



## **2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program Public Review Summary**

**February 7, 2024**

### **What is the Capital Region Transportation Council?**

The Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governor of New York State to ensure that federal funds are assigned to transportation projects and programs 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. The Transportation Council's geographic planning area includes the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga (except the Town of Moreau and the Village of South Glens Falls).

The Transportation Council 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 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program?**

The Transportation Council's Draft 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes how federal transportation planning funds allocated to the Capital Region will be spent in the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025. 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 the Transportation Council's staff, consultants, or others.

## How is the UPWP Developed?

The UPWP is developed by the Transportation Council'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 2024-2025 UPWP, planning activity and study ideas came from *New Visions 2050* and a combination of sources including:

- ◆ Identified needs by the Transportation Council's staff that emerged from continual interactions with state, local, and regional agencies, organizations, and community groups.
- ◆ Existing planning documents such as completed community planning studies and regional plans such as the Regional Freight Plan, Local Road Safety Action Plan, Capital District Trails Plan, and the Congestion Management Process.
- ◆ Applications received through a solicitation released in October 2023.
- ◆ Public input gathered through community meetings and Transportation Council advisory committee meetings.

This information was collected and incorporated into the UPWP and budgeted accordingly. The 2024-2025 UPWP was approved at the Transportation Council's March 7, 2024 Policy Board meeting.

## What is in the 2024-2025 UPWP?

For complete details on the planning activities to be undertaken by the Transportation Council beginning April 1, 2024, review the 2024-2025 UPWP document at [www.capitalmpo.org/2024upwp](http://www.capitalmpo.org/2024upwp).

Highlights of major planning work contained in the tasks shown in the table below include:

- ◆ Manage a \$1.4M Safe Streets and Roads for All program federal planning grant to prepare a Regional Vision Zero Safety Action Plan with the goal of eliminating transportation related fatalities and serious injuries in the Capital Region.
- ◆ Update the Transportation Improvement Program, the capital program that includes a list of all federally funded transportation projects in the Capital Region, to reflect projects funded beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.
- ◆ Continue the development of a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan, to be known as In Motion: The Plan to 2050. In Motion will be the long-range regional plan that identifies the transportation vision, planning, and policy priorities for the Capital Region.

All of these efforts will have extensive public involvement.

| ID # | Planning Task Name  | Budget Estimate |
|------|---|-----------------|
| 1.51 | Committee Activities  | \$78,235        |
| 1.61 | Transportation Council Administration   | \$75,000        |
| 1.65 | Unified Planning Work Program Development and Reporting   | \$45,000        |
| 1.66 | Equity and Nondiscrimination  | \$67,000        |
| 1.68 | NYSAMPO (New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations) Administration  | \$300,000       |
| 1.69 | NYSAMPO/AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations)/TRB (Transportation Research Board) Committees and Working Groups | \$50,000        |
| 1.70 | Public Participation  | \$95,000        |
| 1.73 | Technical Assistance Program  | \$62,500        |
| 2.25 | Transportation Data Collection and Analysis   | \$176,308       |
| 2.28 | Census and Capital Region Indicators  | \$45,000        |
| 2.29 | Geographic Information Systems (GIS)  | \$120,500       |
| 3.11 | STEP (Systematic Transportation Evaluation and Planning) Model Development and Maintenance  | \$77,000        |
| 3.21 | Climate Change Planning   | \$25,000        |
| 3.22 | Regional Operations and Congestion Management   | \$87,000        |
| 3.31 | Infrastructure Planning   | \$35,000        |
| 3.32 | Regional Signal Timing Program  | \$39,152        |
| 3.35 | Town of Hoosick Asset Management Plan   | \$9,550         |
| 3.41 | Metropolitan Transportation Plan  | \$280,000       |
| 3.51 | Performance-Based Planning  | \$20,000        |
| 4.17 | Complete Streets  | \$63,760        |
| 4.21 | Freight Planning  | \$53,142        |
| 4.64 | Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Planning  | \$149,895       |
| 4.67 | Active Transportation Planning  | \$73,000        |
| 4.70 | Clean Cities  | \$110,000       |
| 5.01 | Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Maintenance  | \$172,000       |
| 5.21 | Air Quality Conformity  | \$20,000        |
| 5.51 | Travel Demand Modeling Services   | \$20,000        |
| 5.61 | TIP Project Development Support   | \$100,000       |
| 6.12 | Human Services Transportation Coordination  | \$45,000        |
| 6.13 | Transit Planning  | \$115,000       |
| 6.14 | Transportation Demand Management Initiatives  | \$105,000       |

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| 6.16         | Safety Planning  | \$1,412,700        |
| 6.17         | Resilience and Security Planning   | \$20,000           |
| 7.10         | Town of Colonie GEIS (Generic Environmental Impact Statement) Support                      | \$45,000           |
| 7.11         | Town of Malta GEIS (Generic Environmental Impact Statement) Support                        | \$25,000           |
| 7.21         | Voorheesville All Access Complete Streets Feasibility Study (Village of Voorheesville)     | \$69,935           |
| 7.22         | Broadway Flood Resilient Multi-Modal Corridor Study (Albany County)                        | \$121,092          |
| 7.23         | Castleton Complete Streets & 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 and Guilderland Avenue Multi-Modal Study (Town of Rotterdam)                    | \$124,590          |
| 7.26         | Milton Town Center Plan Update (Town of Milton)  | \$114,455          |
| 7.70         | East and North Greenbush Route 4 Corridor Study (Towns of East and North Greenbush)        | \$18,380           |
| 7.86         | Town of Brunswick Hoosick Rd Corridor Study  | \$35,657           |
| 7.87         | Sand Creek Rd Complete Street Feasibility Study (Village of Colonie)                       | \$26,284           |
| 7.88         | City of Schenectady Albany and Crane Streets Linkage Study                                 | \$7,118            |
| 7.89         | Halfmoon/Clifton Park County Route 109 Corridor Study (Towns of Halfmoon and Clifton Park) | \$117,000          |
| 7.90         | Niskayuna Complete Streets Study: NYS Route 7 (Town of Niskayuna)                          | \$124,372          |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>\$5,250,625</b> |

## Questions?

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