

# West Ave Complete Streets Study



## Study Advisory Committee

## Meeting #1



May 1, 2026

# Agenda

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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Background & Study Area
3. Draft Study Purpose
4. Scope & Schedule
5. Previous Plan Review
6. Preliminary Crash Data
7. Public Participation Plan
8. Website
9. Open Discussion – issues and desired outcomes
10. Next Steps

# Welcome and Introductions



## CAPITAL REGION Transportation Council

The Capital Regional Transportation Council (Transportation Council) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) carrying out federal requirements for cooperative transportation planning and programming within the metropolitan area that includes **Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties**, except the Town of Moreau and the Village of South Glens Falls.

The West Avenue Complete Streets Study is being **funded by the City of Saratoga Springs and the Transportation Council** as a Linkage Program study through the Transportation Council's **2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program**.



# Project Team

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- Introductions from representatives from
  - Transportation Council
  - City of Saratoga Springs
  - Consultant Team
  - Stakeholders

# Background & Study Area

- Background
- Study Area
  - City of Saratoga Springs
  - Includes Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs Train and Bus Station
  - Approximately 3,010 current residents
    - Over 700 residential units approved or under construction
    - Projected growth of 1,480 to 1,569 people



# Study Purpose (Draft)

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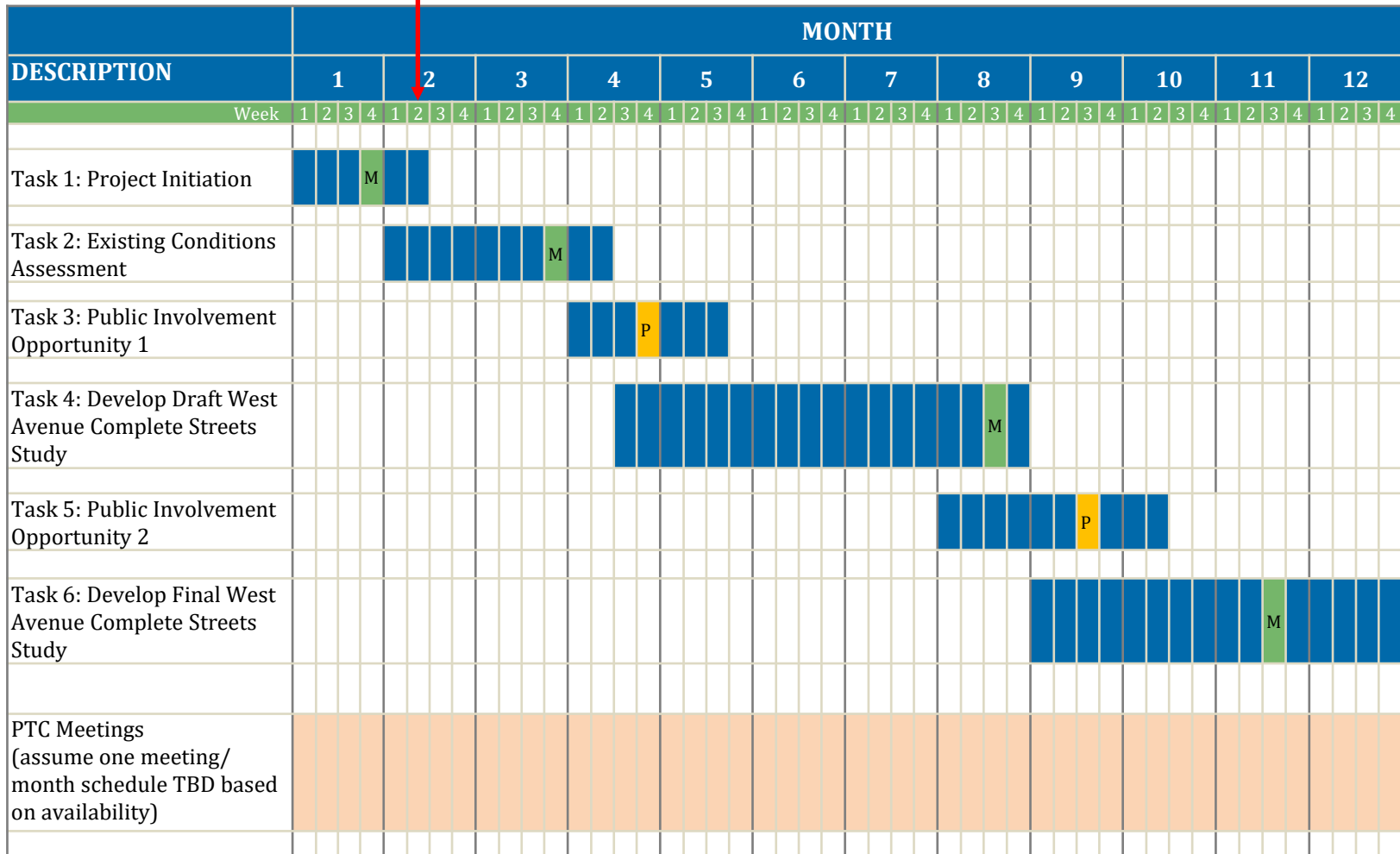
The purpose of this transportation planning study is to provide strategic guidance for **future multimodal transportation improvement projects** in relation to **planned development**, and ensure **increased accessibility and connectivity of the bicycle and pedestrian network** in Saratoga Springs

