

Capital District Transportation Authority Organization Overview

Mission Statement

CDTA plans, finances, implements and delivers transit services that take people where they want to go in the Capital Region safely, efficiently and at a reasonable cost.

Board Members

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Carm Basile, Chief Executive Officer

Board and Committee Structure

- Full Board meets on last Wednesday of the month
12:00 noon at CDTA offices, 110 Watervliet Avenue, Albany
- Governance Committee meets on Thursday preceding the Board meeting at 11:30 am at CDTA offices, 110 Watervliet Avenue, Albany
- Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee meets on Thursday preceding the Board meeting at 12:00 noon at CDTA offices, 110 Watervliet Avenue, Albany
- Performance Oversight Committee (which includes an Audit Committee) meets on Wednesday preceding the Board meeting at 12:00 noon at CDTA offices, 110 Watervliet Avenue, Albany

Fast Facts

Annual Ridership (all services)	17 million
Number of Employees:	645
Fleet Size:	305
Average Age of Fixed Route Buses:	6.5 years
Annual Vehicle Miles:	9.9 million
Annual Fuel Consumption:	2.2 million gallons
Annual Budget:	\$79.8 million
Base Fare:	\$1.50
Rail Stations:	Rensselaer and Saratoga Springs
Annual Rail Station Boardings:	1 million
Counties Services:	Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady
Service Area Population:	769,000
Annual Web Site Visits:	1.5 million

Information:

Customer Information Center: 482-8822
Web Site Address: www.cdta.org

Organizational Summary

CDTA provides transportation service throughout Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties. The route network is extensive with a menu of services, including a demand response service for people with disabilities, called STAR. In addition to transit services, CDTA owns and operates train stations in Rensselaer and in Saratoga Springs. The Rensselaer station is among the 12 busiest in the country as measured by Amtrak boarding activity. The Saratoga Springs station is a popular tourist facility, with train service to the north county region of New York. CDTA is adding service, new ways to pay and improving waiting centers for customers, with a number of projects and innovative developments underway.

Close to 650 people work at CDTA, and we are proud of their efforts to provide high quality services to our customers. The annual budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 of \$79.8 million is balanced, and we continue to provide high quality services without increase to fares or rates. This comes about, mainly because of the efforts of our highly competent workforce.

Last year, there were 17 million boardings on our buses, the highest total in the history of CDTA. This continues a five-year trend of increasing ridership throughout our system. Ridership increases are across the board of our services, with notable increases on our BRT Line (called BusPlus) and most trunk routes. We are also seeing consistent increases in ridership on STAR service. We expect demand for this service to continue as our population ages and special needs services become more critical.

We own and successfully operate two rail stations. The Rensselaer Rail Station has annual boardings of close to 1 million annually, making it one of the top 12 busiest stations in the Amtrak network. We have added parking capacity and are leasing available office space to increase and diversify revenue opportunities for CDTA. The Saratoga Springs Train Station offers customers service to the Adirondacks and season events like the Polar Express. We recently expanded the parking facility to make it more convenient for customers.

Our Innovation Platform of projects includes plans for 40 miles of Bus Rapid Transit services, a new fare collection system that will feature smart card and mobile ticket payment options, expanded Universal Access programs, intermodal Transit Centers at major boarding locations and a new CAD/AVL system that will replace old and outdated technology.

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