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Town of East Greenbush / Town of North Greenbush / CDTC US Route 4 Corridor Study Study Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting #1 Wednesday, August 3, 2022







- **1. Welcome and Introductions**
- **2. Project and Schedule Overview**
- **3. Public Engagement**
- **4.** Mini-Visioning Session
- **5. Next Steps**



Introductions

Project Sponsors

Town of East Greenbush / Town of North Greenbush / CDTC

Grant Program

Community and Transportation Linkage Program (CDTC)

Consultant

MJ Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C.



Introductions

Study Advisory Committee

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Martin Daley (CDRPC) Ethan Warren (CDTA) Chris Bauer (CDTC) Chaim Simon (CDTC) Brian Kirch (NYSDOT Region 1) Linda VonDerHeide (Rensselaer County) Anna Feltham (Town of East Greenbush) Dan Fiacco (Town of East Greenbush) Colleen Lallier (Town of East Greenbush) Joe Bott (Town of North Greenbush) Michael Chaires (Town of North Greenbush) Mark Saunders (NYSDOT Rens. Co Residency) Barbara Weatherwax (Branson Manor Senior Apts.) Dwight Jenkins (Citizen)



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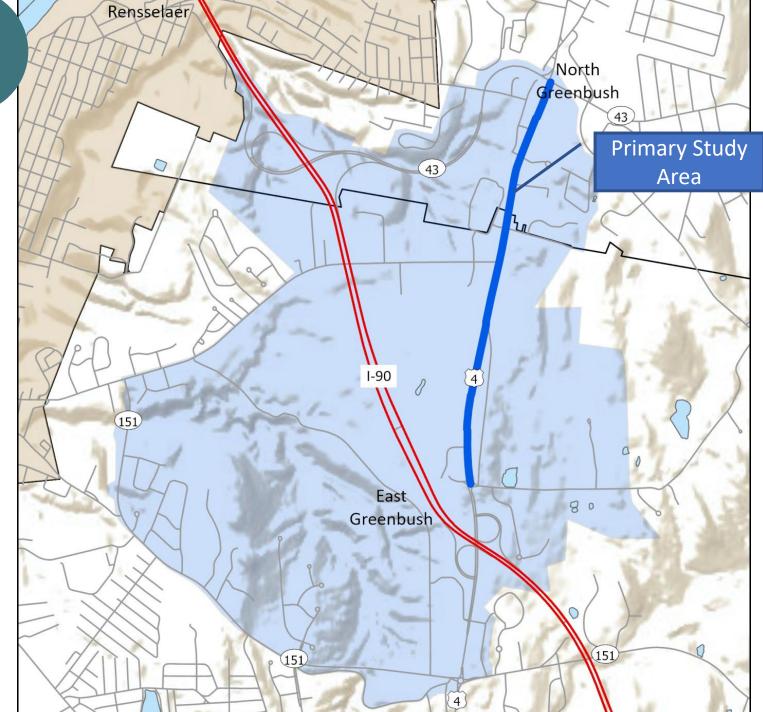
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Study Area

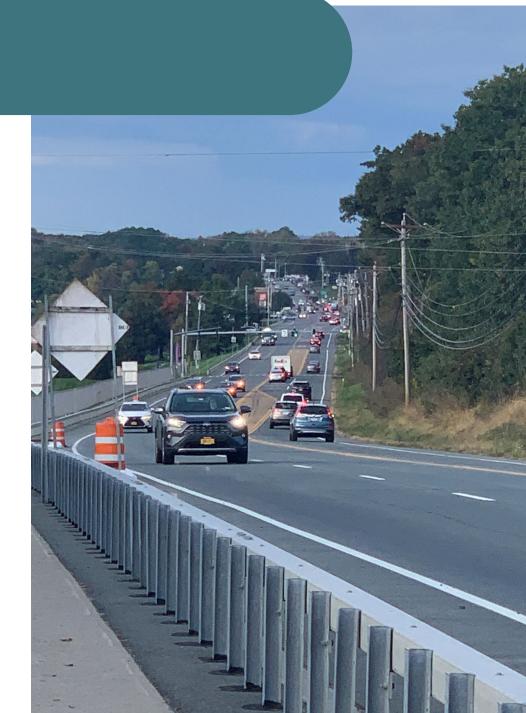
The primary study area is the US Route 4 Corridor, from Mannix Rd to NY 43, in the Town of East Greenbush and the Town of North Greenbush and the surrounding land uses. The secondary study area is the larger area of consideration and includes the areas where the impacts of current and future land uses will be evaluated.

