandy Misiewicz	2022-2027 TIP Project A609 Reimagining the I- 787 Corridor Planning Study	The NYSDOT project team has begun developing portions of the draft report. The project team has begun the next phase of public engagement, with meetings with stakeholders and interested agencies to continue throughout the summer.	March 2026	<a href="https://787.dot.ny.gov">https://787.dot.ny.gov</a>
5. Regional Signal Timing Program	GPI \$100,000  Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2022-2023 UPWP	Project completed; optimized timings implemented on West Ave in Saratoga Springs, on State Street and Erie Boulevard in Schenectady, and on New Scotland Ave in Albany.	April 2024	N/A

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6. Vision Zero Safety Action Plan  Supported by Cities of Albany, Cohoes, Saratoga Springs, and Troy; Village of Green Island; NYSDOT	Cambridge Systematics \$1,288,000  Sandy Misiewicz Carrie Ward	Included in the 2023-2024 UPWP	Solicitations for the Community Advisory Committee and the Community Liaisons are completed. The first round of focus groups is planned for the summer. Advisory Committee and municipal comments on the initial crash screening for the Safety Analysis are underway.	April 2025	<a href="https://www.capitalregionvisionzero.org/">https://www.capitalregionvisionzero.org/</a>
7. I-890 Exit 4C PEL Study  Schenectady County	GPI \$440,000  Paul Sheldon, Schenectady County Chris Bauer	2022-2027 TIP Project S284	The consultant team is developing a draft project website and Public Participation Plan. Design team is developing the existing traffic model and beginning environmental reviews with various stakeholders along with preparing the project Purpose and Need in preparation of concept development for the summer of 2024.	April 2025	<a href="https://schenectadycountyny.gov/engineering-public-works">https://schenectadycountyny.gov/engineering-public-works</a>