

**Policy Board Meeting
June 23, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending

Patrick Barnes, NYS Department of Transportation – Region 1, Secretary
Phil Barrett, representing Theodore T. Kusnierz Jr., Chair, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors
Carm Basile, Capital District Transportation Authority, Vice-Chair
Mark Castiglione, representing Craig M. Warner, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Steve Feeney, representing Anthony Jasenski Sr., Schenectady County Legislature
Steve Iachetta, representing Philip F. Calderone Esq., Albany County Airport Authority
Patrick Jordan, Esq., Albany Port District Commission
The Honorable Ronald Kim, City of Saratoga Springs
Andrew Kreshik, representing The Honorable Patrick Madden, City of Troy
Joe Seman-Graves, representing The Honorable William T. Keeler, City of Cohoes
The Honorable Thomas Tobin, Village of Colonie
Linda von der Heide, representing Steven McLaughlin, Rensselaer County Executive
Chris Wallin, representing The Honorable Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady
Tom Werner, Saratoga County

Staff and Others Attending

Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jen Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Mark Hammond, Town of Malta
Kim Judy, Interested Citizen
Sandra Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jaime Puccioni, Town of Niskayuna
Chaim Simon, Capital District Transportation Committee
Andrew Tracy, Capital District Transportation Committee
Carrie Ward, Capital District Transportation Committee
Greg Wichser, NYS Department of Transportation – Region 1

Introduction

Carm Basile opened the meeting at approximately 3:04 PM.

Administration

Previous Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2022

Patrick Jordan motioned to approve the March 3, 2022 minutes, Phil Barrett seconded, and members approved the motion.

Nominating Subcommittee

Carm Basile noted that Town of Niskayuna Town Supervisor Jaime Puccioni was nominated to the Policy Board as a Town and Village Alternate by the Nominating Subcommittee. Steve Iachetta motioned, Andrew Kreshik seconded, and members approved Supervisor Puccioni as a Town and Village Alternate.

Privilege of the Floor

Kim Judy attended the meeting to ensure there is public record of support for the planned Bus Rapid Transit stops at the corners of Colonial and Western Avenues and Eileen Street and Western Avenue and not at Brevator Street and Western Avenue. Kim attended on behalf of herself as well as 18 additional residents in the City of Albany's Buckingham Lake neighborhood represented by Deborah Zamer and 14 residents in the Melrose neighborhood represented by Ginnie Farrell. The location of the stops central to the neighborhoods will reduce traffic on Western Avenue, improve usage of CDTA, make the intersection more pedestrian friendly, and be an asset for students to access the North Albany Middle School and Albany High School.

A member of the public commented against the mask mandate and signage requiring masks onboard CDTA buses.

Presentation – Draft 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity

Andrew Tracy described materials provided to the Planning Committee for their review and use in programming projects for the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Jacob Beeman described the development of budget estimates used for the 2022-2027 TIP. Existing unobligated projects were first rolled into the draft TIP. Multi-site and regional projects were programmed next, including a number of NYSDOT and CDTA projects. The Planning Committee next programmed new site-specific projects assisted by project rating information provided by CDTC's staff. Finally, Federal Transit Administration funding for ongoing CDTA operations and capital projects was added. An [online map of site-specific projects](#) is available on CDTC's website.

Chris Bauer noted that CDTC is in nonattainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standards and attainment for all other standards. CDTC is required to undertake an air quality Conformity Determination with a new TIP. He explained the process, noting that all proposed projects are exempt. The Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination must be available for a 30-day public review.

Public review for the TIP is expected to begin on June 27th and end on August 12th. At its August 3rd meeting, the Planning Committee is expected to recommend Policy Board approval of the TIP and Air Quality Conformity. The Policy Board will vote on the final TIP including the Air Quality Conformity documentation and CDTC's self-certification at its September 1st meeting.

Sandra Misiewicz noted that detailed project listings won't be available today, but the projects recommended by the Planning Committee for funding is available.

2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

A. S274, 1811.42, Glenridge Rd (Rte 914v) Overweight Vehicle Detection and Warning System

Greg Wichser described this new project, which will reduce bridge hits on the railroad bridge over Glenridge Rd using a vehicle turnaround and electronic detection and active warning system. The project will utilize statewide funding. Steve Feeney motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Phil Barrett seconded, and members approved the motion.

B. A609, 1051.88, Engineering Feasibility and Planning Study for Reimagining the I-787 Corridor, City of Albany, Albany County

Greg Wichser introduced this new project funded in the state budget using statewide federal funds. NYSDOT is beginning work on the scope of services. Patrick Jordan motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Steve Feeney seconded, and members approved the motion.

