



Draft 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program Public Review Summary

January 30, 2025

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, plans, 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 (or regional) 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 Draft 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program?

The Transportation Council's Draft 2025-2026 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, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026. 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 (or regional) Transportation Plan currently known as *New Visions 2050*. For the Draft 2025-2026 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 Congestion Management Process, Regional Freight Plan, Local Road Safety Action Plan, Capital District Trails Plan, and the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.
- ◆ Significant planning efforts underway and nearing completion including the new Metropolitan (or regional) Transportation Plan In Motion: The Plan to 2050 and the Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan, both to be adopted in September 2025.
- ◆ Applications received through a solicitation released in October 2024.
- ◆ Public input gathered through community meetings and Transportation Council advisory committee meetings.

This information was collected and incorporated into the UPWP and budgeted accordingly. Approval of the Transportation Council's 2025-2026 UPWP is expected at its March 6, 2025 Policy Board meeting.

What is in the Draft 2025-2026 UPWP?

For complete details on the planning work to be undertaken by the Transportation Council beginning April 1, 2025, review the Draft 2025-2026 UPWP document at <https://www.capitalmpo.org/unified-planning-work-program/>.

Highlights of new initiatives or major planning work contained in the table below include:

- ◆ Complete the new regional transportation plan In Motion: The Plan to 2050 and the Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan.
- ◆ Prepare a Traffic Calming Master Plan for the Village of Ballston Spa.
- ◆ Prepare the West Avenue Complete Streets Study in the City of Saratoga Springs.
- ◆ Retain a consultant(s) for multiyear services related to a transportation demand model update.
- ◆ Prepare a Carbon Reduction Strategy for the region, based on the CDRPC Priority Climate Action Plan strategies related to transportation.
- ◆ Prepare a Resilience plan for transportation infrastructure.

- ◆ Support a state led Traffic Signal Project by developing a proposal for a Capital Region “Smart Roads” program.
- ◆ Develop and implement a “Complete Networks” approach across the region by planning for a regional active transportation network.
- ◆ Collect data and provide technical assistance to the state and local governments to identify over-dimension routes through the region, and projects that could have an impact on the movement of over-dimension cargo.
- ◆ Hire a consultant to prepare an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Albany County.

Many of these efforts will have public involvement.

Draft Budget Estimates for Work Tasks in the 2025-2026 UPWP

The following budget estimates includes all Transportation Council staff time, consultant initiatives, and Capital District Regional Planning Commission work that uses FHWA of FTA funds, as well as funding from the US Department of Energy, NYSDOT, Albany County, Town of Malta, and The Town of Colonie.

ID #	Planning Task Name	Budget Estimate
1.51	Committee Activities	\$80,000
1.61	Transportation Council Administration	\$40,000
1.65	Unified Planning Work Program Development and Reporting	\$48,700
1.66	Equity and Nondiscrimination	\$62,000
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	\$80,000
1.70	Public Participation	\$108,000
1.73	Technical Assistance Program	\$129,000
2.25	Transportation Data Collection and Analysis	\$119,150
2.28	Census and Capital Region Indicators	\$100,000
2.29	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	\$147,000
3.11	STEP (Systematic Transportation Evaluation and Planning) Model Development and Maintenance	\$980,000
3.21	Climate Change Planning	\$30,000
3.22	Regional Operations and Congestion Management	\$67,000
3.31	Infrastructure Planning	\$25,000
3.32	Regional Signal Timing Program	\$20,000
3.41	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$314,400
3.42	Housing and Community Planning	\$55,000

ID #	Planning Task Name	Budget Estimate
3.51	Performance-Based Planning	\$20,000
4.17	Complete Streets	\$35,000
4.21	Freight Planning	\$52,000
4.64	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Planning	\$52,900
4.67	Active Transportation Planning	\$67,000
4.70	Clean Cities	\$147,900
5.01	Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development & Maintenance	\$137,000
5.21	Air Quality Conformity	\$30,000
5.51	Travel Demand Modeling Services	\$20,000
5.61	TIP Project Development Support	\$35,000
6.12	Human Services Transportation Coordination	\$42,000
6.13	Transit Planning	\$105,000
6.14	Transportation Demand Management Initiatives	\$30,000
6.16	Safety Planning	\$979,300
6.17	Resilience and Security Planning	\$185,000
7.10	Town of Colonie GEIS (Generic Environmental Impact Statement) Support	\$45,000
7.11	Town of Malta GEIS Support	\$25,000
7.12	Albany County – Complete Streets Study	\$87,000
7.13	Ballston Spa – Traffic Calming Master Plan	\$102,000
7.14	Saratoga Springs – West Avenue Complete Streets Study	\$104,000
7.21	Voorheesville All Access Complete Streets Feasibility Study (Village of Voorheesville)	\$33,630
7.22	Broadway Flood Resilient Multi-Modal Corridor Study (Albany County)	\$41,700
7.23	Castleton Complete Streets & Connections Plan (Village of Castleton-on-Hudson)	\$54,200
7.24	Central Avenue West Corridor Study (Town of Colonie)	\$133,400
7.25	Curry Road and Guilderland Avenue Multi-Modal Study (Town of Rotterdam)	\$43,900
7.26	Milton Town Center Plan Update (Town of Milton)	\$51,600
7.89	Halfmoon/Clifton Park County Route 109 Corridor Study (Towns of Halfmoon and Clifton Park)	\$133,000
7.90	Niskayuna Complete Streets Study: NYS Route 7 (Town of Niskayuna)	\$170,000
	Total	\$5,682,700

Submit Comments

The 25-day public review period began on Thursday, January 30, 2025 following the Transportation Council's Planning Committee approval of the Draft 2025-2026 UPWP. The public is invited to participate in the planning process and submit all questions and comments on the Draft UPWP in the following ways:

- ◆ Take a survey via <https://form.jotform.com/crtcmpo/2526upwp>
- ◆ Attend a Virtual Workshop on **Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 12pm**. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ymjfy4d9>
- ◆ Visit us during our Open House on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 4pm – 6pm** to ask questions, raise concerns, or make suggestions. Pre-registration is not required.
- ◆ Email comments to info@capitalmpo.org
- ◆ Send comments via U.S. Postal Service to: Capital Region Transportation Council, 1 Park Place, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205
- ◆ Fax comments to (518) 729-5764 or call (518) 458-2161

If information is needed in another language, contact 518-458-2161 or send an e-mail to info@capitalmpo.org.

Si se necesita información en otro idioma, llame al teléfono 518-458-2161 o bien enviando un correo electrónico a info@capitalmpo.org.

如欲获得其他语言的相关信息，请联系：518-458-2161，或发送电子邮件至：
info@capitalmpo.org。

أو إرسال رسالة بريد إلكتروني 518-458-2161 إذا كنت بحاجة إلى المعلومات بلغة أخرى، فيرجى التواصل مع الرقم
إلى info@capitalmpo.org.



Find us at @CapitalMPO