

E-blast Newsletter No. 10 – May 2010

Bus Rapid Transit for the Capital District

This is the newsletter for the Capital District Transportation Authority's NY5 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

Construction Updates

- **Site and Shelter work** - CDTA, NYSDOT, the City of Albany and the City of Schenectady have ramped up the work to ready more sites for upgraded shelters. NYSDOT has awarded a contract to Callanan Industries for additional corridor pavement and sidewalk work using Stimulus funding, and CDTA has given the green light to shelter production for 14 more shelters and pylon signs. Road and sidewalk work began in April 2010 in earnest starting at the western end of the corridor. BRT-related work includes concrete slabs to support shelters, underground conduit to support technology, and new curbs and sidewalks to provide accessibility to all.
- **Existing Station repainting** - Re-painting and refurbishing of the Liberty Park and Train station underpass in Schenectady, and Lark and Washington at the Armory are out to bid. For more information on this and all CDTA procurements, or to register as a vendor with CDTA check out http://www.cdtatransit.com/about_doing_business.php.
- **Communications Backbone and Real Time Bus Arrival Signs** Bid packages for Ethernet/fiber connections and real time arrival signs along the corridor is also out to bid. See website for details.

New buses –here!

New **busplus⁺** branded buses have started rolling off the assembly line and arriving in Albany for final fit up. This helps to position CDTA to be able to introduce the service improvements this fall as a critical mass of stations comes on line. Stay tuned!

Recycle/Reuse in Action

At the suggestion of the NYS Capitol Architect, CDTA has fashioned the benches for the Capitol BRT stations from granite left over from a renovation project on the historic building. Adam Ross Stone did the work – another example of how this project supports local jobs, practices principles of environmental responsibility, and tries to be a good neighbor.

Be Involved and Stay Informed

If you would like more information about this project or have additional questions, please contact **Kristina Younger** at CDTA 518-437-6852.



Liberty Park excavation



Setting the curb at Woodlawn Plaza



Benches for the Capitol station fashioned from recycled granite from the Capitol itself by Adam Ross Stone