

E-blast Newsletter No. 8 – July 2009

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

- Sign and Shelter installations - *COMING SOON*

Look for the first installations of **busplus+** signs and shelters (now in production at the manufacturers) at the West Mall area after Labor Day, with additional installations in the fall as site work is completed along the corridor.

- **Site work** - CDTA, NYSDOT, the City of Albany and the City of Schenectady are busy this construction season. West Mall, North Allen, and North Manning site work is complete, and NYSDOT will award a contract for additional corridor pavement and sidewalk work in August using Stimulus funding.
- **Communications Backbone** - CDTA and our project partners are working towards agreements that will support the high tech features of the project, such as Traffic Signal Priority, security cameras, and "next bus" real time arrival signs. More to come!
- **Existing Station repainting** - Re-painting and refurbishing of the Liberty Park, Train station underpass in Schenectady, and Lark and Washington at the Armory in Albany is now out to bid. For more information on this and all CDTA business opportunities, check out http://www.cdta.org/business_contracts.php.

ARRA – Support letters needed

CDTA is seeking American Recovery & Reimbursement Act (ARRA) (aka Stimulus) funds to complete the funding package for this project. To find out how you can help, contact Kristina Younger, Director of Planning at 518-437-6852 or KristinaY@cdta.org.

Access Management Plan now available

An Access Management Plan for the corridor is available at both CDTC (cdtcmpo.org) and the CDTA websites (cdta.org/cdta_future.php). The study provides key study area recommendations for improving traffic access along the corridor, as well as tools for local municipalities to use in site review of development.

Be Involved and Stay Informed

If you would like more information about this project or have additional questions, please contact **Patrick Campbell** at CDTA 518-437-8370.



North Manning eastbound on Central Avenue



Central Avenue westbound at North Allen



North Allen next to Danker Florist