

Welcome

Village of Colonie / Capital Region Transportation Council
Sand Creek Road Complete Streets Study
Public Input Session #1
Monday, July 24, 2023
Village of Colonie Family Recreation Center



CAPITAL REGION
**Transportation
Council**



Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Study & Schedule Overview**
- 3. Existing Conditions Overview**



Introductions

Project Sponsors

Village of Colonie / Capital Region Transportation Council (formerly known as the Capital District Transportation Committee)

Grant Program

Community and Transportation Linkage Program

Consultant

MJ Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C.

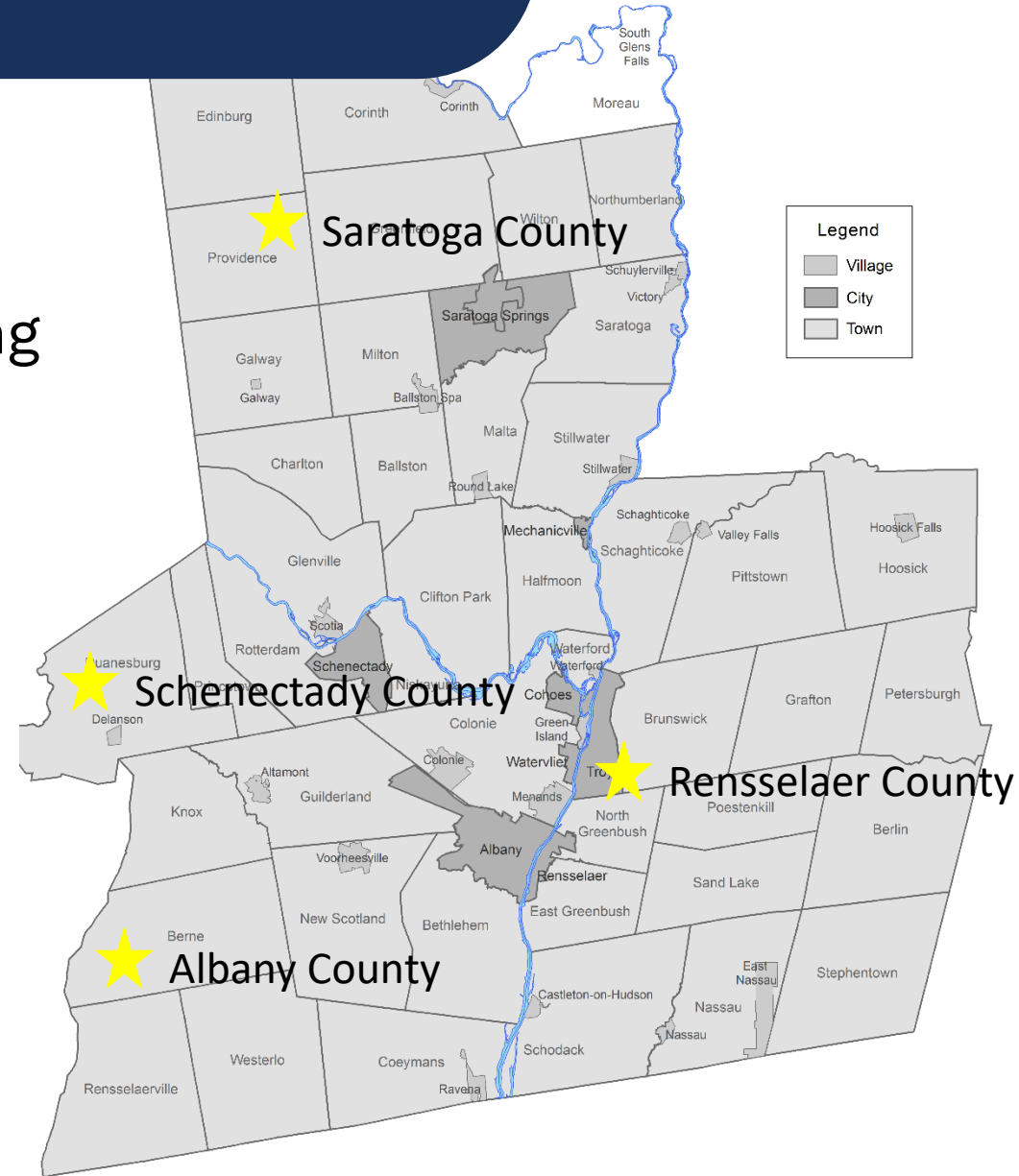


Capital Region Transportation Council

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- A transportation policy-making and planning organization
- Allocates federal transportation funding resources

Members include:



Introductions

Study Advisory Committee (SAC)

