

Welcome

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



Agenda

- 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

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)



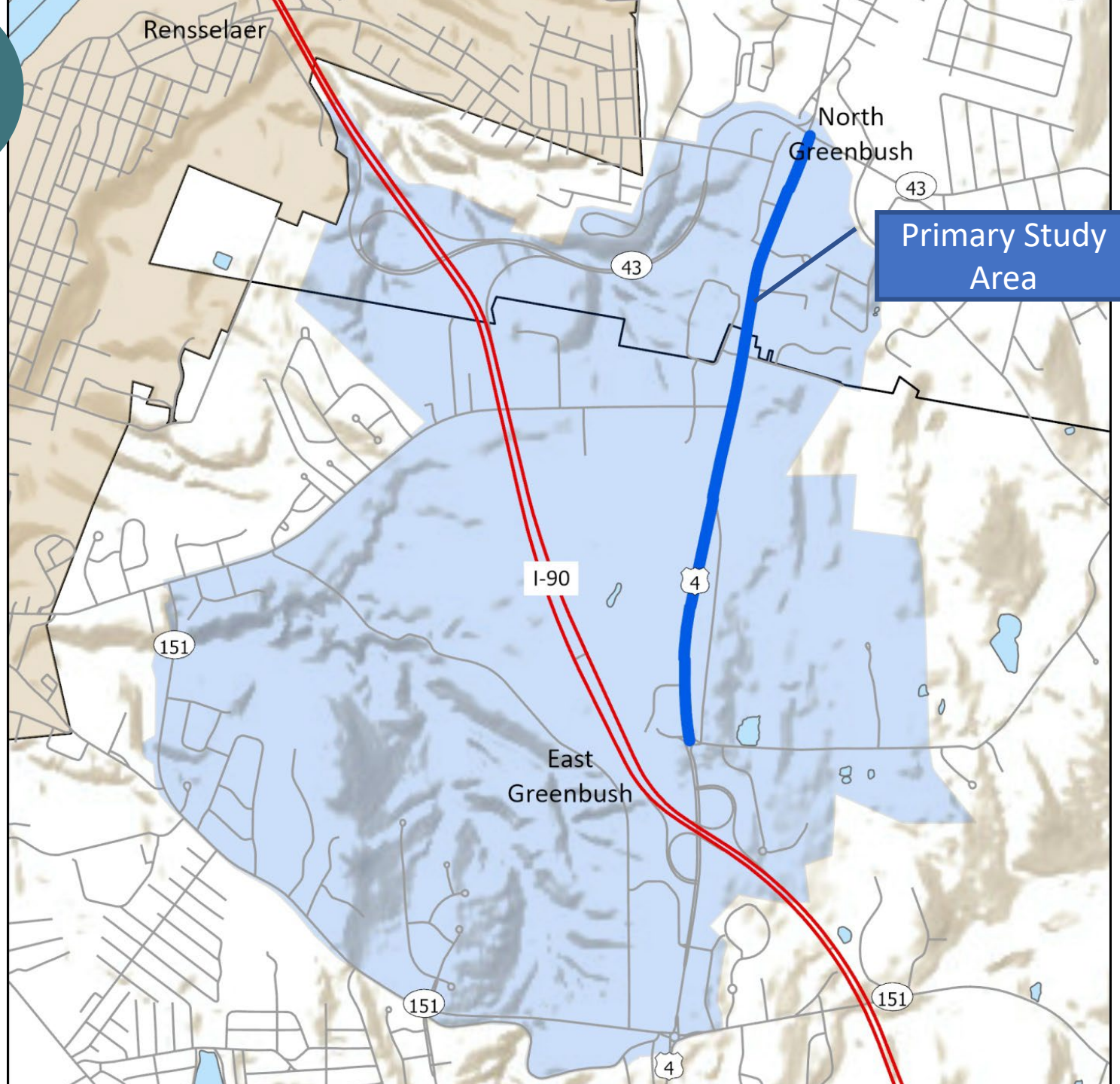
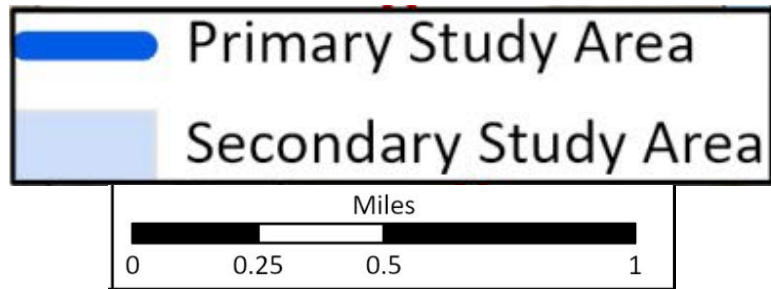
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Study Area

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.



