

Active Transportation Advisory Committee NOTES



Date: October 8, 2024

Time: 9:00 am- 9:45 am

Where: Transportation Council Office at 1 Park Pl, Albany, NY 12205

Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/SvI9uQRNva0?si=1jC1dKmjvzTdGnk>

Attendance

Linda von der Heide, Principal Planner, Rensselaer County
Valerie Deane, Senior Transportation Analyst, NYSDOT Region 1
Ed Brennan, President, Albany Bicycle Coalition
Tom Hulihan, Director of Planning and Development, City of Rensselaer
Peter Knutson, Schenectady County
Tom Benware
Kris Alfonso, Occupational Health and Injury Prevention, NYS DOH
Nate Owens, Town of Bethlehem
Lindsey Bradt, CDTA
Ethan Warren, Senior Planner, CDTA
Steven Strichman, Schenectady Metroplex
Dave Woodin, Chairman and Planning Director, Town of Waterford
Charles Welge, Sr. Public Health Planner, Albany County DOH
David Long, Traffic Section Manager, JMT
Ed Davidson, JMT
Ben Luke, Albany County DOH
Kyle Hatch
Chaim Simon, Capital Region Transportation Council
Parker Morris, Capital Region Transportation Council

1. Presentation: World Day of Remembrance, Ed Brennan - Albany Bicycle Coalition

World Day of Remembrance was started in Europe in the 90s. This year there will be 75 events throughout the USA. The purpose is to commemorate people who have been killed in traffic crashes and to act to prevent crashes. This is the third year the day has been commemorated with an event in Albany.

The Albany Bicycle Coalition has three calls to action for 2024. Pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on Central Ave, Implementation Plan for Albany Bike Ped

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Master Plan, adoption of local laws requiring 4 feet while passing vulnerable road users.

Has there been an effort to make a regional event? There are some other organizations that could host events in other cities and counties.

Enforcement of speed limits seems to be important in the lowering speed limit conversation. We tend to see people limit how much they are willing to speed over the limit.

Find more information about Albany's World Day of Remembrance event here:
<https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/upcoming-events/>

2. Discussion items:

- a. **InMotion 2050 Update** - next steps include a Draft Needs Assessment Report and Scenario Planning White Paper
- b. **Vision Zero Action Plan** - The team is beginning to conduct Highway Safety Investigations at 40 locations with a potential for fatal and serious injury crash reduction. At six of those locations the team will develop detailed concepts over a three-day design workshop with multiple opportunities for public involvement. They are also beginning to collect data to be used for speed limit reduction recommendations. Public input on locations with challenges, or opportunities to improve safety, is still being collected at www.capitalregionvisionzero.org on the participate tab.
- c. **CDPHP Cycle! Update** – There are between 450-500 rides each day with over 60,000 rides this season. CDTA is working with City of Rensselaer to submit a grant for expansion to the city.
CDTA is piloting scooter share throughout October. 30-35 scooters in a limited area. Scooters will be in Albany, Troy, Schenectady & Saratoga Springs for one weekend each.
The in-rack (wireless) charging pilot has gone well in Amsterdam. Looking to get a NYSERDA grant to expand.
- d. Regional Trail Planning (trail count update) – Trail Count Program Report will be published later in the year with the counts from this year.
- e. [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL)
- f. Status of Planning Initiatives

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3. Other Updates
4. Upcoming Meetings: Continue second Tuesday at 9am. There was a mistake in the meeting slides. The dates are **January 14, April 8, July 8, October 14.**