



**CDTA COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**Strategic and Operational Planning Committee**  
**Thursday, November 21, 2024 | 12:00 PM**  
**Microsoft Teams & 110 Watervliet Ave**

**Committee Item**

**Responsibility**

Call to Order

Mike Criscione

Approve Minutes of Thursday, October 24, 2024

Mike Criscione

**Administrative Discussion Items**

- Mobility Hubs

Emily Loughlin/Jeremy Smith

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2024 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 – Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 12:00 pm; via Microsoft Teams and 110 Watervliet Ave.**

In Attendance: Mike Criscione, Pat Lance, Jackie McDonough, Jayme Lahut; Carm Basile, Amanda Avery, Mike Collins, Lance Zarcone, Chris Desany, Jaime Kazlo, Jon Scherzer, Gary Guy, Jeremy Smith, Dave Williams, Stacy Sansky, Rich Cordero, Jack Grogan, Mike Williams, Ethan Warren, Elide Oyanedel, Kelli Schreivogl, Emily DeVito

### **Meeting Purpose**

Regular monthly meeting of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee. Committee Chair Criscione noted that a quorum was present. Minutes from the September 19, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Consent Agenda Item**

#### Approve Budget Adjustment

- The budget that the Board approved for fiscal year 2025 is \$135.7 million. After six months of operating results, staff is recommending that we make a mid-year adjustment. The recommendation comes about because the final state budget provided more State Operating Assistance (STOA) than we originally included.
- We are recommending that we increase the customer and facilities revenue lines based on higher-than-expected results. We would also like to make an adjustment to the wage line due to fluctuations in employment levels, our new union contract, and the addition of Warren County.
- A summary of the changes includes increasing the customer revenue line by \$1.6 million to \$21.7 million; increasing the facilities line by \$225,000 to \$3.6 million; increasing the SOTA line by \$1.5 million to \$65.9 million; increasing the wage line by \$2.9 million to \$67.1 million; and increasing payroll taxes by \$450,000 to \$4.8 million.
- An increase in the FY2025 operating budget 2.5% to \$139,199,931 will be recommended to the board for approval.

### **Administrative Discussion Items**

#### TDP Update

- Ethan Warren provided an update on our Transit Development Plan (TDP). We reviewed our guiding principles, budget and funding sources, fleet makeup, and workforce challenges.

- We talked about transit potential versus transit need and overall services appear to be well aligned. We drilled down on Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs, and Amsterdam. We also talked about the potential for microtransit as a supplement or replacement to fixed route services.
- We reviewed the next steps and timeline. Once a final draft is available, it will be presented to the Board for adoption.

#### West Facility Update

- Carm Basile provided an update on the West Facility. We continue to progress the purchase of the Gazette building. We recently provided the latest round of documentation for FTA review. This included updated appraisals, the incidental use memo, the NEPA worksheet, voluntary sale letters, and various alternatives studies.
- We still plan on having the closing on or before November 15.

