

# RIVER CORRIDOR BRT

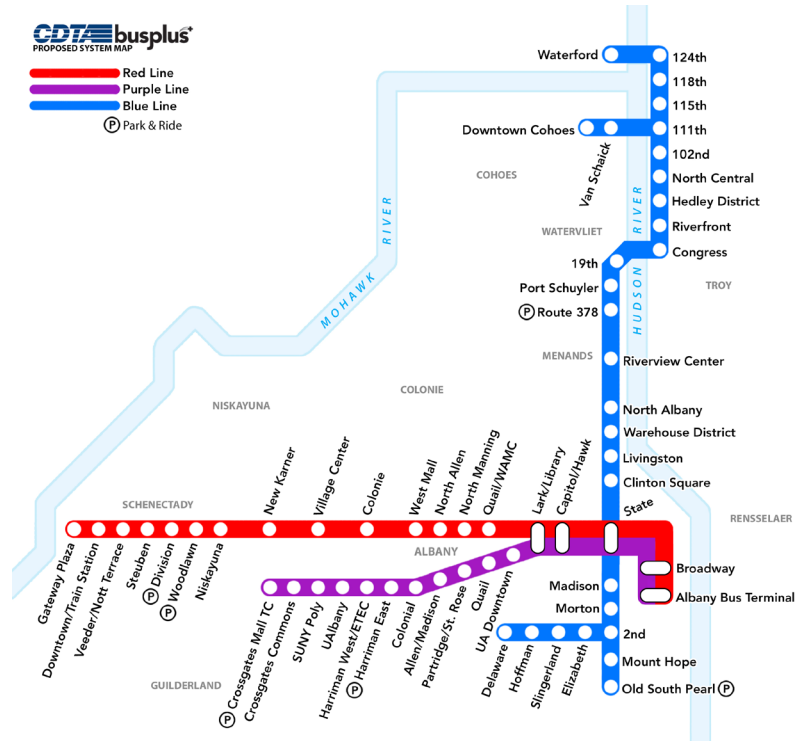
Building 40 Miles Of Bus Rapid Transit



## Overview

The Capital District Transportation Authority is building a 40-mile network of Bus Rapid Transit service to connect the Capital Region. CDTA is the only upstate transit system to build and operate BRT service, beginning with the introduction of the BRT Red Line, which provides rail-like service, along the Route 5 corridor linking Albany, Colonie, Niskayuna and Schenectady.

CDTA's BRT network is expanding with a second line, travelling along the "River Corridor", connecting neighborhoods, downtowns, and employment centers in communities adjacent to the Hudson River. The 16-mile BRT Blue Line will provide enhanced service from Albany's South End to Menands, Watervliet, Troy, Cohoes, and Waterford.



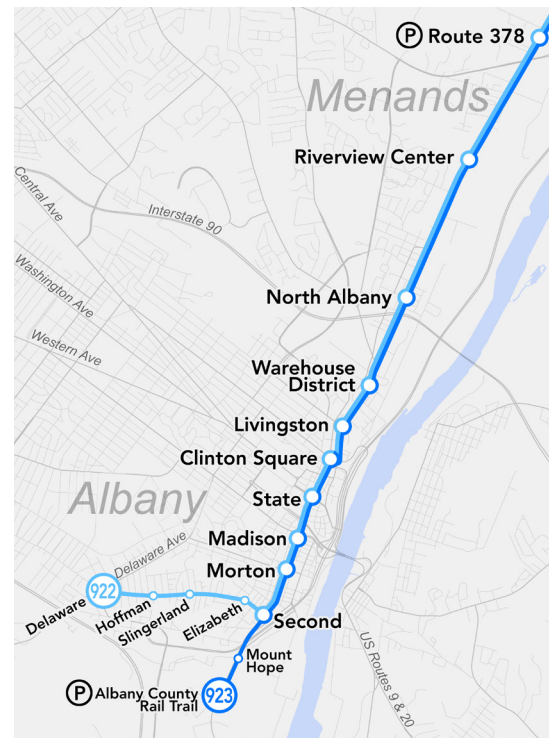
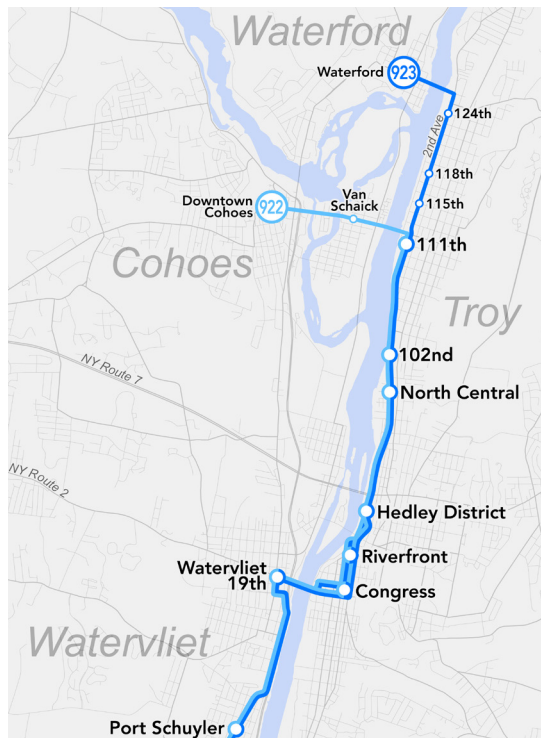
This corridor produces 3 million transit rides annually and is undergoing a revitalization with developments that need more service. The Blue Line will serve a dense, urban corridor that connects offices, universities, shopping centers, retail districts, and residential areas in the heart of the Capital Region. These characteristics make it an excellent fit for Bus Rapid Transit service.

Blue Line service will be provided along two routes to provide more options for customers. One route will run from Delaware/Second Avenue to Cohoes, while the other route will run from South Pearl Street to Waterford. BRT offers limited stop service, improving traffic congestion on adjoining roadways. The Blue Line will feature the distinctive BusPlus branding scheme that signifies premium service. Customers will use large, and weather resistant stations, have access to real time information and complimentary Wi-Fi service.



## Benefits of BusPlus

- **Faster Service** – Blue Line BRT buses will receive priority at signalized intersections to improve travel times.
- **More Frequent and Reliable Service** – with improved travel times due to less stopping, buses arrive at stations more frequently.
- **Added Customer Convenience** – Blue Line stations include seating, lighting and security. Real time information provides customers with arrival times based on GPS tracking.
- **Environmentally-Friendly** – BRT buses have reduced-emission systems; stations are equipped with solar technology; and other sustainable features by location.



## Cost & Status

The River Corridor BRT cost \$42 million to build. This includes 31-paired stations, 20 branded vehicles, expansion of our Troy garage, reconstruction of intersections with improved pedestrian connections, and technology enhancements to prioritize bus traffic and put the “Rapid” in Bus Rapid Transit.

BusPlus improves regional accessibility of the corridor, making it more economically viable and encouraging further development. Encouraging greater transit usage will also reduce the need for parking, encourage more productive land uses, and improve air quality.