

**Policy Board Meeting
June 5 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending

Frank Annicaro, Capital District Transportation Authority, Vice-Chair
Michael Arthur, NYS Department of Transportation – Region 1, Secretary
Phil Barrett, Board of Supervisors Chair, Saratoga County
Michael Beaudet, representing Phil Serafino, New York State Thruway Authority
Andris Blumbergs, representing Supervisor Peter Crummey, Town of Colonie
The Honorable Michael Butler, City of Mechanicville
Mark Castiglione, representing Lawrence Schillinger, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Rory Fluman, Schenectady County Manager
Thomas Hulihan, representing Mayor Michael Stammel, City of Rensselaer
Joanne Kiernan, representing Mayor John Safford, City of Saratoga Springs
Andrew Kreshik, representing Mayor Carmella Mantello, City of Troy
The Honorable Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady
The Honorable Kathy Sheehan, City of Albany, Chair
Linda von der Heide, representing Steven McLaughlin, Rensselaer County Executive
Tom Werner, Saratoga County

Staff and Others Attending

Virginia Boght, Rensselaer County Legislature's Office
Chris Desany, Capital District Transportation Authority
Robert Johnston, JohnstonXD
Adam McCarvill, Capital Region Transportation Council
Sandra Misiewicz, Capital Region Transportation Council
The Honorable Scott Rice, Village of Schaghticoke
Leah Rye, Capital Region Transportation Council
Melissa Shanley, Capital District Transportation Authority
Ethan Townsend, Capital Region Transportation Council
Andrew Tracy, Capital Region Transportation Council
Carrie Ward, Capital Region Transportation Council
Greg Wichser, NYS Department of Transportation Region I

Opening Remarks

Kathy Sheehan opened the meeting at approximately 3:01 PM.

Privilege of the Floor

There were no speakers.

Administration

A. March 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

There were no proposed changes to the meeting minutes. Mayor Gary McCarthy motioned to approve the March 6, 2025 meeting minutes, Rory Fluman seconded, and members approved the motion.

B. Draft Performance and Expenditure Report

Sandra Misiewicz explained that this document is essentially our six month progress report. Major work tasks included updating the Transportation Improvement Program, developing In Motion: The Plan to 2050, and the preparing the Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. Completed in the time frame were four linkage studies, a driver mode shift survey, seven Colonie GEIS reviews, three ADA Transition Plans, a 2024 trail count program report, and the Complete Streets StoryMap.

2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

A. T17 – Transit Bus Replacement / Expansion

B. T57 - Preventive Maintenance

Frank Annicaro explained that both of these projects are for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and had been listed with placeholder funding amounts. With these amendments, the TIP funding will correspond to the updated cost estimates according to the CDTA board approval of the capital plan and expected FTA funding apportionment. Mayor Gary McCarthy motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Andrew Kreshik seconded, and members approved the motion.

C. SA339 – Riverview Road and Nelson Avenue Extension over I-87 Bridge Replacements

Michael Arthur explained that these projects were progressed separately but are proposed to be merged to realize efficiency in costs. The amendment will merge the Construction and Construction Inspection phases, update the project estimates with the most current cost information available, and switch the Construction Funding for Nelson

Avenue to Bridge Formula Program Main from the NHPP Fund Source. Phil Barrett motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Linda von der Heide seconded, and members approved the motion.

Resolution 25-4: To Support the CDTA 2025 Targets for Transit Asset Management Performance Measures

Sandra Misiewicz explained that the Transportation Council is required to coordinate with CDTA on transit asset performance measures. This resolution offers support for the new targets that CDTA adopted earlier this year. Mike Butler motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Tom Werner seconded, and members approved the motion.

2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Approval

A. Resolution 25-5: To Approve the 2025-2030 TIP

B. Resolution 25-6: Certifying the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is in Conformance with Federal Requirements

Sandra Misiewicz noted that the new Transportation Improvement Program is up for final adoption at today's meeting. Andrew Tracy provided a presentation, noting that a public comment period and public workshops were held in April with the Planning Committee approving the final draft TIP in May. The beginning of the new TIP performance period will be October 1, 2025. New projects include 29 site-specific projects related to bike/ped, complete streets, pavement, bridge, and congestion/freight/air quality. Changes to the TIP document since March include a summary of public input, full project listings with fund sources and fiscal years, and a list of obligated projects in the current TIP. Additionally, some years and planning targets were shifted to maintain fiscal constraint. Andrew shared the fiscal constraint table. A second resolution certifies that the Transportation Council's planning process meets federal requirements. Mayor Gary McCarthy motioned to approve both resolutions as presented, Phil Barrett seconded, and members approved the motion.

