



CDTA COMMITTEE AGENDA
Strategic and Operational Planning Committee
Thursday, September 18, 2025 | 12:00 PM
Microsoft Teams & 110 Watervliet Ave

Committee Item

Responsibility

Call to Order

Mike Criscione

Approve Minutes of Thursday, August 21, 2025

Mike Criscione

Consent Agenda Item

- Approve Transit Development Plan

Chris Desany

Administrative Discussion Items

- Review November Service Changes
- Capital Projects Report

Chris Desany
Jeremy Smith

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 12:00 pm via Microsoft Teams and 110 Watervliet Ave.

Adjourn

Mike Criscione

Capital District Transportation Authority

Strategic and Operational Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2025, at 12:00 pm; via Microsoft Teams and 110 Watervliet Ave.

In Attendance: Michael Criscione, Jayme Lahut, Peter Wohl; Frank Annicaro, Amanda Avery, Chris Desany, Lance Zarcone, Jaime Kazlo, Jon Scherzer, Mike Williams, Ethan Warren, Rich Cordero, Kelli Schreivogl, Stacy Sansky, Thomas Guggisberg, Dave Williams, Sarah Matrose, Jack Grogan, Jeremy Smith, Elide Oyanedel, Emily DeVito, Keosha Miles

Meeting Purpose

Regular monthly meeting of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee. Committee Chair Michael Criscione noted that a quorum was present. Minutes from the June 18, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Administrative Discussion Items

Transit Development Plan Review

- Ethan Warren provided an update on the 2025-2030 Transit Development Plan (TDP). The TDP outlines CDTA's goals and strategies to improve service quality, reliability, and accessibility, adapting to regional trends and needs.
- CDTA's strategic principles guide service design and prioritization, applied through planning and operating principles across services like FLEX, STAR, Cycle!, and DRIVE
- Key challenges include high costs for STAR/FLEX, seasonal limitations of Cycle!, driver shortages, and the need for service updates and infrastructure improvements. Public engagement highlighted priorities such as fixed-route frequency, service availability for FLEX and DRIVE, and high satisfaction with Cycle!
- Recommendations focus on service realignment, new FLEX models, expanded STAR dispatch, year-round Cycle! service, and DRIVE vehicle availability, supported by performance standards for all services.

Annual Route Performance Report

- Mike Williams reviewed the annual Route Performance Report. Ridership and productivity reached new records in FY25, with 18.5 million boardings (+12%) and 21.6 boardings per revenue hour (+7%).
- Top routes maintain high productivity, while lowest performing routes focus on coverage; on-time performance declined slightly but optimized schedules show promise.
- Seasonal and targeted service changes in FY24-26 aim to improve efficiency and reduce costs, including schedule optimization and service rebalancing. Universal Access ridership grew to 4.7 million rides, representing 26% of total ridership with 50 partner organizations.
- Early FY26 changes include FLEX service model shifts and a new fixed route connecting Glens Falls to Saratoga Springs to meet community demand

Next Meeting

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Capital District Transportation Authority

Agenda Action Sheet

Subject: Approve 2025 Transit Development Plan (TDP)
Committee: Strategic and Operational Planning Committee
Meeting Date: September 18, 2025

Background

The Transit Development Plan (TDP) outlines CDTA's goals and strategies to improve service quality, reliability, and accessibility, adapting to regional trends and needs. The current TDP effort builds upon the 2013 version and incorporates lessons learned, community feedback, and evolving mobility needs.

Details

A Transit Development Plan is a comprehensive, data-driven framework that:

- Evaluates existing services, infrastructure, demographics, transit availability and need.
- Identifies opportunities for improvement and expansion.
- Aligns transit investments with community needs and regional growth.
- Serves as a tactical and strategic guide for CDTA's operations over the next 5–10 years.

We engaged in a multi-year process that involved:

- Identifying strategic principles.
- Establishing existing conditions (e.g. population, economic, and zoning data) using quantitative and qualitative analyses.
- External and internal stakeholder outreach.
- Developing needs and recommendations.

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Proposed Action

I am recommending approval 2025 CDTA Transit Development Plan.

Managers

Christopher Desany, Chief Operating Officer
Michael Williams, Director of Planning
Ethan Warren, Senior Planner

Capital Projects Updates

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Recently Completed

MOBILITY HUBS



Liberty Square

- Project Cost \$677,025
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning
- Contractor: Carver
- Change Orders: 3 = net \$0

Manning Boulevard

- Project Cost \$894,324
- Engineer/Designer: CHA
- Contractor: Carver
- Change Orders: 5 = net \$0