#### **Next Meeting**

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# Mobility Hub Update

Strategic & Operational Planning Committee

11.21.2024



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# Overview & History

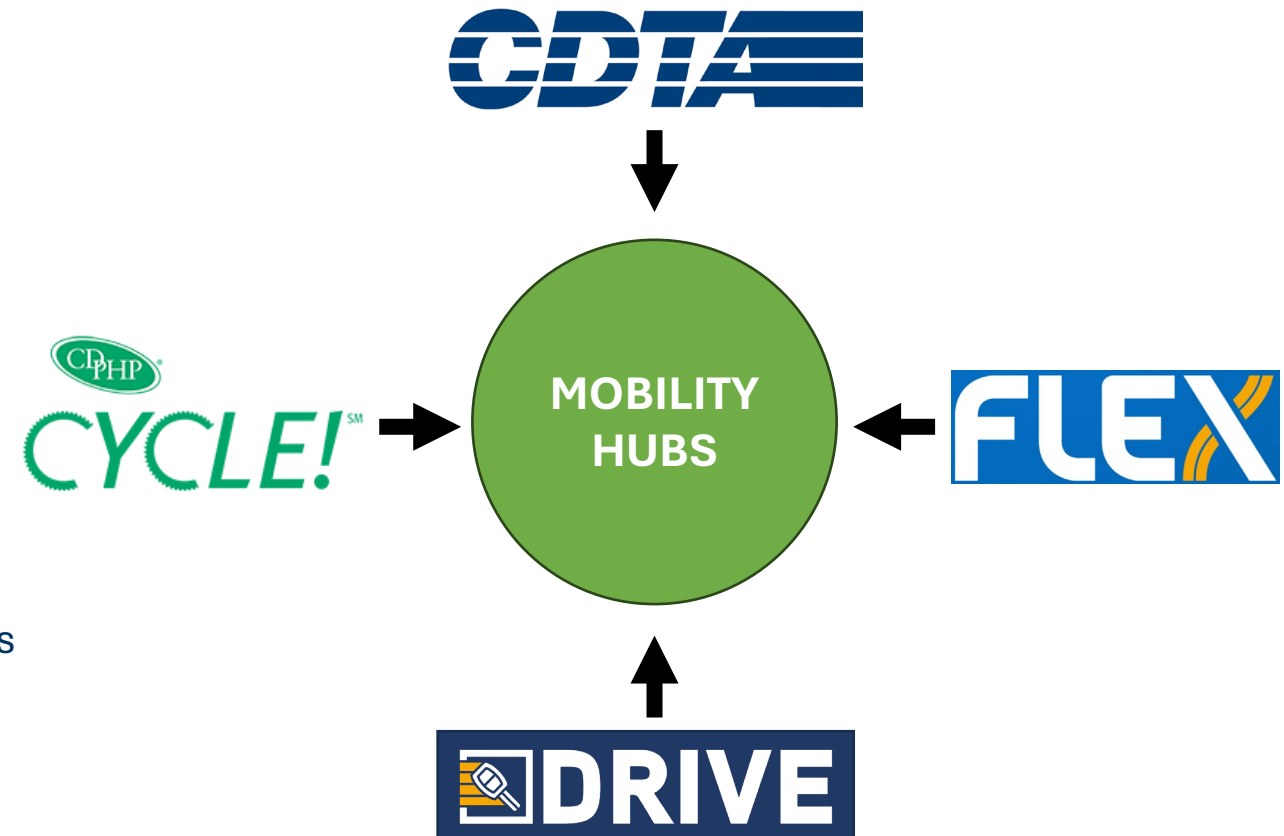
- **Originated from 2014 TDP and earlier initiatives**
  - TDP recommendation for “Transit Centers”
- Original strategy focused on **large indoor facilities**, with focus on fixed-route transit and intercity connections
  - Downtown Albany Intermodal
  - Crossgates Mall
  - Uncle Sam
- Large-scale projects are still important for future planning, but...

Shift in strategy toward Mobility Hubs (also learned in Europe) has allowed us to fund, build, and design projects in a more realistic timeframe



# Mobility Hubs Overview

- Emerging new mobility options presented an opportunity to expand focus past “just” buses
  - **CDPHP Cycle!** (2017)
  - **FLEX** (2020)
  - **Drive** (2023)
- New approach does not require the same level of investment as originally planned
  - Smaller footprints
  - Less “vertical” construction
  - Focus on improvements to outdoor amenities
- **Result:** Impactful projects that can be funded, designed, and built more quickly and in greater numbers



# Mobility Hub Elements

- Transfer Opportunities
- Micromobility Services
- Bus Priority
- Electric Car Charging
- Heated Sidewalks
- Real-Time Information Signs
- Green Space & Landscaping
- Pedestrian Infrastructure
- Customer Amenities



# Station/Customer Amenities

- Heated Sidewalks
- Infrared Shelter Heaters
- Waiting options – benches, lean rails







# Gateway Plaza

Opened November 2023



# Liberty Square

Opened October 2024



# Manning Boulevard

Opening December 2024





# Future Mobility Hub Planning

## *Identification Criteria*

- Space for Amenities
- Nearby Partner or Key Activity Generator
- Transfer Opportunities
- Current Ridership or Expected Future Increases

Implemented enhancements will improve CDTA's fixed and micromobility services.

## *High Potential Locations*

- Rensselaer Rail Station
- Riverfront Station, Troy
- 19<sup>th</sup> St & Congress St Bridge, Watervliet
- Colonie Center
- Hudson Valley Community College
- Morton Ave & South Pearl St, Albany
- Crossgates Commons
- Congress Park, Saratoga
- Riverview Center, Amsterdam
- Veterans' Park, Schenectady



# Future Planning – Next Steps

- Complete internal planning exercise
- Confirm “short list” of potential new hub locations
- Update facilities recommendations in new TDP
- Advance projects into pipeline for funding, design, construction
- **Goal:** ≈1 new mobility hub or similar project per year

# THANK YOU!

Questions? | Comments? | Next Steps.