



**CDTA COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**Strategic and Operational Planning Committee**  
**Friday, May 20, 2022 | 12 PM | Microsoft Teams & 85 Watervliet Ave**

<b>Committee Item</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Call to Order	Mike Criscione
Approve Minutes of Thursday, April 21, 2022	Mike Criscione
<b>Administrative Discussion Items</b>	
• Route Performance Report	Mike Williams
• Gateway Mobility Hub	Ross Farrell / Chris Desany
Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 12:00pm via Microsoft Teams and 85 Watervliet Ave.	
Adjourn	Mike Criscione

# Capital District Transportation Authority

## Strategic and Operational Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2022 at 12:00pm; via Microsoft Teams and 110 Watervliet Ave.

In Attendance: Peter Wohl, Jayme Lahut, Denise Figueroa, Mike Criscione, Pat Lance, Georgie Nugent, Jackie Falotico, Joe Spairana, Dave Stackrow; Carm Basile, Amanda Avery, Mike Collins, Chris Desany, Lance Zarcone, Thomas Guggisberg, Jaime Kazlo, Vanessa Salamy, Jon Scherzer, Gary Guy, Ross Farrell, Jeremy Smith, Kelli Schreivogl, Dave Williams, Stacy Sansky, Zach Stever, Sarah Matrose, Trish Cooper, Jack Grogan

### 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 March 24, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Administrative Discussion Items

#### *Route Performance Report -*

- Ross Farrell gave the September 2021 – February 2022 Route Performance Report (RPR). The RPR provides operating results for key measures, a description of recent service changes, and a look at recommendations for the coming year. It guides our planning activities and helps us allocate our resources as efficiently as possible.
- Our ridership is still down 30% from two years ago, but up 26% from last year. Recovery is better than the national average. Bus Rapid Transit is increasing as a share of overall CDTA ridership, and the number of Universal Access (UA) contracts has also increased. We are starting to see more “normal” ridership patterns settling in.
- The Committees reviewed productivity through a couple of different lenses, including riders/hour and total ridership. It is important to understand that while ridership remains a critical measure, it is important to understand how it related to the amount of service we are providing to produce that ridership.
- New UA contracts include the Schenectady School District and New York State OGS, while just five of our contracts make up over 75% of our UA ridership. At the end of February, the Blue Line averaged 3,000 weekday rides. To improve productivity, we will be looking to tighten running times and frequencies this summer.
- In FY2023 we will be launching our Montgomery County Expansion to include three neighborhood routes and one commuter route. It will focus on connecting Amsterdam neighborhoods to surrounding retail and job centers. We will also look at school district restructurings, county-by-county restructurings, progress the Purple Line, and update the Transit Development Plan.

### Next Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 12:00pm via Microsoft Teams and at 85 Watervliet Ave.

## Memorandum

May 19, 2022

To: Strategic and Operational Planning Committee  
From: Ross Farrell, Director of Planning  
Mike Williams, Manager of Service Planning  
Subject: Late Spring / Summer 2022 Service Adjustments

Every three to five months, we implement service changes to improve operations, on-time performance, and better align service with ridership demand. We see the most significant adjustment to our route network in the summer months when schools/universities are not in session, while new connections are provided to seasonal events and attractions. This year, these changes will include:

### May 2022

- Route #11 Summer Schedule (UAlbany) – starting 5/15
- Route #286 Summer Schedule (RPI) – starting 5/21
- Route #452 Summer Schedule (Skidmore) – starting 5/21
- Nature Bus in Albany County – starting 5/28

### June 2022

- Capital City Trolley – starting 6/9
- Capitol Tour Trolley – starting 6/22
- June Operator Pick – 6/26
  - Route #22 – Minor reductions in frequency and span with adjustments to running times
  - Route #87 – Adjustments to running times
  - Route #224 – Removal of deviation to Van Rensselaer Square and adjustments to running times
  - Route #523/#524/#525 (OGS park & rides) – Minor reduction to midday frequency
  - Route #922/#923 (BusPlus Blue Line) – Minor reductions in frequency and span with adjustments to running times
  - Suspension of all high school / middle school services

### July 2022

- Grafton Lake Service in Rensselaer County – starting 7/2
- Saratoga Summer Trolley for Saratoga Racetrack – starting 7/14

The next round of changes to our service network will occur in late August / early September when most seasonal services end, school/college services are reinstated, and we rollout CDTA's expansion to Montgomery County.

