



CAPITAL REGION
**Transportation
Council**

Meeting Summary

Task 6.12

**HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HSAC)**

Date: May 6, 2024

Start – End Time: 2:00 PM- 3:15 PM

Location: 1 Park Place, Albany NY 12205 Facilitator:
Carrie Ward

Name	Title	Affiliation
Sandy Misiewicz	Executive Director	Capital Region Transportation Council
Rima Shamieh	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Mark Castiglione	Executive Director	CDRPC
Donna Stressel		Sunnyview Hospital & Rehab. Center
Diane Conroy-LaCivita	Executive Director	Colonie Senior Services Center
Denise Figueroa	Executive Director	Indep. Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Toufiq Zahan	System Specialist	PTB, NYSDOT
Mary Foreman		Schen. Cnty Office for the Aging
Mary Moller	Executive Director	Albany Guardian Society
Carrie Blanchard		Town of Colonie Senior Resources
Tom Vaughan	Deputy Director	NYS DOT Public Transportation Bureau
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Josie McPherson		NYSDOH Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention
Peggy Osborne	Coordinator of Senior Services	Town of Bethlehem Senior Services
Shirley Madewell	Disability and Health Program Manager	NYSDOH Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention

Agenda Items:

- 1. Welcome/Introductions**
- 2. Acceptance of prior meeting notes**
No changes

3. NYSDOH Wheelchair Charging – Shirley Madewell, NYSDOH

NYSDOH currently has funding to place electric wheelchair10 chargers. The group provided the following ideas about where to put them, and discussed potential for partners to provide match.

- At bus stops on the route 5 corridor as CDTA is currently rebuilding the corridor and all BusPlus stations have electricity
- Locations where there are large events like Washington Park, MVP Arena, State Museum, Skyway, Alive at 5 site.
- There was interest in the last meeting to place them at emergency shelters
- Temporary housing/ homeless shelters.
- Libraries, especially because they're sheltered locations
- STAR or other CDTA vehicles – Carrie noted that previous communication with the manufacturer indicated this was not possible, but is something they are interested in developing in the future.
- Courts, departments of social services, health care facilities, and malls.

4. Metropolitan Transportation Plan, In Motion: The Plan to 2050 – Sandra Misiewicz, Transportation Council

So far Phase I and part of Phase II have been completed, draft goals. The advisory committee will be asked to review materials, provide feedback, help spread the word about the plan. Inform & Imagine survey open until May 31. Watch at-your-own-pace virtual workshop. Shirley Madewell notes that she will put it on the NYSDOH listserv and get higher level management to take the survey.

5. NYS Master Plan for Aging Status

Released prelim report last Aug, final report still pending

6. Tools of the Trade June 20 2024, Collaboration with Saratoga Transportation Taskforce

Clifton Park Elks Club in Ballston Lake, lunch will be catered on-site. We'll be in the morning, taskforce will take the afternoon but you're welcome to stay.

Ideas for visuals?

- Poster with disability info and how dependent that population is on transportation, how many people we're dealing with and the different types of disabilities and how that relates to travel and equity. Using ACS data or Behavioral Risk and Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) data. **Let Carrie know if you have other ideas for visuals.**

Confirmed speakers:

- NADTC funding/priorities,
- NYSDOH Olmstead implementation update

Other possibilities:

- CDTA: travel training, Flex, carshare, bikeshare (in addition to their afternoon session re: Flex expansion in Saratoga County)
- Grantees of NADTC funded projects,
- NYSDOT updates to NYS contract for vehicles,
- Volunteer Recruitment/Retention: CAPTAIN would be available
- Master Plan for Aging - transportation components

- NYSDOH disability programs: Shirley Madewell with disabled co-speaker
- Implementation of pedestrian ADA improvements on streets
- Transportation Council: InMotion (long range transportation plan development) and/or Vision Zero (safety – traffic crashes)
- St. Lawrence County Transportation Systems

Please let Carrie know your preferences within a week, otherwise she'll pick what she feels is best for the group.

7. Section 5310 funding

Reviews were submitted to NYSDOT in April. Expect awards added to state funding list by June. Next solicitation won't be until fall, 2025. The new contract for vehicles starts in January. We will know by late fall which vehicles will be in the new contract.

8. Updates

- NYSDOH factsheet "What to do When Motorized Wheelchairs Lose Power" went through additional edits to include language that covers wheelchair recovery in case of an emergency where someone gets separate from their wheelchair.
- Saratoga County Transportation Taskforce is still meeting, working on branding, partnering on the Tools of the Trade event, last-mile/first-mile work in the County and up to Glens Falls
- City of Troy Pedestrian Infrastructure Transition Plan public comment period ended, got 4 comments
- Town of Guilderland Pedestrian Infrastructure Transition Plan is in final review with Town staff
- Funded 4 new Pedestrian Infrastructure Transition Plans to launch this year: Clifton Park, Menands, Rensselaer, Wilton
- Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan website will launch soon, with crowd sourced map of problem sites. Staff is now looking for demonstration sites for small-scale safety infrastructure projects, putting together equity priority areas (geographic) and looking at locations with high crash rates. This project is focusing on fatalities and serious injuries.
- NYS Assoc of Mobility Management "Mobility Summit" July 24-25 in Ithaca, NY

9. News around the table/public comments

10. Remaining 2024 Meetings: Monday, Aug 5 at 2 pm and Monday, Nov 4 at 2 pm