Tom Tobin (Village of Colonie)

Ed Sim (Village of Colonie)

Jim Rubino (Village of Colonie)

Jamie Blot (Village of Colonie)

Andy Acker (Town of Colonie)

Lisa Ramundo (Albany County)

Audrey Burneson (NYSDOT)

Susan Olsen (NYSDOT)

Frank Prevratil (Village Traffic Advisory Committee)

Brian Sim (South Colonie School District)

Kerry Bytner (Sunset Boulevard Neighborhood Association)

Cindy Isidoro (CDRPC)

Megan Quirk (CDTA)

Jacob Beeman (Transportation Council)

Rima Shamieh (Transportation Council)



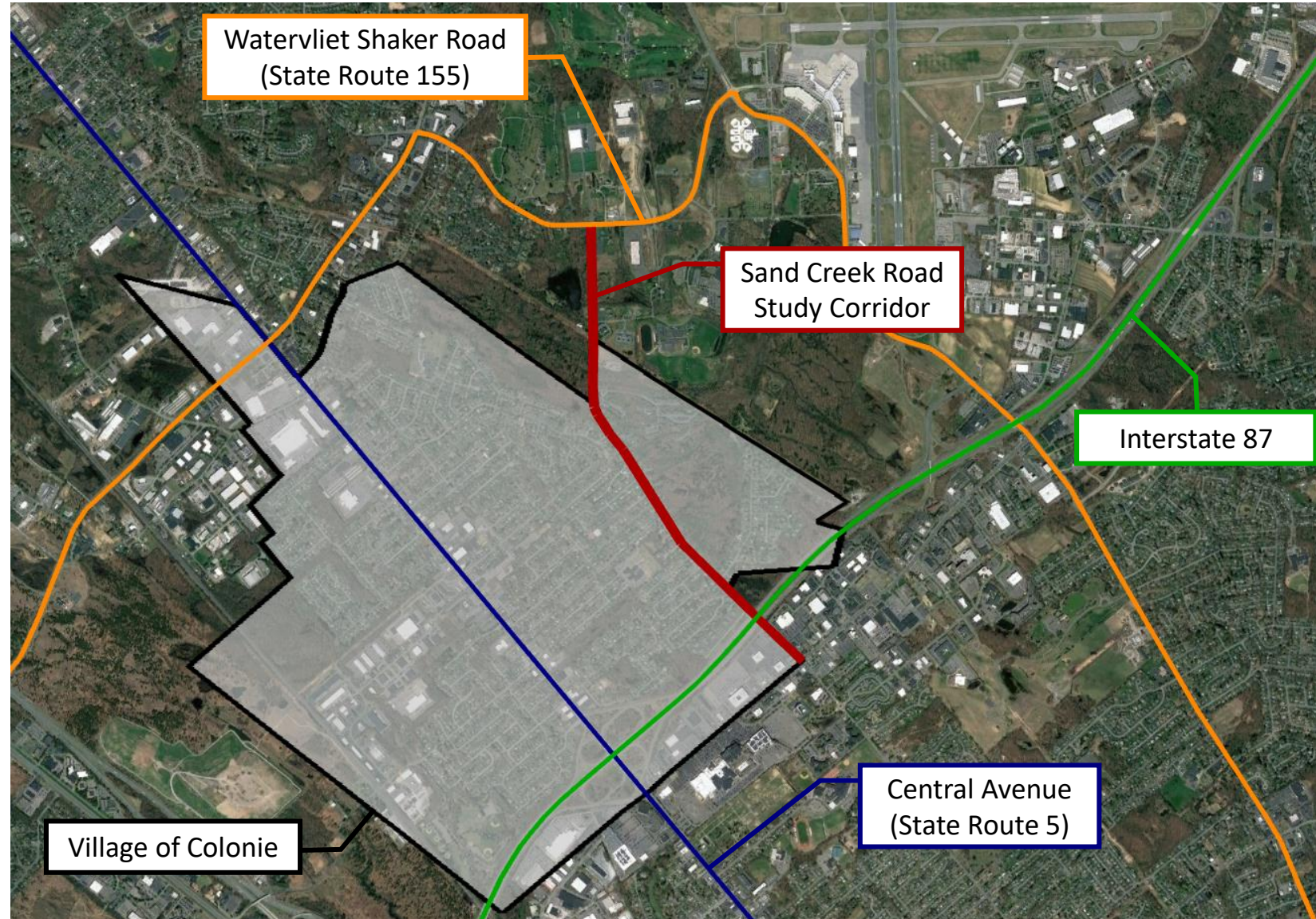
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Study Area

- Sand Creek Road is owned and operated by both the Village of Colonie and the Town of Colonie.
- The corridor provides critical connections to key community destinations, commercial activity, employment centers, recreation areas, regional transportation hubs, and residential neighborhoods.