Albany-Schenectady-Troy 1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination Approval

A. Resolution 25-7: To Approve the Albany-Schenectady-Troy 1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area Transportation / Air Quality Conformity Determination

Sandra Misiewicz explained that the Transportation Council must determine the impact of projects on air quality as required by the Clean Air Act. Linda von der Heide motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Rory Fluman seconded, and members approved the motion.

Delegation of Authority to Release Plans for Public Review

A. In Motion: The Plan To 2050

Sandra Misiewicz explained that the regional transportation plan covers a 20+ year time horizon and is updated every five years. It examines the region’s future transportation system and develops a shared vision on investment priorities. The process began in 2023 and adoption is expected in September 2025. The vision statement has been updated since the Policy Board last met to conform with new federal priorities. There are five goals: safety, mobility, access, livability, and resilience. The plan includes an assessment of current trends: slow growth, an aging population, lack of housing affordability, increase in crashes, economic inequality, aging infrastructure, increased transportation options, an increase in people working from home, and a warmer and wetter climate. Disruptive forces considered for different planning scenarios are technology and development patterns. Needs of physical assets were assessed, resulting in a list of fiscally constrained and illustrative projects of over \$25 Million (or \$10M for trails) over the life of the plan. Sandra summarized the strategies and actions to maintain infrastructure, create a system of multiple options, plan for a resilient system, improve operations of the system, integrate transportation with land use, support economic development, and coordination across state, regional, and local plans. A survey on these will be launched this month.

B. Capital Region Vision Zero Safety Action Plan

Carrie Ward provided a presentation summarizing the recommendations in the draft Safety Implementation Program to be included in the full Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. The program includes hot spot and systemic recommendations on both the state and local system. The team conducted 41 Safety Investigations at locations with an over-representation of fatal and serious injury crashes. Of those, four locations have recommendations for larger, standalone projects, with the remainder recommended for systemic improvements. All of the corridor concept locations will be included in the recommendations, as well as current TIP projects on the Safety Priority Network with a scope of safety, intersection improvements, or complete streets. Within the systemic analysis, intersection crashes and pedestrian crashes have significant overlap at facility types, while speed related crashes and roadway departure crashes have overlap. The analysis highlights locations with greater than the average number of risk factors for each of those types of crashes. Also included are safe routes to school and safe routes to transit.

Gary McCarthy motioned to delegate authority to the Planning Committee to release the two plans for public review, Rory Fluman seconded, and members approved the motion.

Status of Regional Transportation Planning Initiatives

A. Transportation Council

Sandra Misiewicz noted that two new projects will start imminently in Saratoga Springs and the Village of Ballston Spa.

B. CDRPC

Mark Castiglione noted that CDRPC is receiving funding through the Northern Border Regional Commission to assist communities to develop grant applications for their funding. They are on pace to complete the comprehensive climate action plan by September. There is a new update on greenhouse gas emissions by municipality showing changes between 2010 and 2022. CDRPC recently released a report on Capital Region Housing Trends and the missing middle or the multi-unit housing types between single family and large apartment complexes.

C. CDTA

Chris Desany announced that CDTA is wrapping up its final internal review of the Transit Development Plan. The document includes existing conditions, zoning and land use review, and strategies for designing the transit route network. CDTA will soon connect the former Greater Glens Falls Transit system with the network in this region.

D. NYSDOT

Michael Arthur noted the I-787 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study is nearing the final stages of FHWA approval and is expected to move forward into the next phase. Next Tuesday is the final public meeting for the Route 378 PEL study at the Menands School Gym at 6:30pm. All required permits have been received and work on the Livingston Avenue Bridge will begin in the fall.

E. NYSTA

Michael Beaudet noted the Castleton bridge work is slated to finish at the end of fall. Work on new gantries at Exit 25 and 25A will begin next month.

F. Albany County Airport Authority

No updates were provided.

G. Albany Port District Commission

No updates were provided.

H. Regional/Local Planning Activities

There were no additional updates.

Other

None provided.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Kathy Sheehan referred to the following upcoming meetings and events:

- Freight Advisory Committee June 11 – 9:30 am
- Planning Committee July 2 – 9:30 am

Adjournment

Gary McCarthy motioned to adjourn at approximately 4:01 PM, Linda von der Heide seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Arthur
Secretary