CDTA COMMITTEE AGENDA
Strategic and Operational Planning Committee
Thursday, October 21, 2021 | 12:00 PM | Microsoft Teams Meeting & 110 Watervliet Avenue

Committee Item                                                Responsibility
Call to Order                                                   Mike Criscione
Approve Minutes of Thursday, September 23, 2021               Mike Criscione

Administrative Discussion Items
  • MaaS Update*                                                Christopher Desany

Next Meeting: December 16, 2021 at 12:00pm via Microsoft Teams and 110 Watervliet Ave.

Adjourn                                                       Mike Criscione

*Additional Materials will be attached separately for optimized viewing.
Capital District Transportation Authority
Strategic and Operational Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2021 at 12:00pm; via Microsoft Teams and 110 Watervliet Ave.

via MT: Mark Schaeffer; At 110: Jayme Lahut, Pat Lance; Carm Basile, Amanda Avery, Mike Collins, Chris Desany, Lance Zarcone, Thomas Guggisberg, Phil Parella, Vanessa Salamy, Jon Scherzer, Dave Williams, Jeremy Smith, Ross Farrell, Sarah Matrose, Gary Guy; via MT: Jaime Kazlo,

Meeting Purpose
Regular monthly meeting of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee. Committee Chair Mike Criscione noted that a quorum was present. Minutes from the August 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Administrative Discussion Items
Albany Intermodal Update –
• Carm Basile framed the conversation by explaining how this project dates back 10 years, and essentially means replacing the Greyhound station in downtown Albany. Addressing Greyhound as the current property owner continues to be a topic for discussion, as well as the near-term goal of garnering State support to help access Federal funds.

• Ross Farrell provided details on the project, including its location in downtown Albany, the history that began with one of the original convention center proposals, the 10+ stakeholders involved.

• The Committee discussed the goal of supporting mixed use development and a new extension of downtown Albany and reinforcing downtown as a regional destination. The facility’s size, tenants, amenities, and services were also discussed, along with the broader project of providing new pedestrian and bike connections.

Red Line BRT Refresh -
• Ross Farrell and Jeremy Smith explained a project that will entail investing in upgrades to the BRT Red Line launched in 2011. The objective is to match the level of transit & pedestrian infrastructure applied to Blue Line and planned for Purple Line stations while integrating new mobility services. We will also improve image/brand of BusPlus and the comfort/convenience of BRT.

• The project entails three major components: the purchase of new articulated buses, improvement of roadways and intersections, and refreshing the stations/shelters themselves (and their amenities).

• The Committee discussed the fleet plan and the phasing. Station upgrades include pylon replacements, heated sidewalks, heated shelters, solar and USB charging capabilities. Upgrades to everything east of Quail will be part of the Washington/Western BRT implementation.

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