C. CDTA Formula Funding Adjustments

Carm Basile explained that the first six CDTA amendments [projects 1 through 6 below] represent new funding added to existing TIP projects, and the next three amendments are for new projects.

1. T6B, Star Buses Replacement and Expansion, Regional Transit
2. T11, Passenger Facility Improvements at Various Locations, Regional Transit
3. T14B, Preventative Maintenance for Saratoga, Regional Transit
4. T16, Transit Support Vehicles, Regional Transit
5. T17, Transit Bus Replacement / Expansion, Regional Transit
6. T57, Preventative Maintenance, Regional Transit
7. T138, PIN TBD, Facility Design, Regional Transit
8. T139, PIN TBD, Radio Equipment, Regional Transit
9. T140, PIN TBD, FLEX Micro-transit Vehicle Replacement / Expansion, Regional Transit

Steve Iachetta motioned to approve all nine amendments as presented, Linda von der Heide seconded, and members approved the motion.

D. Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

T145, 1824.79, Center for Disability Services Inc.

Carrie Ward explained that this project is a result of statewide solicitation for projects and will provide vehicles and an updated dispatch system to the Center for Disability Services. Supervisor Barrett motioned to approve the amendment, Linda von der Heide seconded, and members approved the motion.

2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

A. Approve Draft TIP document for Public Review

Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the draft TIP projects and authorize staff to release detailed listings when available after a one-day review by the Policy Board, Steve Feeney seconded, and members approved the motion.

B. Approve Draft Air Quality Conformity document for Public Review

Steve Feeney motioned to approve the Draft Air Quality Conformity document for public review, Linda von der Heide seconded, and members approved the motion.

C. Draft Public Participation Process

Jen Ceponis described the process planned for the public participation period from June 27th through August 12th. There are a number of events already planned, as well as a planned pop-up event format that can be deployed in conjunction with other events. Staff will update the Planning Committee at its August meeting and provide all comments to the Policy Board at its September meeting.

2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

A. Approve FFY 2021-2022 Performance and Expenditure Report

Sandra Misiewicz explained that the document summarizes the work completed over the last six months. Patrick Jordan motioned to approve the report as presented, Steve Feeney seconded, and members approved the motion.

B. Approve SFY 2022-2023 UPWP Amendment

Sandra Misiewicz noted that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included approximately \$107,000 in additional funding in an FTA planning grant. This amendment adds that new funding into the work plan. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the UPWP amendment as presented, Steve lachetta seconded, and members approved the motion.

Discussion Items

Status of Planning Activities

1. CDTC

Sandra Misiewicz summarized the Bike to Work trophy winners and noted that the Ditch the Car Challenge is ongoing. The Patroon Creek Greenway study is wrapping up.

2. CDRPC

Mark Castiglione noted that CDRPC is planning an in person Planning and Zoning Conference for Friday October 14th. Applications for the Technical Assistance Program will be accepted through December. CDRPC is soliciting for the Erastus Corning 2nd Awards for Intermunicipal Cooperation.

3. CDTA

Carm Basile announced that the \$15M Albany facility expansion is finished. Service in Montgomery County starts August 28th. CDTA is discussing merging with Greater Glens Falls Transit. Ridership is now back up around 80% of pre-pandemic levels. Summer seasonal services are starting up now.

4. NYSDOT

Greg Wichser said that the I-87 Exit 6 Interchange Safety Improvements project was recently let, in addition to a state-funded resurfacing project on Route 4 in Mechanicville from Route 146 to Francis Ave. NYSDOT is adjusting unit prices used in project estimates. Dave Rettig was recently replaced by Brian Kelly.

5. NYSTA

There was no update.

6. Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta reported that boardings have returned to January 2020 levels, and cargo remains strong. The Master Plan is ongoing with good progress.

7. Albany Port District Commission

Patrick Jordan reported that the number of ships is down, but longshore hours are up. The Port will be participating in a meeting Tuesday night with the US EPA to talk about air quality and other issues. The Port is looking at purchasing vehicles with fuel sources other than diesel and gas. The Port finished the SEQR process for the expansion project, received site plan approval from the Town, and has cleared trees.

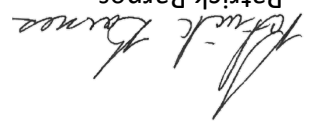
Upcoming Meetings/Events/Deadlines

Carm Basile referred to the meetings listed on the agenda. The next Policy Board meeting will be held on September 1st.

Adjournment

Carm Basile motioned to adjourn at approximately 4:13 pm, Andrew Kreshik seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Patrick Barnes
Secretary