Agenda

- Introduction and Study Overview
- Purpose of Meeting
- Capital District Trends & Projections
- Constraints to Growth
- Major Transportation Proposals
- Summary of Meeting Results
- Next Steps
Primary Study Area: Highway

- I-87 from Exit 21A to Champlain border crossing
- Routes 9 and 22
- East/west connectors
  - I-90
  - Routes 3, 73, 74, 149
  - Route 396
Primary Study Area: Other Modes

- Marine
  - Port of Albany

- Rail
  - High Speed Rail
  - Rail Freight

- Airports
  - Albany International

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Study Work Tasks: Phase I

- Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures
- Economic Zone Meetings
- Data Collection
- Existing Conditions Assessment
- Potential Improvements
Study Work Tasks: Phase II

- Pre-Screen Potential Initiatives/Projects
- Further Develop Selected Projects
- Analyze & Rank Projects
- Recommendations: Near- & Long-Term
Economic Zones

- Study area divided into three Economic Zones
- Zones based on geographic and economic similarities
- Provides framework for discussion of transportation initiatives
Use of Economic Zone Meetings

- Confirm economic trends/near-term projections
- Define key growth sectors
- Identify economic growth constraints
- Relate to major transportation proposals
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Economic Study Zones

- Central Zone

Counties: Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady
Economic Study Zones

Northern Zone
- Counties: Clinton, Essex, Warren, Washington

Southern Zone
- Counties: Greene, Columbia, Ulster
RECENT TRENDS
Population Trends

1980 – 2001:

• NYS .................. +8%
• Corridor ...... ...+8%
• Central Zone.....+7%

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Employment Trends

1980 – 2001:

- NYS……………+21%
- Corridor……….+34%
- Central Zone …+32%

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Central Zone Industry Trends

AGRI / MINING / CONSTR / TRANSP / COMMS / UTILS

% of Jobs in 2001
Central: 9%   NYS: 7%

Annual Growth: .7%
(NYS: .5%)

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Central Zone Industry Trends

MANUFACTURING % of Jobs in 2001
Central: 8% NYS: 13%

Annual Growth: -1.7%
(NYS: -2%)
Central Zone Industry Trends

WHOLESALE / RETAIL TRADE

% of Jobs in 2001
Central: 21%  NYS: 16%

Annual Growth: .3%
(NYS: .5%)
Central Zone Industry Trends

F.I.R.E. AND SERVICES  % of Jobs in 2001
Central: 38%  NYS: 54%

Annual Growth: 2%
(NYS: 2%)
Central Zone Industry Trends

GOVERNMENT

% of Jobs in 2001
Central: 24%     NYS: 17%

Annual Growth: -0.4%
(NYS: -0.3%)
Central Zone Employers

Top Employer Industries:
- Health
- Insurance
- Transportation
- Government
- Education
FUTURE PROJECTIONS
Central Zone Projections

POPULATION

- Recent Trend:
  - 1980-2001: +7% (~.3%/Year)

- Near-Term Projection:
  - 2001-2010: +4% (~.4%/Year)
Central Zone Projections

**EMPLOYMENT: TOTAL**

- **Recent Trend:**
  - 1980-2001 → +32% (~1.5%/Year)

- **Near-Term Projection**
  - 2001-2010 → +9% (~.9%/Year)
Central Zone Projections

EMPLOYMENT:
AGRI – MINING – CONST – TRANS – COMM - UTIL

- Recent Trend:
  - 1990-2001 → +7.7% (~.7%/Year)

- Near-Term Projection
  - 2001-2010 → +5% (~.6%/Year)
Central Zone Projections

EMPLOYMENT:
MANUFACTURING

■ Recent Trend:
  ■ 1990-2001 → -19% (-1.7%/Year)

■ Near-Term Projection
  ■ 2001-2010 → -8% (-.9%/Year)
Central Zone Projections

EMPLOYMENT:
WHOLESALE - RETAIL TRADE

- **Recent Trend:**
  - 1990-2001 → +3.2% (~.3%/Year)

- **Near-Term Projection**
  - 2001-2010 → +5% (~.6%/Year)
Central Zone Projections

EMPLOYMENT:
F.I.R.E. - SERVICES

- **Recent Trend:**
  - 1990-2001 → +24% (~2.2%/Year)

- **Near-Term Projection**
  - 2001-2010 → +18% (~2%/Year)
Central Zone Projections

EMPLOYMENT: GOVERNMENT

- **Recent Trend:**
  - 1990-2001: -4% (~0.4%/Year)

- **Near-Term Projection**
  - 2001-2010: +2% (~0.2%/Year)
Central Zone: Trend & Projection Summary

- **Private Sector Mix – Central Zone vs. NYS**
  - Closely mirrors State trends
  - Decline in Manufacturing
  - Growth in Trade, F.I.R.E., and Services

- **Population Growth – mirrors State patterns**

- **Employment & Population Projections**
  - Population growth to remain steady
  - Job growth will slow slightly relative to 1990s
WORKING DISCUSSION:

- Growth Constraints
- Transportation Initiatives
Transportation Initiatives

EXAMPLES

- Albany Corridor Study
- Proposed Northway Exit 3 connector to Albany Airport
- Thruway Exit 11A, Luther Forest Tech Park
Growth Constraints

EXAMPLES
- Capacity at key Thruway exits (ex: Exit 24)
- Infrastructure for hi-tech/industrial parks
- Underinvestment in marine modes
- Freight capacity at Albany Airport
- Skill level/age of workforce