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Secondary Study Area						
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Project Area Overview

- US Route 4 is a key corridor with a variety of largescale commercial and retail establishments in the Town of East Greenbush, and their neighbor to the north, the Town of North Greenbush
- In 2006, the Town of East Greenbush and CDTC completed the Route 4 Corridor Study, a Linkage Study
- US Route 4 is owned and operated by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
- Coordination with NYSDOT will be critical throughout the entire process



Project Overview: Objectives

- > Address current traffic operations deficiencies
- Identify improvements needed to accommodate future anticipated growth
- Make recommendations to improve the transportation systems along the corridor
- Examine alternative corridor profiles and develop a preferred Corridor Concept Plan for the US Route 4
- Assist the Towns to pursue goals of enhancing the US Route 4 corridor
 - Improve mobility
 - Reduce traffic congestion
 - Promote economic development
 - Improve safety
 - Create a connected and integrated multi-modal transportation network



Project Schedule & Scope

KEY MILESTONES:

Notes:

- Task 3 Public Input occurs throughout effort
- Five SAC Meetings at key milestones

Summer/Fall/Winter 2022 TASK 2: EXISTING CONDITIONS INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT

PUBLIC INPUT

Summer/Fall 2022 TASK 1: PROJECT INITIATION/ COORDINATION

> Winter 2022 TASK 4: FUTURE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

Spring/Fall 2023

STUDY

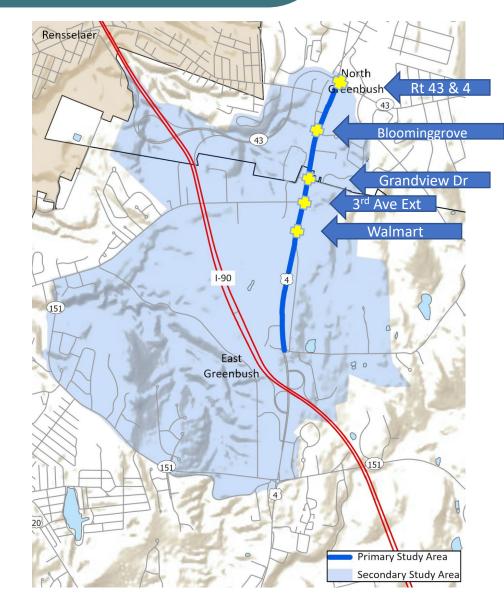
TASK 5: DRAFT US 4 CORRIDOR

Fall 2023 TASK 6: FINAL US 4 CORRIDOR STUDY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Tasks Initiated / In Progress

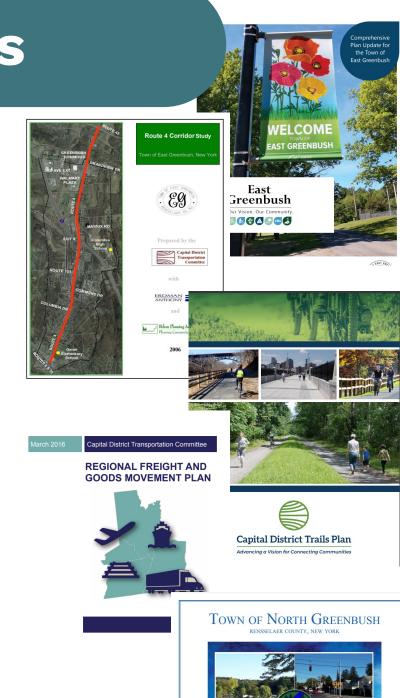
- Establishment of SAC & SAC Kick-off
- > Turning movement counts
 - ≻ Conducted on May 24, 2022
 - ≻ 5 Intersections
 - Collected Turning Movements, Pedestrian Movements & Traffic Signal Timing
- Existing data collection
 Relevant studies or reports
 GIS mapping data
 Traffic data

