



CAPITAL REGION
**Transportation
Council**

Meeting Summary

**Task 3.22
REGIONAL OPERATIONS & SAFETY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (ROSAC)**

Date: February 27, 2025

Start – End Time: 1:00 PM- 2:30PM

Location: 1 Park Place, Albany NY 12205

Facilitator: Carrie Ward

Name	Title	Representing
Andrew Tracy	Sr. Transportation Engineer	Transportation Council
Carrie Ward	Principal Transportation Planner	Transportation Council
Parker Morris	Transportation Planner	Transportation Council
Alexander Kone	Ass. Safety Team	Cambridge Systematics
Cory Hopwood	Sr. Traffic Safety Engineer	Cambridge Systematics
Matthew Roe	Sr. Associate	Stantec
Mark Castiglione	Executive Director	CDRPC
Mary Tanner-Richter	Bureau Chief Vehicular Crimes Unit	DMV/ Governors Traffic Safety Committee
Howard Goebel	City Engineer	City of Albany
Michael Ahillen	Transportation Planning Manager	FHI Studio
Tom Hulihan	Director of Planning and Development	City of Rensselaer
Kris Alfonso	Senior Health Program Coordinator	NYS Dept of Health
Josh Vinciguerra	Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel	NYS DMV
Andrew Sattinger	Safety Program Development Section	NYS DOT Office of Traffic Safety and Mobility
Jason Davis	Director, Safe Schools & Violence Prevention	City School District of Albany
Jim Mearkle	Traffic Engineer	Albany County
Aubrey Feldman	Highway Safety Program Analyst	Governor's Traffic Safety Committee
Mary Harding	Office of Traffic Safety and Mobility	NYS DOT
Teresa Haslauer	Safety Program Manager	Federal Highway Administration

1. Introductions/Meeting Attendance

Carrie Ward began the meeting with introductions.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

3. Vision Zero Safety Action Plan, Cory Hopwood and Alex Kone, Cambridge Systematics

Cambridge Systematics staff presented the Draft Vision Zero Target Statement. The target is to eliminate fatalities by 2050 and to reduce serious injuries by 50% by 2050. The long term trend in fatalities per year since 1979 was shown, with a large drop in the 90s and a gradual decrease since then of 1% or 2% per year. The most recent years since COVID have seen a slight increase in crashes. To achieve zero deaths by 2050, an annual decline of 2% or more will be needed. Templates will be developed to help local agencies create and adopt Vision Zero targets. The plan will recommend that an annual performance tracking report be developed that includes tracking of key action plan items, accomplishments, and crash rate performance measures.

The first speed limit assessment was completed in Schenectady. The City chose to reduce its city-wide speed limit to 25 mph, joining Albany and other communities around the state. Saratoga Springs, Troy, Green Island, and Watervliet are under study next. In Schenectady, certain streets including a part of State St, Erie Blvd, and Maxon Road will be 30 mph due to local context. Streets are grouped into three groups, with each receiving targeted recommendations.

Cambridge staff also presented the Corridor Concept development process, beginning with street safety investigations. Initial findings suggest speed management, sidewalk and curb ramp condition, and lighting are key issues. Area-wide plans may be helpful in treating groups of streets with similar issues present. An update was presented on the Safety Implementation Program, which will identify "Priority Projects". About 10 "hot spots" and 10 systemic treatment packages will be prepared. Regarding education programs: a request was made to increase availability of driver's education programs, perhaps by integrating them into school curricula. The NYS Department of Health has developed an interactive driver's ed program that is being taken to a few high schools across the state at no cost to the schools. The Safety Implementation Program will also include enforcement programs, emergency response, and safe routes to school and transit.

In other updates: street safety investigations are continuing. A few dozen of the 41 sites have been visited. The consultant team will reach out to roadway owners when site investigation reports have been prepared. Updates to Policy and Process Recommendations are being prepared based on feedback received from community advisory committees. Community engagement is ongoing.

4. Other Updates:

- a. Draft TIP Release – the Draft 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program is being brought to Policy Board for approval on March 6th. Public comment period will begin on March 7th. Materials will be published to the Transportation Council website at that time.

- b. [In Motion Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#)**

NYSDOT reports that CLEAR Safety training for MPO staff is being planned, with finalized dates imminent. Documentation relating to CLEAR is being finalized to be paired with the training. There may be an opportunity to provide CLEAR training for municipal staffs.

CDRPC released a report, "Older Adults and Housing in the Capital Region", available on their website (<https://cdrpc.org/older-adults-and-housing-in-the-capital-region>). CDRPC will also be offering training on how to use the Capital Region Indicators tool, also on their website.

5. Wrap Up and Next Meetings

- May 29th, August 28th, December 11th