# Scope

#	Task	Outcomes
1	Initiation	Kick-off meeting; Public Involvement Plan; Project Website; SAC Meeting #1
2	Existing Conditions Assessment	Data collection; Previous Planning Work; Crashes, Forecasts; SAC Meeting #2
3	Public Involvement	Public Workshop #1: Present Existing Conditions
4	Draft West Avenue Complete Streets Study	Provide analysis of existing conditions, future development trends, conceptual corridor designs, transit and intersection improvements, cost estimates, and implementation plans
5	Public Involvement	Public Workshop #2: Present Draft Complete Streets Study
6	Final Draft West Avenue Complete Streets Study	Incorporate feedback received at the second public workshop, documentation of any eliminated design concepts, and summary of engagement
7	Public Involvement	Final Presentation to City

# Schedule

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M: SAC Meeting

P: Public Meeting

# Previous Plan Review

## In Motion: The Plan to 2050 (2025) (The Capital Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan)

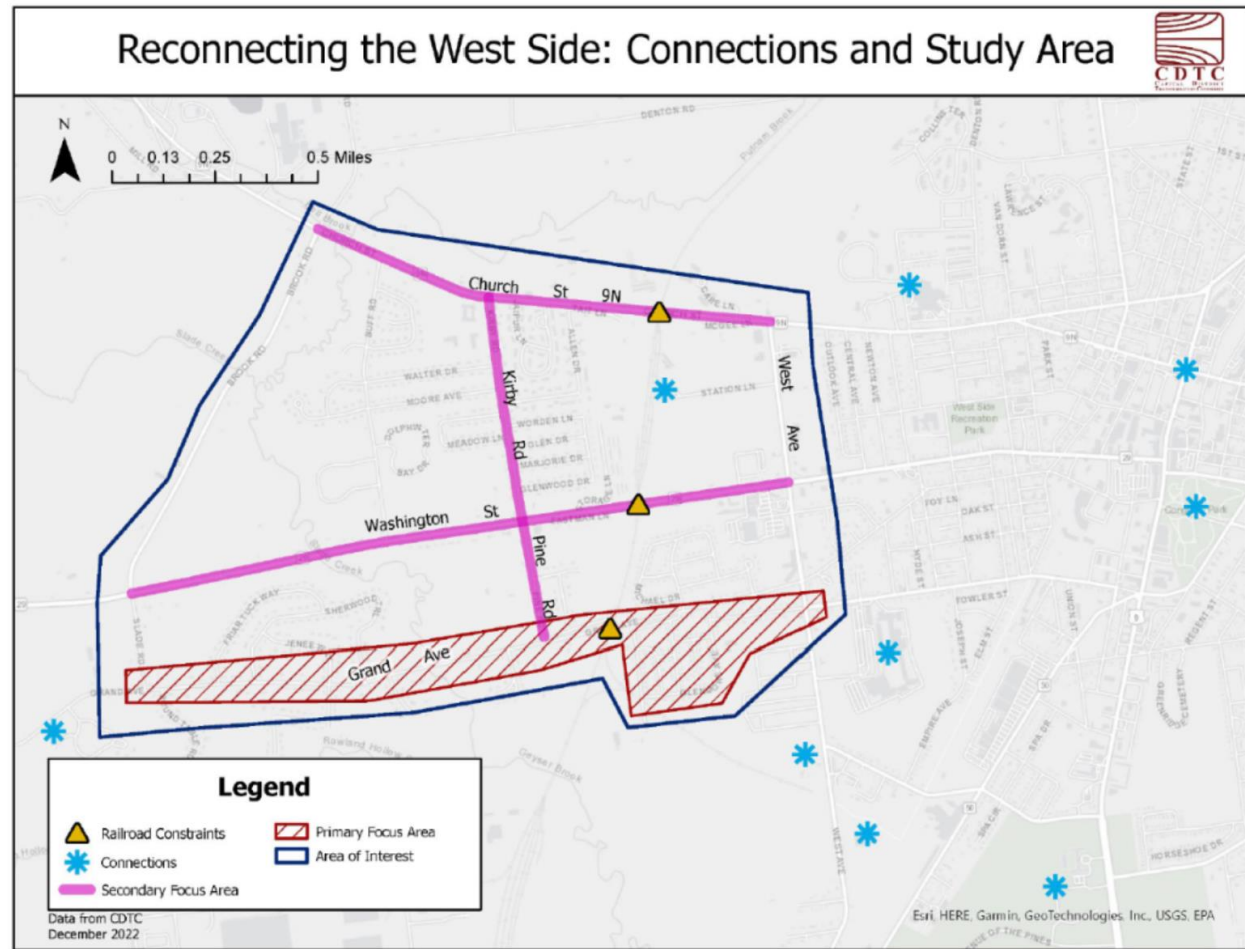
- Goals
  - Move toward **zero fatalities** and dramatically reduce serious injuries
  - Improve **walking, biking, and transit** connections
  - Close gaps in the **multimodal network**
  - Prioritize benefits for disadvantaged and underserved communities
- Relevance
  - Local projects must align with this Plan to receive federal transportation funding
  - The Plan influences:
    - NYSDOT investment priorities
    - Transit funding decisions
    - Bicycle and pedestrian improvements
    - Freight and economic development planning



# Previous Plan Review

## Reconnecting the West Side (2023)

- Goal
  - Identify the safest pedestrian and bicycling routes in the area and install safety measures
- Outcome
  - The City Council unanimously voted to install four all-way stop signs along Grand Avenue at key intersections



# Previous Plan Review

## Saratoga Springs Area Build-Out Analysis (2025)

- Goal
  - Estimate future growth under current zoning
  - Support transportation and complete streets planning
- Project Includes
  - Analysis of all parcels in the study area
  - Base population estimate
  - Development constraints analysis
- Key Outcome
  - Projected population growth to 4,000-4,350 in the corridor

### Saratoga Springs Area Build-Out Analysis

Community Planning Technical Assistance Program | 2025

Prepared by: Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC)

In Partnership with: City of Saratoga Springs and the Capital Region Transportation Council (CRTC)

#### Executive Summary

Through the 2025 Community Planning Technical Assistance Program, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) partnered with the City of Saratoga Springs to conduct a land use and zoning-based analysis along the West Avenue corridor, including segments of Church Street, Kirby Road, and Grand Avenue, with a quarter-mile buffer. This work supports a larger Linkage Study administered by the Capital Region Transportation Council and seeks to inform future transportation and mobility planning by assessing existing development conditions and estimating potential build-out under current zoning.