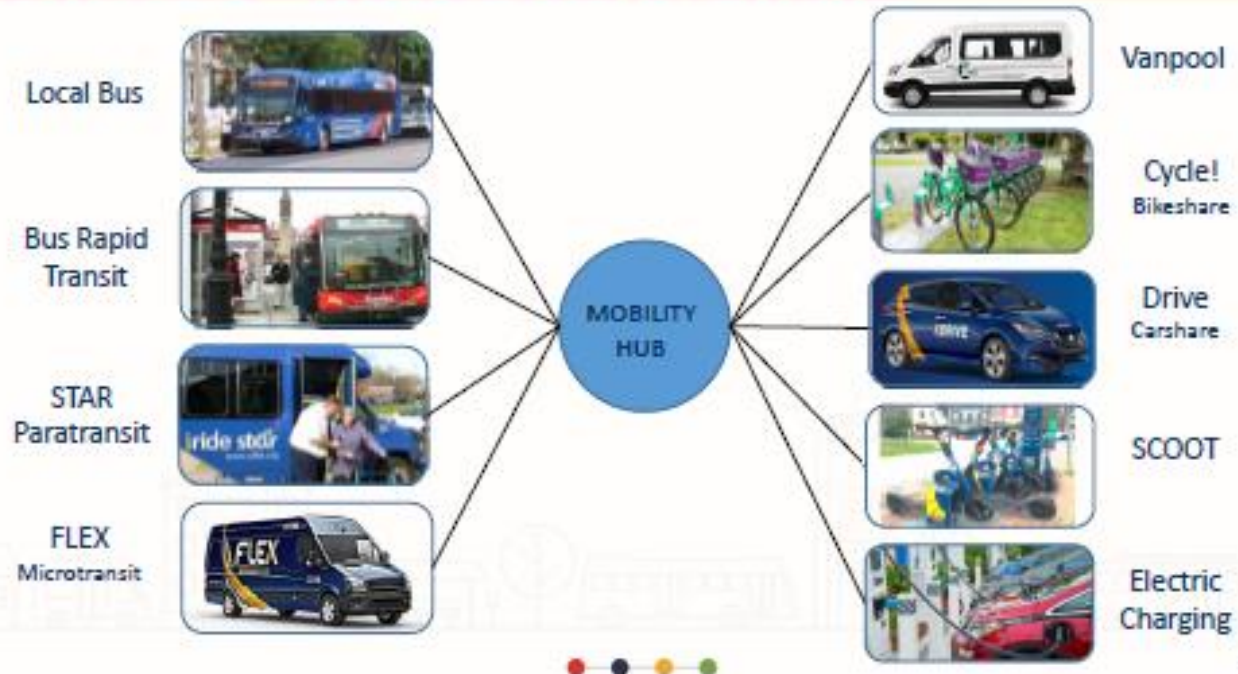
# Downtown Schenectady Gateway Mobility Hub

Strategic and Operational Planning Committee  
May 19, 2022



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## What is a Mobility Hub?



# What is a Mobility Hub?

## Purpose

- One location with multiple mobility options
- Lower cost and less land than a transit center
- Improve transfers between bus routes
- Integration of bus service with new mobility programs
- Improved pedestrian access to all services



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# What is a Mobility Hub?

## Location

- High ridership stop (ex. BRT station)
- Served by multiple bus routes
- "Transferability" needs improvement
- Wide sidewalks, public ROW
- Expanded geographic reach needed by new mobility programs (ex. bikeshare)
- Support from municipality and other partners



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# Why Gateway Plaza?



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# Why Gateway Plaza?

## Location

- High ridership bus stop (1<sup>st</sup> in the county, 9<sup>th</sup> in the system)
- Served by Red Line and 10 local routes  
(including Montgomery County)

- Trailways/Greyhound
- Transfers across busy roadways
- "Large" site owned by partners  
(City of Schenectady, Schenectady County, Metroplex)

- Adjacent to SCCC and Empire State Trail
- GE, Stockade, Amtrak, other downtown destinations within biking distance



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# Gateway Mobility Hub

## Impacted Area

- Focused on former Trailways site and portions of State Street and S. Church Street
- Repaving/restriping of Fuller Street for bus operations
- Possible expansion to Railroad Street and other portions of State Street



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# Gateway Mobility Hub

## Service Improvements and Operations

- New queue jumper (State)
- Replacement of existing concrete busways (State)
- Three additional bus bays (S. Church)
- Operator Bathroom
- All Schenectady routes in all directions
- State Street
  - Routes #355, #905 Red Line (both directions + layover)
  - All other routes traveling northbound/eastbound
- S. Church Street
  - All other routes traveling southbound/westbound
  - Greyhound / Trailways



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# Gateway Mobility Hub

## Mobility Enhancements

- Drive carshare spaces
- Scoot and Cycle docking stations
- Electric vehicle charging spaces
- New heated bus shelters (S. Church St)
- 450 feet of heated sidewalk
- Traffic-calming, improved pedestrian crossing of State & S. Church intersection



# Gateway Mobility Hub

## Procurement Timeline

- "On The Street"  
May 20, 2022
- Bid Date  
June 24, 2022
- Performance Monitoring  
August 24, 2022
- Board of Directors  
August 31, 2022





# Gateway Mobility Hub

## Construction Timeline

- Site Prep Work in 2022
- Major Hub Work in 2023
- Supply Chain/Lead times
- Local Events may Have Impact
- Completion Summer 2023

