

E-blast Newsletter No. 6

Planning Bus Rapid Transit for the Capital District

Welcome to the sixth newsletter for the Capital District Transportation Authority's NY5 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This newsletter will keep you informed about CDTA's implementation plans for the new service, including opportunities to be involved and provide input.

Project Manager Hired

Patrick Campbell has assumed the responsibilities of managing the NY 5 BRT project. With more than 15 years of experience in transit, Patrick oversees the CDTA construction and operations program for BRT. Please join us in welcoming Patrick to his new position. *Patrick can be reached at 518-437-8370 or PatrickC@cdta.org.*

NY5 BRT – Corridor Road Projects Lay the Groundwork (literally!)

- **Roadway reconstruction projects provide BRT features** -- If you travel the NY5 corridor, you know that the construction season has been a busy one.

From New Karner Road to the Albany city line, NYSDOT has completed a major road project that not only improved the pavement for cars, but upgraded the environment for pedestrians and transit riders as well. The new high visibility crosswalks are already well used and appreciated. The raised and landscaped center median at Colonie Center was a result of cooperation between the Town of Colonie, NYSDOT and CDTA. It provides a gateway to the Town and a refuge for the high volume of pedestrians that use these bus stops every day.

In the City of Albany, major road reconstruction work has been completed to improve traffic flow and the pedestrian environment. At West Mall, new pads for the future BRT station shelters have been provided. In 2009, the work will continue to progress eastward, and CDTA is proud to partner with the City to incorporate pedestrian and transit features into the work.

- **More to come in 2009!** CDTA is working with Albany, Schenectady, and DOT to advance significantly more of the groundwork for BRT during the 2009 construction season. We are on track for the station components to make an appearance shortly thereafter.

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.



New high visibility crosswalks



*The raised landscaped median in Colonie was made possible through cooperation and partnership of the Town of Colonie, NYSDOT, and CDTA.
Thank you!*