

**Planning Committee Meeting
April 6, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending

Bill Anslow, Albany County
Susan Barden, City of Saratoga Springs
Mark Castiglione, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam
Don Csaposs, Town of Guilderland
Ross Farrell, CDTA
Steve Feeney, Schenectady County, Vice-Chair
Steve Iachetta, Albany County Airport Authority, Chair
Patrick Jordan Esq., Port of Albany
Elizabeth Kormos, Village of Ballston Spa
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Sandra Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary
Bob Rice, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Laura Robertson, Town of Niskayuna
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park
Joe Seman-Graves, City of Cohoes
Joe Teliska, Rensselaer County
Mike Valentine, Saratoga County
Ketura Vics, City of Rensselaer
Chris Wallin, City of Schenectady
Adam Yagelski, Town of East Greenbush

Staff and Others Attending

Maggie Alix, Village of Green Island
Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee
Mayor Mike Butler, City of Mechanicville
Chris Cate, McFarland Johnson Inc.
Jen Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Joe Cimino, CHA
Lorenzo Cuneo, NYSDOT Region-1 Local Programs
Christopher Desany, CDTA
Kristin Diotte, City of Schenectady
Anna Feltham, Town of East Greenbush
Maria Hayford, FHWA
Kevin King, Town of Malta

Kelly Kircher, NYSDOT Region-1 Program Management
Peter Knutson, Schenectady County
Teresa LaSalle, Capital District Transportation Committee
Stephen Maples, Capital District Transportation Committee
Fred Mastroianni, GPI
Nicole McGrath, FHWA
Jeff Pangburn, CME
Alex Poland, NYSDOT Region-1 Local Programs
Ryan Ripper, Town of Wilton
Melissa Shanley, CDTA
Paul Sheldon, Schenectady County
Cara Sherman, Town of Malta
Chaim Simon, Capital District Transportation Committee
Joe Thompson NYS DOT Region-1 Local Programs
Andrew Tracy, Capital District Transportation Committee
Bill Trudeau, City of Albany
Carrie Ward, Capital District Transportation Committee
Greg Wichser, NYSDOT Region-1
Amber Bleau-Green, Town of Westerlo

Introduction

Steve Iachetta opened the meeting at approximately 9:38 AM.

Visitors' Issues

There were no visitors' issues.

Administration

Previous Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2022

Steve Iachetta motioned to approve the February 2, 2022 minutes, Bob Rice seconded, and members approved the motion.

Nominating Subcommittee

Sandra Misiewicz noted that the Nominating subcommittee, comprised of CDTC's Administrative and Finance subcommittee members, nominates the rotating at-large town and village members for Planning Committee approval. Nominations for this year are Adam Yagelski with alternates in order of seniority: Peter Comenzo, Paul Reuss, Rob Leslie, Laura Robertson, John Scavo, Don Csaposs, Jaime O'Neill, and Liz Kormos. Andrew Kreshik made a motion to approve Adam Yagelski

as the voting member at the Planning Committee for the year, Randy Milano seconded, and members approved the motion.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Fiscal Constraint - Summary Table 4

Jacob Beeman noted that Table 4 continues to show that we are still within our 5% over or under project programming guidance to maintain fiscal constraint of the TIP.

Action Items

2022-2023 CDTC/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program Call for Projects

Mark Castiglione noted that this program has been running since 2018 with a wide range of completed projects. The Call for Projects will open a new solicitation round. Chris Wallin made a motion to release the Call for Projects, Randy Milano seconded, and members approved the motion.

2019-24 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

1. S274, 1811.42 Glenridge Rd (Rt914v) Overheight Vehicle Detection and Warning System Installation, Town of Glenville, Schenectady County

Greg Wichser noted that this project will help reduce occurrences of oversize vehicles hitting the Glenridge Road bridge. It will include a turnaround area immediately before the bridge, along with an overhead sign that will flash if a sensor detects an overheight vehicle. The project will be funded with statewide funds. Chris Wallin motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Steve Feeney seconded, and members approved the motion.

2. A608, RT2102, Trail Restoration and Improvements at Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve; Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County; OPRHP 219571

Jacob Beeman noted that this is a Recreational Trails Project from OPRHP to be shown on the TIP for informational purposes. No action is necessary.

2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Update

The TIP is the 5-year capital funding program that implements the metropolitan transportation plan and achieves federal performance targets. Sandra Misiewicz provided an overview of the original schedule. The application period was opened in September with a December 2021 deadline. Staff evaluated the submitted projects in December and shared draft scores and fact sheets with each sponsor independently in January. In March, the Policy Board approved the Planning Committee to build the TIP with a 24-hour review period before the draft is made public as CDTC had not yet received guidance on the TIP update from NYSDOT.

In the last two weeks, CDTC received funding allocations from NYSDOT. Project programming is anticipated for April into May, followed by a public review in May and early June. The candidate projects, scoring and fact sheets are available on CDTC's website.

