



Final Draft 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program Executive Summary

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Introduction

The Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) is required under federal law as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP describes how federal transportation planning funds allocated to the Capital Region will be spent in the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027. The Transportation Council's planning area includes the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga (except the Town of Moreau and the Village of South Glens Falls).

Development of the UPWP

The UPWP was developed by the Transportation Council through its Policy Board and Planning Committee with input from partner agencies, elected officials, municipal staff, and from those that live, work, and play in the Capital Region. Planning priorities contained in the UPWP were primarily derived from the strategies and actions identified in the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan known as *In Motion: The Plan to 2050*. The In Motion plan established a set of five goals, each focused on an important aspect of the transportation system's performance (Safety, Mobility, Access, Livability, and Resilience). UPWP planning priorities were also identified through the following sources:

- ◆ Identified needs by the Transportation Council's staff that emerged from continual interactions with state, regional, and local agencies, organizations, and community groups.
- ◆ Existing planning documents such as completed Community Planning/Linkage Program studies and regional plans such as the *Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan*, *Capital Region Congestion Management Process*, *Regional Freight and Goods Movement Plan*, *Capital District Trails Plan*, and the *Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan*.
- ◆ Applications received through a planning study solicitation released in October 2025.
- ◆ Public input gathered through community meetings, community events, and Transportation Council Advisory Committee meetings.

This information was collected and incorporated into a Draft 2026-2027 UPWP and budgeted accordingly. The Draft 2026-2027 UPWP was released for public review on February 5, 2026 with a

comment deadline of March 3, 2026. Comments were accepted via a short digital survey, during a virtual workshop, during an open house, and via email and phone.

Contents of the UPWP

The UPWP describes the types of surface transportation planning projects and programs to be conducted, their estimated cost and their fund sources, timelines estimates for completing the work, and who the work will be conducted by (i.e., Transportation Council staff, consultants, etc.). Highlights of new initiatives and major planning work include:

- ◆ Begin implementation of *In Motion: The Plan to 2050* and the *Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan*.
- ◆ Hire consultants to:
 - Prepare the Aiken Avenue Area Linkage Study for the City of Rensselaer to identify safe, multimodal transportation options for residents.
 - Prepare the County Route 76 Corridor Study for the Town of Stillwater to address safety, multimodal access, and evolving land use patterns between the Village of Stillwater and the Saratoga Lake/NY 9P area.
 - Prepare an ADA Self-Analysis and Transition Plan for the Village of Scotia.
 - Conduct a regional household travel survey.
 - Prepare a regional Superload Corridors Plan to address transportation system constraints related to the movement of oversize and overweight freight loads.
 - Prepare a regional Resilience Plan for transportation infrastructure.
- ◆ Begin planning for a regional active transportation/complete streets network.
- ◆ Host a Transportation and Housing Workshop to help jurisdictions plan for housing supply in areas with transportation options.
- ◆ Hold a Tools of the Trade Workshop for human services transportation providers.

Planning Task Budget Estimates

The following budget estimates include all Transportation Council staff time, consultant initiatives, vendor support, and UPWP funded Capital District Regional Planning Commission planning work.

ID #	Planning Task Name	Budget Estimate
1.51	Committee Activities	\$94,000
1.61	Transportation Council Administration	\$90,000
1.65	UPWP Development and Reporting	\$60,953
1.66	Title VI and Nondiscrimination	\$40,700
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	\$70,000

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1.70	Public Participation	\$145,000
2.01	Technical Assistance Program	\$136,700
2.25	Transportation Data Collection and Analysis	\$117,661
2.28	Census and Capital Region Indicators	\$83,200
2.29	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	\$183,700
2.30	Human Services Transportation Coordination	\$93,700
2.31	Housing and Community Planning	\$141,500
3.11	STEP (Systematic Transportation Evaluation and Planning) Model Development and Maintenance	\$150,000
3.12	Household Travel Survey	\$1,045,000
3.22	Regional Operations/Congestion Management	\$70,000
3.31	Infrastructure Planning	\$35,000
3.32	Regional Signal Timing Program	\$30,200
3.41	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$47,200
3.51	Performance Based Planning	\$40,000
4.13	Transit Planning	\$105,700
4.14	Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Initiatives	\$55,200
4.15	Safety Planning	\$80,700
4.16	Resilience and Security Planning	\$266,700
4.17	Complete Streets	\$39,700
4.21	Freight Planning	\$313,700
4.64	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Planning	\$55,600
4.67	Active Transportation Planning	\$76,200
4.71	Environmental Mitigation	\$155,200
5.01	Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Maintenance	\$106,700
5.21	Air Quality Conformity	\$29,700
5.51	Travel Demand Modeling Services	\$24,700
5.61	TIP Project Development Support	\$35,000
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 Active Transportation Technical Assistance	\$86,700
7.13	Village of Ballston Spa - Traffic Calming Master Plan	\$99,700
7.14	City of Saratoga Springs - West Avenue Complete Streets Study	\$101,700
7.15	City of Rensselaer - Aiken Avenue Area Linkage Study	\$86,700
7.16	Town of Stillwater - County Route 76 Corridor Study	\$102,200
7.89	Halfmoon/Clifton Park County Route 109 Corridor Study	\$103,600
7.90	Niskayuna Complete Streets Study: NYS Route 7	\$35,200
Total		\$5,005,114

2026-2027 UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Council's Policy Board on March 5, 2026. Visit www.capitalmpo.org/upwp for more information.

About the Transportation Council

The Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governor of New York State to assign federal funds to transportation plans, projects, and programs through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process.

Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

The Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its metropolitan transportation planning process on the basis of race, color, or national origin as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d). Additionally, the Transportation Council will provide meaningful access to services for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The Transportation Council is also committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its transportation planning process on the basis of sex, age, or disability as protected by Section 162 (a) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 U.S.C. § 324), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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