Study Objectives

- Provide recommendations that will:
 - Improve sidewalks and crosswalks for safe accessible pedestrian travel
 - Improve bicycle infrastructure to encourage active transportation
 - Slow vehicular traffic and create a safer environment
 - Enhance the public transportation options to make travel more convenient and accessible
 - Enhance the look of the corridor with gateway features and green areas to create a more attractive and sustainable environment

Study Goal

To develop a Plan, endorsed by the Village, that will be used to pursue funding opportunities and guide implementation of improvements.

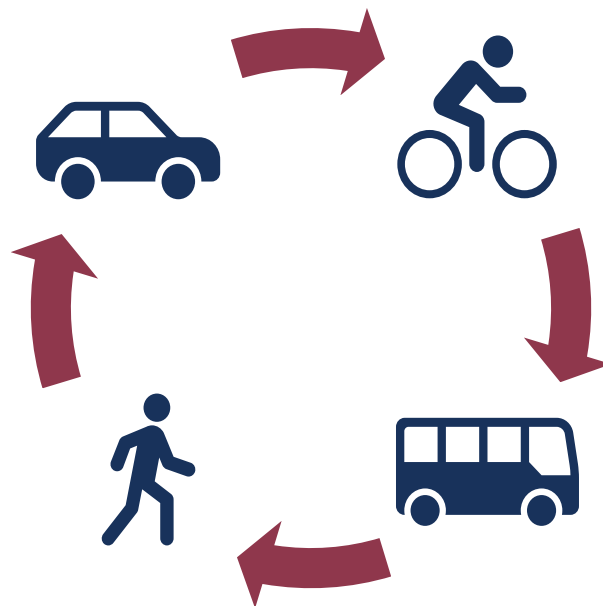
What is a Complete Street?



Route 11, Canton

Complete Streets are streets designed for all users, all modes of transportation, and all ability levels. They balance the needs of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, emergency responders, and goods movement based on local context.

- *Capital District Complete Streets Design Guide*



Route 347, Port Jefferson

Examples of Complete Streets

Pedestrians



curb extensions



pedestrian signals

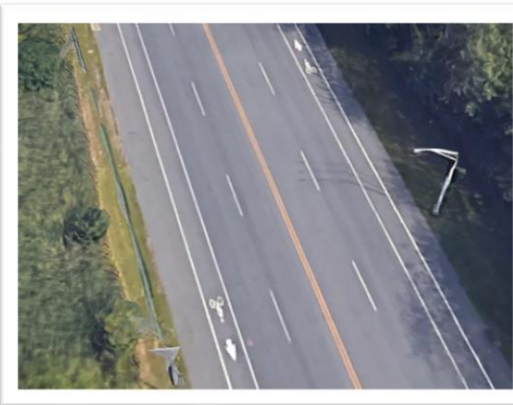


crosswalks & median refuges



Bicyclists

wide shoulders



bike lanes



bike lanes "share the road" signs



Examples of Complete Streets

Transit



bus pulloffs & pedestrian access to bus stops

street & sidewalk lighting



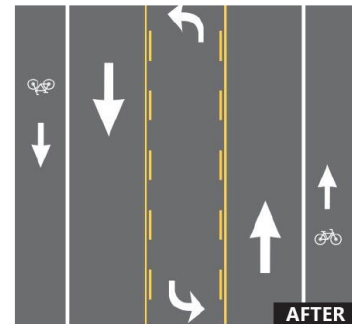
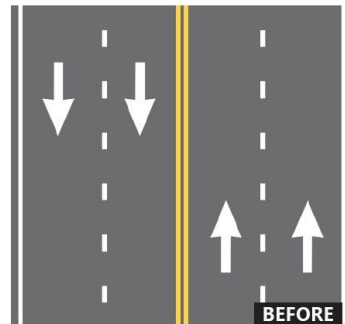
Safety Enhancements

Traffic Calming



raised crosswalks & ramps

road diet



Considerations

Modal Hierarchy

- Used to make well-prioritized design and operation decisions
- Not all modes can be accommodated on all streets (ROW, safety, etc.)

Maintenance

- Future maintenance of physical elements and materials
- Public vs. private responsibility
- Snow removal operations and storage

Key Study Milestones



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Existing Conditions Overview

- Existing Conditions:
 - Existing Zoning & Land Use
 - Pedestrian Facilities
 - Crash History
 - Intersections
 - Traffic Data Collection
 - Traffic Data Analysis
 - Observed Site Conditions

