

Washington/Western Bus Rapid Transit Line
Albany, New York
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. CDTA indicates the project will include 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, 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. CDTA hopes to complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Categorical Exclusion in April 2015, and receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in late 2015.