CDRPC's work focused on three main tasks: identifying developable parcels within the study area, reviewing proposed development activity, and conducting a zoning build-out analysis to estimate the range of new residential units that could be constructed under existing regulations. The project team used parcel data, zoning code review, and development application materials to classify parcels by type and potential intensity of development. This effort establishes a baseline of likely growth scenarios for future transportation modeling and planning.

This memo concludes CDRPC's portion of the technical assistance and sets the stage for the next phase of work under the Transportation Council's Linkage Study. The next phase will model the potential implications of low-, medium-, and high-intensity development scenarios on corridor infrastructure, such as vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit networks. Together, these efforts will help the City of Saratoga Springs and regional partners make informed decisions about land use, transportation investments, and the adoption of Complete Streets principles in this rapidly evolving corridor.

#### Project Overview

##### 2.1 Background and Context

This technical assistance effort focused on the West Avenue corridor in the City of Saratoga Springs, with an expanded study area that includes Church Street, Kirby Road, and Grand Avenue, as well as a quarter-mile buffer surrounding these corridors. The study area encompasses a mix of residential, institutional, and commercial land uses and is

# Previous Plan Review

## New York State Carbon Reduction Strategy (2023)

- Goal for transportation/mobility
  - Reduce carbon emissions from transportation
- Recommendations for transportation/mobility
  - Expand Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) adoption and infrastructure
  - Enhance public transportation and efficient mobility systems
  - Expand active transportation and shared mobility choices

New York State  
Carbon Reduction  
Strategy

NYS Department of  
Transportation  
November 2023



# Previous Plan Review

## Capital District Complete Streets Design Guide

- Serve all users equitably
- Ensures transportation investments are consistently planned, programmed, designed, operated and maintained with **all users** in mind
- Toolbox
  - Sidewalks
  - Roadways
  - Intersections
  - Curbsides



