



Meeting Summary

Task 4.67

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Date: July 8, 2025

Start – End Time: 9:00 AM- 10:30AM

Location: 1 Park Place, Albany NY 12205

Facilitator: Ethan Townsend

Name	Title	Representing
Matthew Roe	Senior Associate	Stantec
Kyle Hatch	Senior Planner	EDR
Valerie Deane	CHIPS, Rail & Bike/Ped Coordinator	NYS DOT Region 1
John Mitchell	Chair of Trails & Open Space Committee	Town of Halfmoon
Lea Foster	President	Voorheesville Running & Cycling Club
Scott Miller	Advisory Council Member	Saratoga PLAN
Emily Loughlin	Senior Capital Planner	CDTA
James Rath	Executive Director	Capital Streets
Kris Alfonso	Senior Manager, Community Prevention	NYS Department of Health
Thomas Houlihan	Planning Director	City of Rensselaer
Ed Brennan	President	Albany Bicycle Coalition
Christina Akey	Public Health Educator	NYS Department of Health
Nate Owens	Senior Planner	Town of Bethlehem
Benjamin Luke	Public Health Educator	Albany County Department of Health
John Scavo	Director of Planning	Town of Clifton Park
Linda von der Heide	Principal Planner	Rensselaer County Executive's Office
Ethan Townsend	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Adam McCarvill	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Parker Morris	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Sandy Misiewicz	Executive Director	Capital Region Transportation Council
Leah Rye	Administrative Specialist	Capital Region Transportation Council

Agenda Items:

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Feature Presentation – 2025 NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide Update (Matthew Roe, Stantec)

Matthew Roe with Stantec gave a presentation on the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) 2025 Urban Bikeway Design Guide update. A majority of the guide's content was updated, and a significant amount of new information was added to this 3rd version of this Guide. The guide seeks to provide design guidance that strikes a balance between safety, access, and equity for all users. The guide can be adopted by municipal governments to help acquire funding for project implementation. Anyone seeking more info

on the guide can reach out to NACTO staff Carrie Bearn (cary@nacto.org) and Josh Narramore (josh@nacto.org) or Matthew (matthew.roe@stantec.com). The content of the guide is available for free online at: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/>

3) Transportation Council Study Update – Voorheesville Safe Streets (Kyle Hatch, EDR)

Kyle Hatch with EDR provided an update on the Voorheesville Safe Streets linkage study currently underway at the Transportation council. The study is primarily a complete streets plan, with design both design and policy recommendations. Given the village's small-town nature, demographic profile, and recent zoning updates to encourage mixed use development, making a safe network for cyclists and pedestrians is the primary goal. Several conceptual intersection and street segment designs are recommended at specific locations. Policy recommendations are bundled into the two categories of "School" and "Plans and Studies". The draft report is currently being revised, to be followed by a period of public review, before the final report is completed. Any feedback or questions should be directed to Kyle at khatch@edrdpc.com.

4) Discussion Items

a) 2025-2030 TIP

A quick review was given of the Transportation Council's recently adopted 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, the capital plan for distributing federal funds. The six active transportation related projects that were presented at the prior ATAC meeting were selected for funding as anticipated, for a total of \$28.3M in new funding programed for active transportation.

b) In Motion: 2050 (Sandy Misiewicz, Transportation Council)

Sandy Misiewicz provided an update on the status of the Transportation Council's long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan "In Motion: The Plan to 2050". The plan is on track for its expected adoption in September. The plan contains seven categories of strategies and actions identified in the plan, including: maintain transportation infrastructure, create a connected system of multiple transportation options, plan for a resilient transportation system, improve the operation of the transportation system, integrate transportation and land use planning, support economic development, and coordinate strategies from state, regional, and local plans. Each of these categories interact with active transportation in a variety of ways. A table of fiscally constrained and illustrative projects was also shared, with "Implementation of regional trails plan" and "Zim Smith Trail" specifically highlighted as active transportation related projects.

c) 2025 Trail Count Program

The Transportation Council's 2025 Trail Count Program has been. If any member municipalities have trails they would like counted, they are encouraged to reach out to Ethan to coordinate such counts. This program is free for all municipal partners. Any non-municipal entities seeking counts should reach out to Ethan to see if those counts can be used to fill gaps in the trail count schedule.

d) Status of Planning Initiatives

An update was provided on each of the Transportation Council's ongoing Planning Initiatives

including the Linkage Program, Technical Assistance Program, PEL Studies, and other activities.

5) Member Updates

Sandy Misiewicz shared information on the federal Safe Arterials For Everyone (SAFE) program, targeting non-freeway arterial roads for safety improvements. The Transportation Council will be working with NYSDOT to identify eligible corridors. More information can be found on FHWA's website at <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/safe-roads>

Erica Schneider shared information about the upcoming Parks and Trails New York (PTNY) Greenways Conference. The Conference will be in October in Kingston, NY. Registration is open at <https://www.ptny.org/events/statewide-greenways-conference-2025>

James Rath shared that Capital Streets is pursuing funding for a "Campus Connection Trail" feasibility study aiming to provide a non-motorized route between the University at Albany and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. If anyone has questions or is interested in participating in the study they should reach out to James at james@capitalstreets.org.

6) Other News & Updates

Information about the upcoming PTNY Greenways Conference was shared again.

7) Upcoming Meetings

The remaining ATAC meeting for the year is currently scheduled for October 14, 2025. Ethan shared that this date may need to change due to the proximity to the holiday and PTNY conference. ATAC meetings may be changing moving forward to Wednesday's at 9:30am as opposed to the current schedule of Tuesdays at 9:00am. Any change to meeting dates/times will be shared with the ATAC well in advance.