Project Area Overview

- US Route 4 is a key corridor with a variety of large-scale 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:

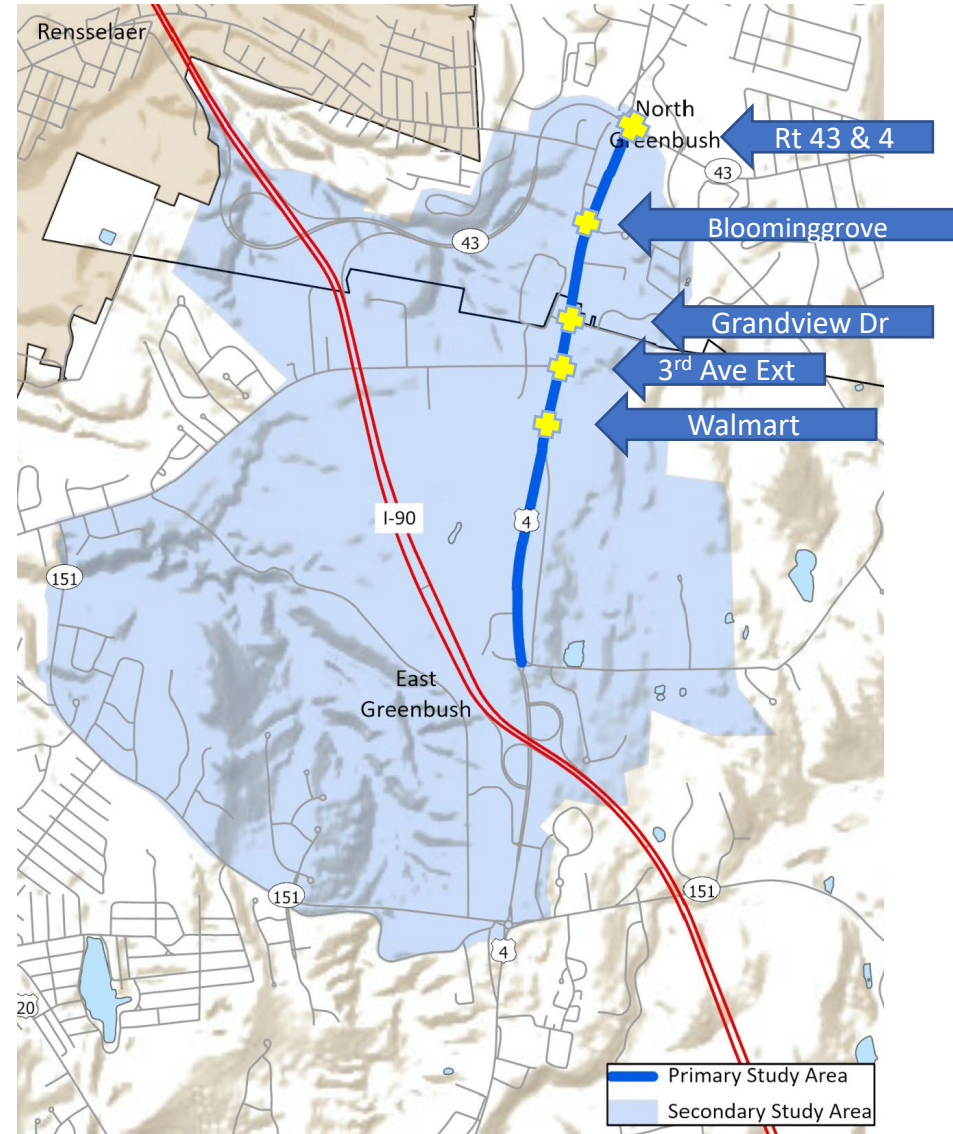
Notes:

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



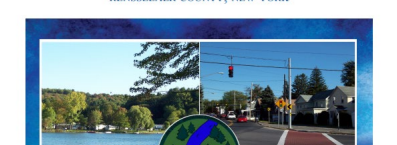
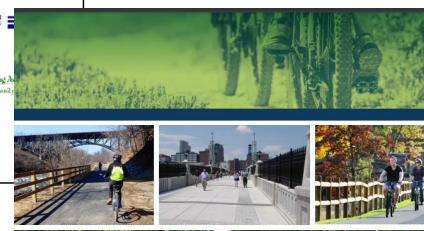
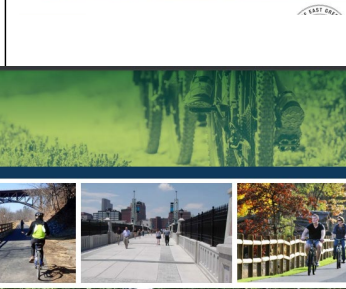
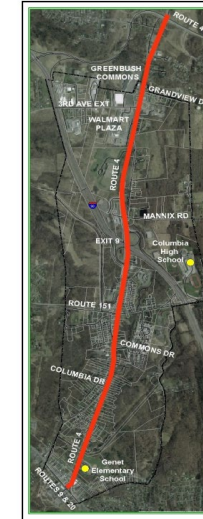
Tasks Initiated / In Progress

- 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



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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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Next Steps

- Outstanding Data Collection
- Draft Existing Conditions Memo
- Project website
- SAC #2 TBD – October?
- Public Workshop #1 – Fall?





**Thank
you!**