# Previous Plan Review

## Station Park Development Rt. 29 Between Station Lane and Washington Street (2024)

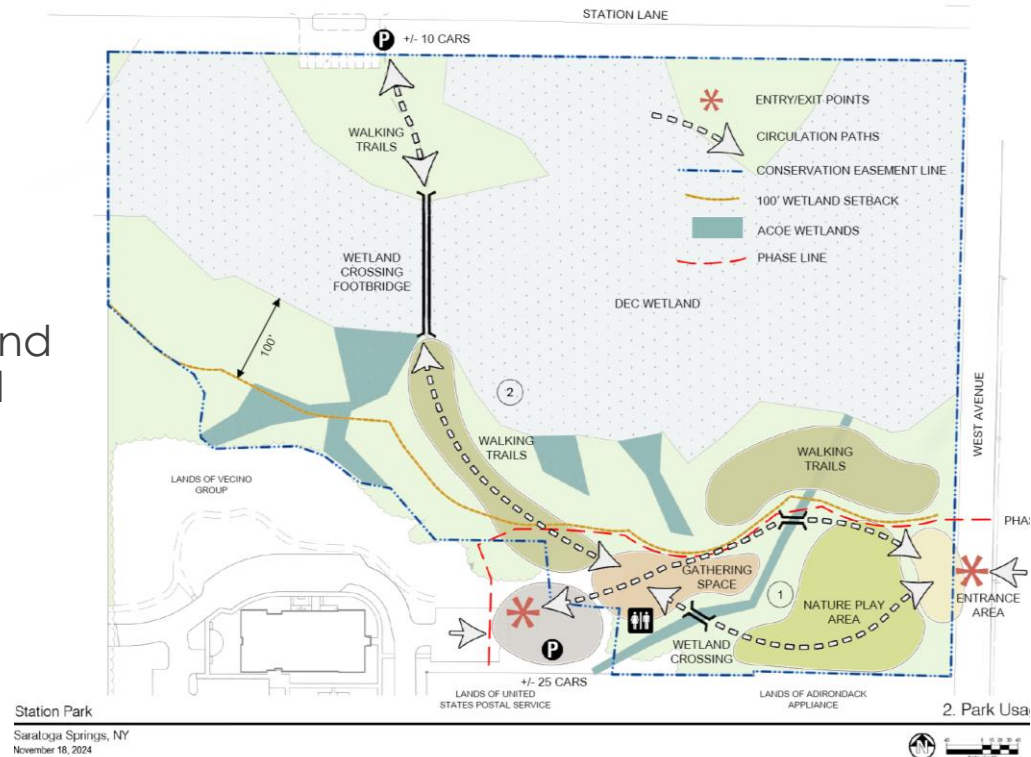
- Status of Project
  - NYSDOT found the project to be in keeping with the goals of **the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan** and the **Complete Streets Program**, recognized the City of Saratoga Springs as lead agency and itself as involved (project abuts NY Rt. 29), and provided a list of recommendations for consideration.