2. Facilities: Capital Projects Update

Recently Completed

JLB Top Deck Joint Replacement

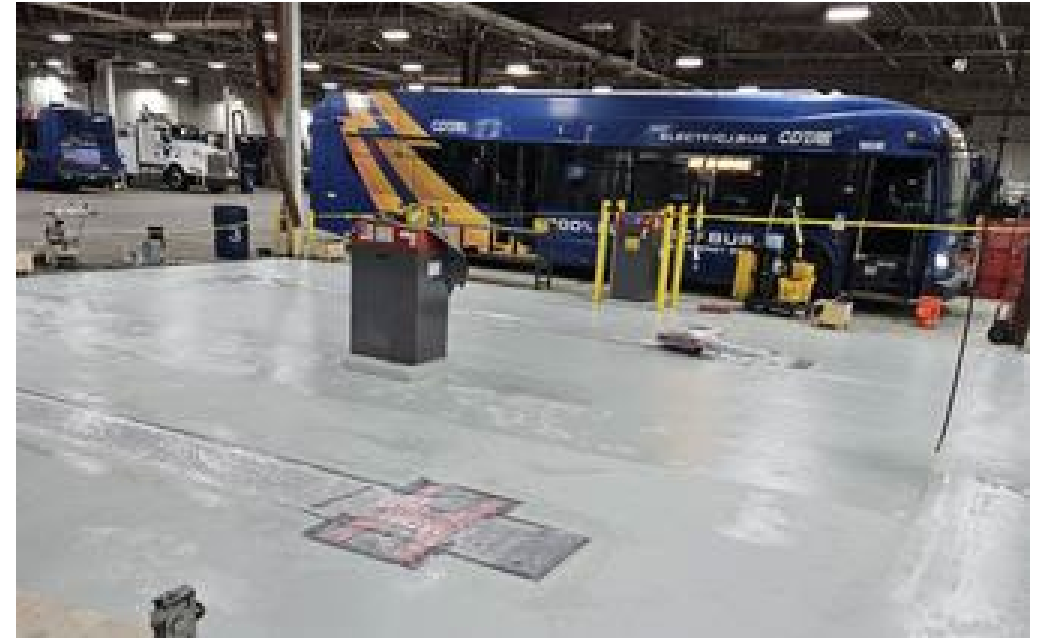


JLB Top Deck Joint Replacement

- Project Cost \$423,528
- Engineer/Designer: Weston & Sampson/Ryan Biggs
- Contractor: Maloy
- Change Orders: 6 = \$85,000

3.

Lift replacement at 110



Lift Replacement

- Project Cost \$418,774
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning
- Contractor: Stertil-Koni
- Change Orders: None

Current Projects

110 Watervliet Ave “Make Ready”



110 Watervliet Avenue Make Ready

- Project Cost \$2,513,187
- Engineer/Designer: Sage
- Contractor: Kasselmann
- Estimated Completion: 11/2025

4.

LO/NO Emissions Grant for Electrification



LO/NO Electrification

- Project Cost \$29,398,000
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning/Sage/WSP
- Contractor: Guth Deconzo/INIT/ABM, Cummins
- Estimated Completion: 1/2027

Current Projects

80 Broadway Blue Line Station



Harriman East Purple Line Station



80 Broadway BRT Station

- Project Cost \$2,323,000
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning
- Contractor: Carver
- Estimated Completion: 10/2025

Harriman East Blue Line Station

- Project Cost \$1,366,000
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning
- Contractor: Callanan
- Estimated Completion: 11/2025

Current Projects

110 Watervliet Ave Storage House Resurfacing



110 Watervliet Avenue Storage House Resurfacing

- Project Cost \$3,589,000
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning
- Contractor: LeChase
- Estimated Completion: 11/2025

Lift Replacement



2025 Lift Replacement

- Project Cost \$716,717
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning
- Contractor: Stertil Koni
- Estimated Completion: 4/2026



What's Next?

Redline BRT Upgrades

- Project Cost \$7,500,000
- Engineer/Designer: Creighton Manning
- Safe Streets 4 All Grant (FHWA)
- Estimated Start: April 2026

Warren County Facility Upgrades

- Potential Project scope:
 - Vaults
 - Signage
 - New Layout
 - New Bathrooms
 - New Breakroom
 - New Foreman's Office
 - Bus Wash

Midsized Infrastructure

- Old Loudon & Cobbee Road (Catholic Central)
 - Estimate \$570,474
- Washington & Allen (Intersection Improvements)
 - \$95,000
- Ballston Spa Route 50 (New Stations)
 - \$85,000
- Exit 26 Park and Ride (Upgraded Layout)
 - \$435,000
- Exit 27 Park & Ride ("NEW" facility)
 - \$485,000
- St. Mary's Amsterdam (Improved Layout)
 - \$650,000
- Route 5 Industrial Park Scotia (New Station)
 - \$1,035,000
- Church Street Intersection (Upgraded Intersection)
 - \$435,000

What's Next?

West Facility





THANK YOU!



Questions? | Comments? | Next Steps.