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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) requests a contract authorization with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) to develop and implement transportation and community plans that promote walking. The CDTC will convene a Complete Streets Symposium; share related resources and model policies; and submit monthly and final reports. The objective of the Complete Streets Symposium is to help transportation planning practitioners and decision makers identify and overcome barriers to implementing Complete Streets. A Complete Street is one that is designed & operated to enable safe access for all users.

This contract with the CDTC will be funded by the Closing the Gap with Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plans grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which the ACDOH was awarded in 2022. This grant aids in the development of multisector action plans to address social determinants of health (SDOH), which are the nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes. CDTC previously convened a successful Complete Streets symposium in 2016.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
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Enclosures



Albany County Department of Health is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.