- Project Includes
  - 13-lot subdivision with construction of 344 multi-family residential units
  - Two 4-story buildings
  - A 110-room hotel
  - Forty 2-story row house buildings in the Neighborhood Center (T-5)
  - The project impact area is roughly 10.8 acres of a 16.68-acre parcel



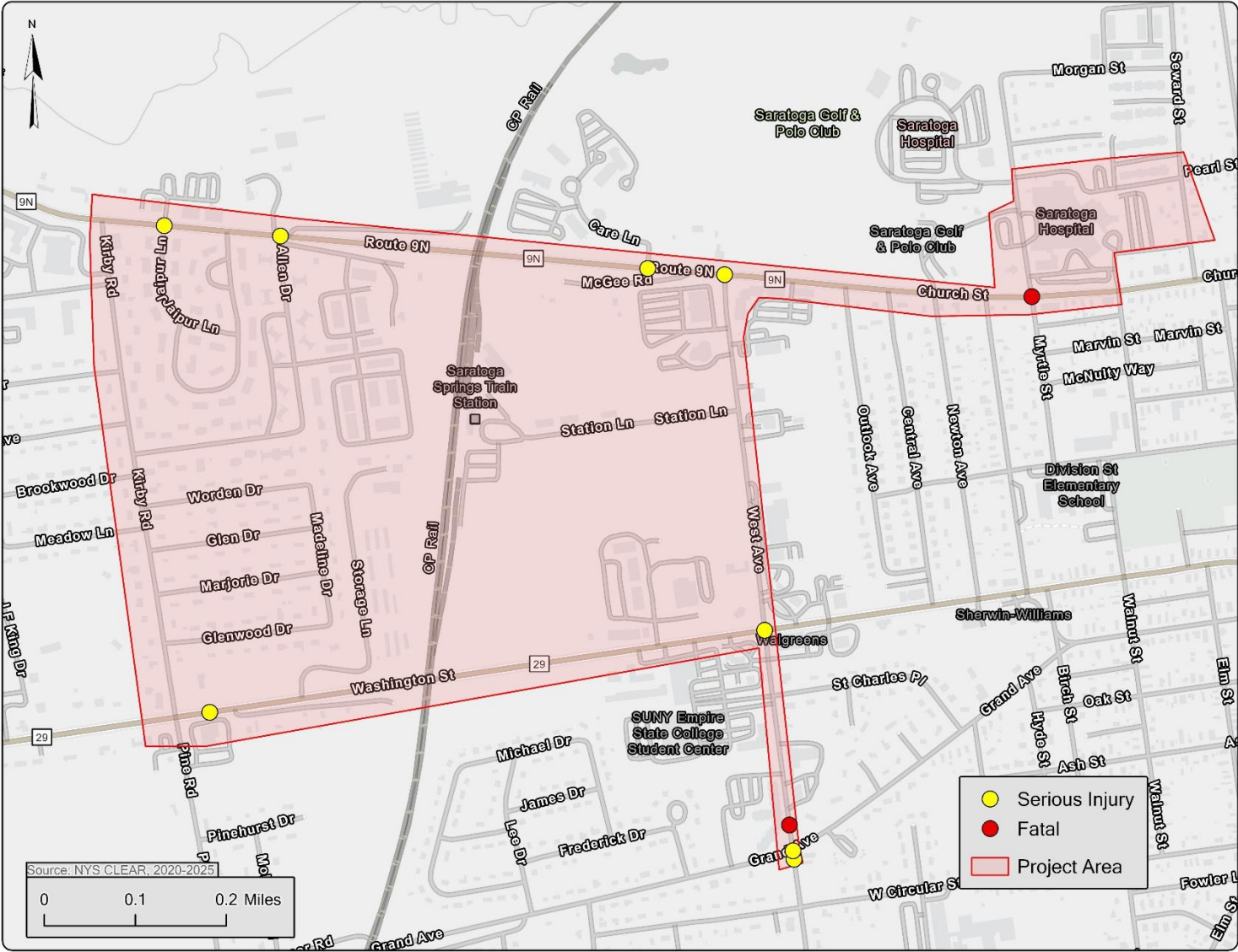
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## Station Lane Park Concept (2024-Present)