Preparation of draft Project Website



Relevant Planning Documents

- Route 4 Corridor Study (2006)
- > Town of East Greenbush Comprehensive Plan and Appendices (2021)
- Town of East Greenbush Zoning Code (dated 2008; Zoning Update presently in development)
- Western East Greenbush Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2009)
- Town of East Greenbush Complete Streets Policy (2019)
- > Town of North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan (2009)
- > Town of North Greenbush Zoning Code (rev. 2016)
- Town of North Greenbush Route 4 & 1-90 Connector Corridor Land Use Planning Study (2006)
- CDTC's Regional Freight Plan (2016)
- > CDTC's Capital District Trails Plan (2018)
- Proposed nearby development plans, redevelopment plans, and their associated traffic impact studies
- Other completed and planned changes in the Towns' transportation and built infrastructure
- Industry best practices and contemporary thought concerning efficient corridor management





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Public Engagement

Ongoing throughout process

- Interactive Workshops/Input Sessions (2):
 - ≻in-person, virtual or hybrid?
- ➢Project Website
- Three (3) meetings with members of the community and/or focus groups
- ➢Final (1) wrap-up public meeting about the findings of the prior public meetings



Public Engagement

Project Website Domain Options:

- Route4study.com
- Route4greenbush.com
- Routefourstudy.com

<u>The website</u> will be available for the duration of the project!



and convenience, promote healthy and sustainable modes of transportation, and spur economic reinvestment in the North end of the City.

The intended outcome is to give clear direction on priority locations and desired design treatments for inclusion in street restriping, signing, modification, repaying, or reconstruction projects, based on a representative public input process, including at the intersections of Washington Avenue at 7th St, Washington Avenue at Broadway, Washington Avenue at 4th St, Washington at 3rd St, and the Forbes Avenue Switchback. One of the primary considerations of this study is transportation-related needs of people who traditionally experience transportation disadvantages.



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Mini-Visioning Session

- > What challenges do you see now and in the future?
- > What opportunities/assets exist?
- Identify your priority item(s) for change within the study area?

Sample of Applicable Elements for Discussion:

- Pedestrian Infrastructure / Amenities
- Bicycle Infrastructure / Amenities
- Transit Operations / Availability
- Vehicular Traffic Accommodations
- Gateway Treatment
- Access Management / Connections





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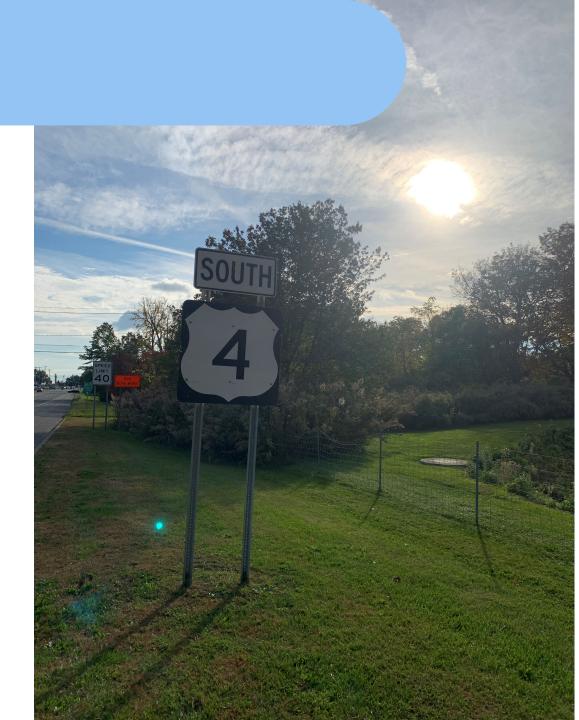
≻Outstanding Data Collection

Draft Existing Conditions Memo

>Project website

SAC #2 TBD − October?

➢Public Workshop #1 − Fall?





Thank you!