

Washington/Western Bus Rapid Transit Line
Albany, New York
Small Starts Project Development
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The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in the eight mile Washington/Western corridor that extends from downtown Albany, through the University at Albany, the Harriman State Office Complex, and ends at Crossgates Mall. The project includes 15 stations, dedicated lanes over a majority of the alignment, limited stops, uniquely branded buses and stations, transit signal priority, queue bypass lanes, real-time bus arrival information, and transit parking. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$64 million.

CDTA's second busiest transit services operate in this corridor, where approximately 25 to 35 percent of the population does not own an automobile. CDTA believes the proposed project would provide direct, frequent, quick, and more reliable service currently lacking in the corridor today. CDTA expects to attract new transit riders and to encourage transit and pedestrian-oriented revitalization in this corridor that serves major institutions, offices, colleges and universities, as well as retail and urban residential areas.

CDTA selected BRT as the locally preferred alternative in December 2013. It was subsequently included in the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in March 2014. The project entered Small Starts Project Development in July 2014. CDTA completed the environmental review process with receipt of a Categorical Exclusion in February 2015. The scope and cost of the project is currently being assessed by the project sponsor. Future milestone dates will be determined after the project sponsor's review is complete.