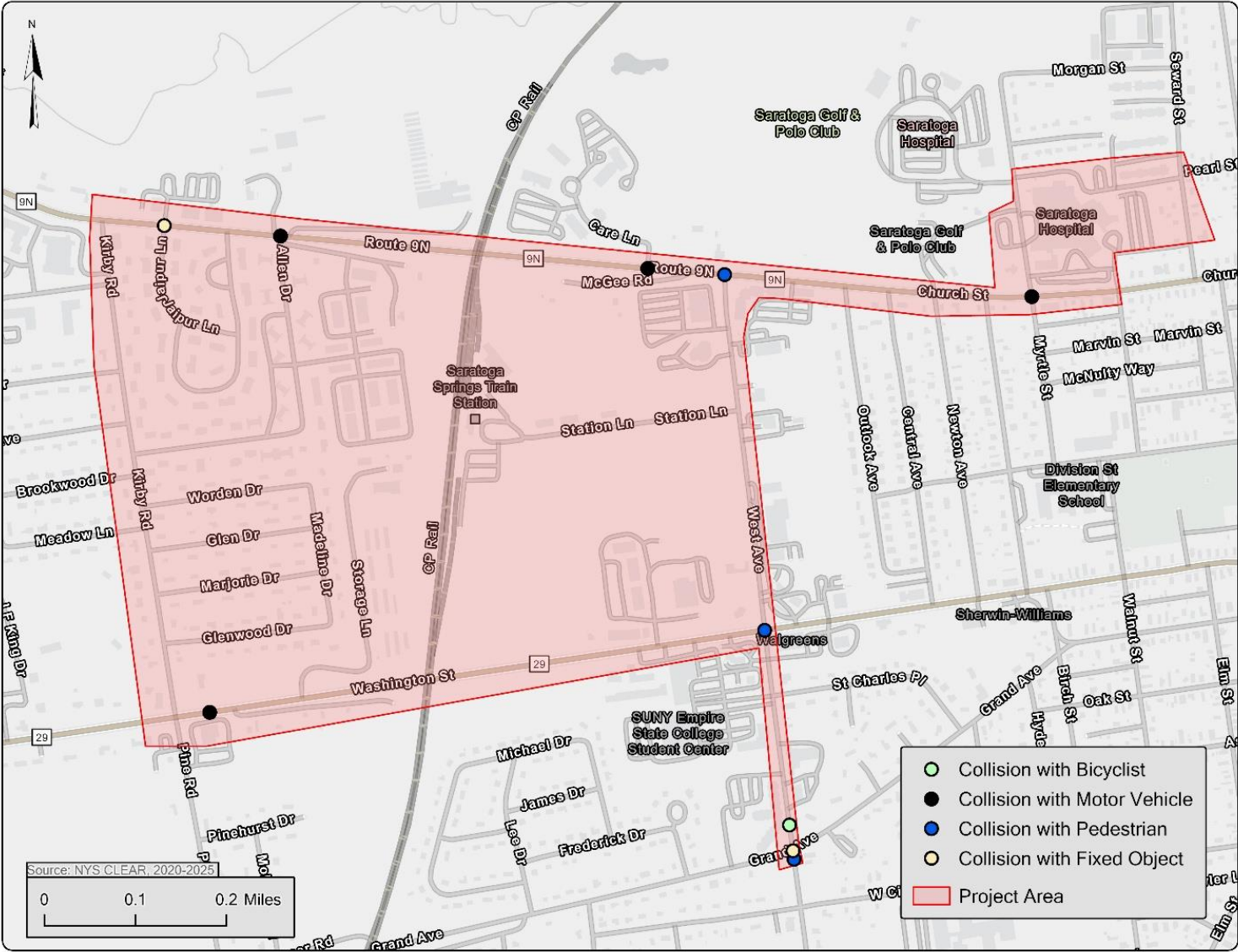
- Goal
  - Creation of a multipurpose recreational area that includes walking trails, gathering spaces, and a nature play-inspired playground
- Features
  - Accessible pathways
  - Sensory exploration areas
  - Nature play elements
  - Inclusive play structures



