## River Corridor/Blue Line Bus Rapid Transit

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The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in the fifteen-mile River Corridor that extends from South Albany at Kenwood Port to the Village of Waterford. CDTA indicates the project will include 26 stations, 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 \$35 million.

CDTA believes the proposed project would reduce transit travel times, provide direct and frequent service, and improve mobility for persons who do not have access to a car and persons with limited mobility. Air quality improvements are also anticipated.

CDTA selected BRT as the locally preferred alternative and included it in the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in September 2014. CDTA anticipates completing the environmental review process with the receipt of a Categorical Exclusion in 2015. A Small Starts Grant Agreement is expected in 2018.

