

Town of East Greenbush / Town of North Greenbush / CDTC US Route 4 Corridor Study

Meeting Summary

Purpose: Study Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting #2

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: East Greenbush Town Hall and Corridor Caravan. The meeting was held in 2-parts, in-person at EG Town Hall for a brief overview and presentation of existing conditions then an in-person caravan with stops at key locations along the primary study area.

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Martin Daley	CDRPC
Dan Fiacco	Town of East Greenbush
Anna Feltham	Town of East Greenbush
Chaim Simon	CDTC
Chris Bauer	CDTC
Linda VonDerHeide	Rensselaer County
Greg Wichser	NYSDOT Region 1
Kelley Kircher	NYSDOT Region 1
Mark Saunders	NYSDOT Rensselaer County Residency
Chad Schneider	MJ Engineering
Andris Blumbergs	MJ Engineering
Jaclyn Hakes	MJ Engineering

Agenda Item	Discussion	Key Decisions and Outcomes
Welcome and Introductions	Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) welcomed the attendees and provided an opportunity for “around the room” introductions. Ms. Hakes (MJ) reminded attendees this meeting was held in 2-parts, in-person at EG Town Hall for a brief overview and presentation of existing conditions then an in-person caravan with stops at key locations along the primary study area.	N/A
Project Schedule Update	Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) provided a brief project schedule and scope update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer/ Fall 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Task 1: Project Initiation/ Coordination • Summer/ Fall/ Winter 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Task 2: Existing Conditions Inventory and Assessment 	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The data received was for the roadway, connecting roads, and intersections along the US Route 4 corridor. ● Traffic Volumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Traffic volumes were collected using Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATRs) and turning movement counts (TMCs) ○ Two ATRs collect 24-hour traffic volumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three days between Tuesday April 5 to Thursday April 7, 2022 ▪ Obtain Average annual daily traffic (AADT) ○ The locations of the ATRs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Between I-90 Exit 9 and 3rd Ave. Ext. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AADT = 15,304 ▪ Between 3rd Ave. Ext. NY Route 43 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AADT = 18,917 ● TMCs collected at five (5) intersections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intersection No. 1: NY Route 43 ○ Intersection No. 2: Bloominggrove Drive and Agway Drive ○ Intersection No. 3: Grandview Drive/Plaza ○ Intersection No. 4: 3rd Avenue Extension ○ Intersection No. 5: Rensselaer County Plaza Driveway ● Midday – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm ● PM – 3:00 – 5:00 pm ● Intersections 1, 2, 3, and 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TMCs on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 ● Intersection 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TMCs on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 	
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DRAFT Existing Conditions Memo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After CDTC review memo will be shared ● Discussion of Public Engagement #1 – To be determined but targeting December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online Survey ○ Focus Group Meetings ● Project website now live @ NYRoute4Study.com ● SAC #3 TBD 	<p>MJ to submit draft Existing Conditions memo to CDTC for review. Once reviewed, MJ will provide to the SAC</p>
<p>Corridor Caravan</p>	<p>Following the presentation at Town Hall, the SAC conducted a corridor caravan. The caravan included key stops within the corridor to walk portions of the corridor, observe and understand the context of the transportation system within the corridor. The stops were also planned to allow the SAC members to experience driving the entire length of the</p>	<p>Town to share Site Plans for townhouse approvals on Thompson Hill Rd and Target site plan.</p>

corridor. Key stops, the purpose, and discussion are outlined below.

Thompson Hill Road

This was the 1st stop and the southern “entry” to the primary study area. The SAC drove in from East Greenbush Town Hall, drove through the roundabout at Mannix Road to go north on Thompson Hill Road. At the top of the hill the SAC met and observed a view from above Route 4.

The group discussed the topography challenges within the study area. East Greenbush SAC representatives indicated that parcels along Thompson Road have been approved for addition townhouses, but not yet been constructed. Members pointed out the area that has approved townhouses. The water main along Thompson Road was also discussed.

Target

The Target parking lot was the second stop and the midpoint of the primary and secondary study area. Here SAC members were able to observe three (3) different intersections that pose challenges for the corridor. The intersections included the following:

- US Route 4 and 3rd Avenue Extension
- US Route 4 and Grandview Drive
- US Route 4 and Rensselaer County Plaza (Walmart) entrance

From the Target parking lot, the SAC walked up a portion of sidewalk that was available to the intersection of 3rd Avenue Extension and US Route 4. Here the members could see and discuss all the intersections identified above.

Here the discussion included the following:

3rd Avenue Extension intersection

- The sudden end of the sidewalk on 3rd Avenue Extension
- No sidewalks on 3rd Avenue Extension going West from Target
- No pedestrian connections to the traffic signal
- A backup of vehicles onto US Route 4 from 3rd Ave turning Left
- Local experience indicated this was an area where crashes do occur

Grandview Drive intersection

- Discussed the slowing of traffic to get onto Grandview Drive and the queuing of vehicles waiting in the drive-thru lines that sometimes blocks the intersection

Rensselaer County Plaza (Walmart) intersection

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed a missing section of sidewalk from the 3rd Avenue Extension intersection to a plaza on the opposite side of the road. <p>US Route 4 Park & Ride</p> <p>The third and final stop was at the CDTA Park and Ride. This stop allowed SAC members to view the southernmost most portion of the primary study area.</p> <p>Observations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The sidewalk missing for a portion of Route 4 leading north to the intersection of Route 43 ○ The intersection of Route 3 and 43 might be the biggest intersection (in terms of pavement width) in the area that allows pedestrians to cross ○ The possibility of having parallel vehicular access to Route 4 possibly from Bloominggrove Drive behind CVS to Home Depot and Target. ○ The old Washington Ave connection to Route 4, the sidewalk is still there and sometimes used though not maintained 	
--	---	--

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and agreements reached at this meeting. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

Submitted by:
Andris Blumbergs, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC

cc: Consultant Team, CDTC, SAC, Project File