# Preliminary Crash Data

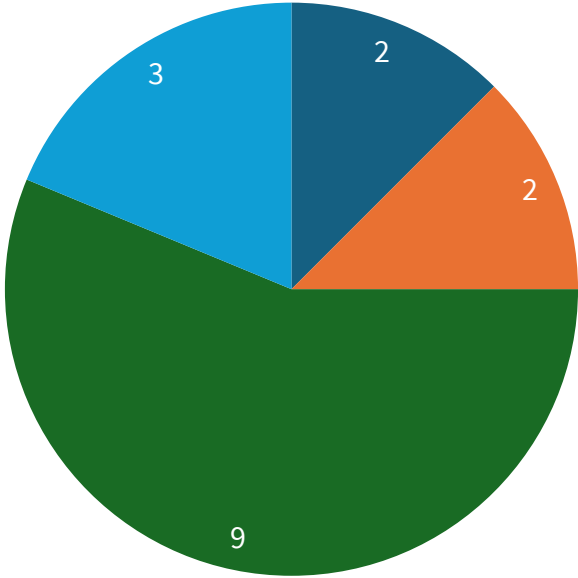


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## Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes



■ Bicyclist

■ Fixed Object

■ Motor Vehicle

■ Pedestrian



# Public Involvement Plan

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- Project Technical Committee
  - Regular meetings throughout the project
- Study Advisory Committee Meetings (4)
  - Kickoff
  - Operational and Safety Analysis
  - Review Draft Plan
  - Final Presentation
- Public Workshops (2)
  - Project Introduction
  - Recommendations Review

# Project Website



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## Welcome to the West Ave Complete Streets Study Website

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### What is the study?

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Feel free to explore the site to learn more about this exciting study and check back for updates as the study progresses!



# Open Discussion – Issues and Desired Outcomes



# Next Steps

- Project Website Launch
- Public Involvement Plan
- Detailed Existing Conditions Report



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**Tell us what you think!**

# Thank You

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