There was an estimated increase of \$4.6B over the prior 5-year authorization from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to NYS, much of which is in the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and a new program, the Supplemental Extraordinary Bridge Formula Program. Some funding is in discretionary programs awaiting program guidance and is not yet available.

The NHPP, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) are the core funding programs sub-allocated to the region, which are programmed at CDTC. The proposed planning targets, or budget estimates, for the CDTC region in federal fiscal years 2022-2027 total about \$378M, which is a 13% increase over the 2019 TIP. NYSDOT has a preventive/corrective maintenance investment target for the state-owned system, though this does not apply to local projects. While CDTC received these preliminary planning targets, the shares of state and federal funding are awaiting NYS budget approval. For this reason, CDTC will not be able to start assigning federal funds to projects at this meeting.

Sandra Misiewicz next discussed the projects that will roll into the new TIP, amounting to about \$86M. These are projects that are on the current TIP but have not been completed. This leaves about \$292M for the CDTC region over the five year period to assign to new projects, an increase of about 3% over the 2019 TIP funding levels. CDTC received about \$432M in transportation project proposals from state and local government sponsors.

The Planning Committee will discuss at its next meeting on April 20th the set-asides for programs and multi-site projects as well as several options for funding new projects. The Planning Committee will plan to hold the previously scheduled May meeting.

Steve Feeney made a motion to accept the approximately \$379M planning target as presented for the CDTC region, Tom Richardson seconded, and members approved the motion.

Bob Rice made a motion to approve the roll-in balance of \$86M, Ross Farrell seconded, and members approved the motion.

Discussion Items

Summary of 2019-2024 TIP Project Selection Moves

Jacob Beeman reviewed seven projects with small cost increases and budget changes since the last Planning Committee meeting that did not require TIP amendments.

CDTC Project Delivery Update

Jacob Beeman discussed the project tracking spreadsheet, noting that R195A South Troy Industrial Park Rd Phase II had PS&E submitted in February; the letting for A581 W Old State Rd New Sidewalk was held in February; construction on R310 Sand Lake Hamlets Sidewalk Enhancements is expected to begin this spring, and the A599 Cohoes Ave Mill & Fill project received design approval granted in January. Next month Jacob Beeman will reach out to the Towns of Sand Lake, Glenville, and North Greenbush requesting project updates.

NYSDOT Project Delivery Schedule

Bob Rice said that the new state fiscal year has begun.

Status of CDTC Planning Activities

Sandra Misiewicz referenced the table in the e-packet, and noted that a number of technical assistance projects are wrapping up, and a public workshop recently took place for the Scotia Downtown Connections Plan. The Village of Ballston Spa adopted their recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The New Visions webinar series continued.

Status of Regional and Local Planning Activities

3. CDRPC

Mark Castiglione noted that the full decennial release is still not out, but the one year American Community Survey data was released recently, with the region one of only two growing areas in the state in 2021. Saratoga County saw the state's second largest gain in annual net domestic movers. The spring webinar series continues in the month of May. CDRPC is partnering with the Northeast Creative Placemaking summit taking place in April; for a 20% discount use the code "WG20". The Northern Border Regional Commission announced the State Economic and Infrastructure Investment Program, with up to \$1M available for infrastructure projects. Non-infrastructure projects of up to \$350,000 are also available. Letters of interest are due April 22nd. The Climate Smart Communities program will roll out Earth Week. The Future Leaders in Planning high school experiential program will take place from August 8th-12th.

4. CDTA

Ross Farrell reported that the consultant contract for the BRT Expansion Study should be signed soon. The due date for the BusPlus Red Line Station Roadway/Intersection Improvements Phase I-Schenectady was pushed out one month, to May 6th. Ridership continues to increase and is now over 70% of pre-pandemic levels.

5. NYSDOT

Bob Rice noted that the consultant contract for the 378 bridge study is being finalized. Region One is working with Main Office to formalize the process for engaging tribal communities. Bob introduced Kelly Kircher, in Program Management and Alex Poland, in Local Programs.

6. NYSTA

There was no report.

7. Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta noted that passenger traffic is at about 80% of pre-pandemic levels. Freight traffic remains healthy. Recent bids for repaving projects have come in very high, at about twice the estimates. A number of applications are out for capital investments.

8. Albany Port District Commission

Pat Jordan noted that supply chain issues continue to benefit the Port. The Port continues to work with Albany County and the City of Albany on workforce development related to the Port Expansion project. The Port is planning to hire two firms to help manage the expansion project, one for a construction owner's representative and the other for a construction manager at risk. Tree cutting starts next week and will be cleared once site clearing permits are received. The Port received an extension of the March 31st deadline for cutting trees to protect Indiana bats.

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

Steve Iachetta referred to the meetings listed on the agenda.

Adjournment

Steve Iachetta motioned to adjourn at approximately 11:38am, Chris Wallin seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Misiewicz, AICP
Secretary