



**Task 6.12**  
**Human Services Transp. Advisory Committee (HSTAC)**

Date: February 3, 2025

Start – End Time: 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Location: 1 Park Place, Albany NY 12205

Facilitator: Carrie Ward

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Adam Leach	Program Director	Catholic Charities Schenectady County Services
Angelina Searles	Director	Town of Colonie Senior Resources Department
Bob O’Connell	Volunteer	CAPTAIN Community Human Services
Ethan Warren	Senior Planner	Capital District Transportation Authority
Judy Dahoda-Taylor	Deputy Director	Saratoga County Department of Aging & Youth Services
Mary Forman	Planner	Schenectady County Senior & Long-Term Care Services
Peggy Osborne	Senior Services Coordinator	Town of Bethlehem Senior Services
Mark Castiglione	Director	CDRPC
Darcie Casey	Commissioner	Rensselaer County Unified Family Services - Aging
Kim St. Cyr	Transportation Manager	St. Peter’s Health Partners, Rotterdam Pace
Kathryn Carroll	Visiting Member of the Public	Citizen
Diane LaCivita	Executive Director	Colonie Senior Service Centers
Michael Mollica	Transportation Community Coach	CAPTAIN Community Human Services
Carrie Ward	Senior Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Adam McCarvill	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Parker Morris	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Sandy Misiewicz	Executive Director	Capital Region Transportation Council

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Public Comment – There were no public comments.
3. Acceptance of [prior meeting notes](#)
4. Presentation on [In Motion: The Plan to 2050](#) - Sandra Misiewicz provided an update on the status of updates to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (In Motion: The Plan to 2050), the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Unified Planning Work Program. Updates to these plans are federally required. Additionally, significant

investments in the region may influence transportation patterns. In Motion will be adopted in September 2025. Survey results show a high priority for more transportation options such as biking and safer roads and bridges. The survey had 225 respondents. The respondents line up within the demographic percentages of the area. Sandra provided an update on the draft vision statement as well as draft goals and recent changes to them.

Draft vision statement:

“By 2050, we will strive to maintain a clean transportation system that provides safe, equitable, resilient, and reliable options for the movement of people and goods. The Capital Region will thrive with a seamless, multimodal network that is community focused, connecting all people to economic opportunity while supporting sustainable growth and livable communities. Transportation investments will address inequities, improve system performance, adapt to technological advancements, and protect the environment for future generations.”

The In Motion Task Force recently discussed different scenarios, with vary development patterns as well as technology adoption. Planning workshops will seek feedback on what key areas to focus on. The plan will include a needs assessment of existing infrastructure including pavement and bridges, CDTA's transit fleet, and active transportation assets. The [third survey](#), focusing on the vision statement and community tradeoffs, will be open through February 2025, and the draft plan is expected to be released for public review in June.

## 5. Updates

### a. News Around the Table

CDRPC completed population projections by age cohorts, which are standard census data age ranges. It has upcoming training on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am on Capital Region Indicators and using the census website - live and [virtual](#).

Captain Community Human Services: A group in southern Saratoga County recently got together to coordinate transport of senior citizens and filling up the vehicles.

Judy Dahoda-Taylor: The biggest unfilled transportation need is a lack of accessible transportation for Medicaid patients, too expensive for an ambulance to take them.

Rensselaer Department of Aging: currently awaiting four new passenger vans including a wheelchair van. The department was a recipient of a grant for Go-Go Grandparent. Set to open transit back up to the East Greenbush and Rensselaer centers.

Mary Forman: Have not had the same luck with Go-Go Grandparent because participants were unfamiliar with the ride share companies.

Kathryn Carroll: The Aging Concerns Unite Us conference will be held June-24-25 at the Desmond Hotel. There will be a couple of sessions on transportation. A recent Council on Developmental Disabilities [grant opportunity](#) was for inclusive transportation, with awards between \$2k and \$10k.

Adam Leach: Adam asked if others have signed agreements from the most recent 5310 grant round. No one present indicated they have theirs yet.

Michael Mollica: CAPTAIN received a CDPHP grant for a van to bolster the Wellness Express and CareLinks with consistent 3-day a week service.

- b. NYSDOT solicitation for FTA Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Area Program - Applications are due February 4.
- c. NYSDOT solicitation for FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - This is still expected out this fall.
- d. Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm - Carrie noted that she received an update that the Master Plan for Aging is to be submitted to the Governor's Office this week, with a final report likely mid-February and public release possible in April, but otherwise she hasn't been able to find direct updates on either the Master Plan for Aging or the Olmstead Plan Update. The MISCC meeting may be an opportunity to learn more.
- e. Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce - Michael provided an update on necessary grant reporting for funding received supporting the Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce.
- f. [Rensselaer](#), Menands, Wilton, Clifton Park pedestrian infrastructure Transition Plans - The public hearing for Rensselaer will be held on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Other plans are still in progress. Next year work on a Transition Plan for Albany County facilities will begin.
- g. [Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan](#) - Carrie noted that two public workshops will be held soon, one focused on Eastern Ave in Schenectady – at Renaissance Square on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30. The other will focus on the area around Albany High School in Albany and will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at the Albany Public Library's Pine Hills branch. Both will have walking tours.

Sandra Misiewicz noted that we will also be undertaking complete streets work for Albany County and conducting a safety study for the Village of Ballston Spa.

6. Next Meeting – Monday, May 5 at 2pm