

Public Comments on CPUC Public Review Comprehensive Draft Plan

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Commentor	General Comment	Proposed Response / Revision to Draft Plan (pg. #)
Anton Konev	Called for expanded CDTA services (lines to the Villages of Altamont & Voorheesville, and the Western part of Town)	Add needed expansion to Altamont, Voorheesville, and western part of Town. Define what constitutes the western part of Guilderland (pg. 135-136)
Andrew Genovese	Requested that there be a sidewalk from 155 to Carman Rd.	Note that the Town does have plans to address the feasibility of installing sidewalks and multi-use trails along Western Ave and adjacent properties (pg. 129)
Anonymous Written Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Suggested that Dr. Shaw have a sidewalk ii. Improved maintenance on 155 sidewalks ii. Consider a roundabout by Farmsworth Middle School 	Specify Dr. Shaw Rd. and the need to increase pedestrian between Johnson and 155. Also reference the new nearby senior development and Town Park that will attract more pedestrian and bike traffic to the area (pg. 129)
Suzanne Kawola	Called for maintenance of the Town pool	Tie into Parks and Recreation recommendation for continued maintenance and improvements (pg. 107)
Village of Altamont Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Felt that additional language could be inserted with Neighborhoods and Housing, adding to the end of the goal: “additionally, preservation of existing sense of neighborhoods, hamlets, and Village.” ii. Suggested that the Town create a map of current trails, parks, and designated open areas for the Town residents and for Planning and ZBA applications going forward. iii. Proposed water interconnect between Village and Town iv. Questioned why development setbacks did not include the Bozen Kill v. Had questions about Cluster development vi. Include the Village as a shopping opportunity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Instead of including Village within Neighborhoods & Housing, The Village will be mentioned in the Introduction of the draft plan (pg. 5) ii. Such a map is available to the public on the Town’s interactive mapper and within the UAlbany Bicycle Study. iii. Change feasibility study to saying that the Town should support the Village initiating a plan for an emergency water interconnect. (pg. 33-34) iv. Tributary setbacks apply and restrictions are already set in place in protection of Bozen Kill v. Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed as this recommendation has already been codified vi. Will include the Village for shopping opportunities (pg. 44-45) vii. Smart Growth does involve nearby communities. Roundtable discussions will be expanded to include adjacent local leaders and community stakeholders in terms of Economic and Business development (pg. 53) viii. The Village will be mentioned in the Introduction of the draft plan (pg. 5) ix. Comment noted, but signage for the Village should be their responsibility x. Will mention Village & their library (pg. 107) xi. Such a map has been created (interactive mapper & in UAlbany bike study), instead the draft plan will propose a recommendation to make efforts to formalize the northern expansion of the Long Path (pg. 108)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vii. Recommended that Village Leaders be included in roundtables for Town discussions viii. Mention the Village as a unique feature to the Town ix. Gateway signage for Village x. Mention the Village and their library in E-3 xi. Map of multi-use trails 	
Hailee Metzold	Keep Windmill Estate separate from new developments	Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Mary Jane Perri	Suggested a strict limit on large chain retail stores and encourages smaller multi-family dwellings	Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Richard Gifford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Suggestions for Town staffing ii. Questions about the 5-year plan review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Insert language like “streamline department efficiency” in Governance section (pg. 155) ii. Clarify language about periodic plan review (pg. 157)
Robyn Gray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Expanding sidewalks for pedestrian safety ii. Sidewalk maintenance in the winter iii. Continue use of Library to enhance cultural opportunities & historic events iv. Had concerns about periodic review v. Water Reservoir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. See recommendations for previous comments ii. See recommendations for previous comments iii. Insert language into Preservation of Open Space section (pg. 116) iv. Clarify language about periodic plan review (pg. 157) v. Refer to CDRPC Watervliet Reservoir Watershed Protection Plan recommendations (pg. 61)
Mark Metro	Suggested more information regarding Town veterans and residents living with disabilities	Call out Hometown Heroes Banner program. State that the Town should take efforts to repurpose an existing Town park and redevelop to commemorate veterans in Town. (pg. 118)
Jeffrey Mirel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Recommended that the Transit Oriented Development District be expanded ii. Calls for energy efficient buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consider extending TOD along Western Ave to support additional CDTA service. (pg. 135) ii. Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Joe Abbruzzese	In support of the water interconnect between Altamont & Town	Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
John Haluska	Called for an analysis of suitable affordable housing for the Town	Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed

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Iris Broyde	Calls for implementation of Smart Growth principles regarding community and stakeholder collaboration	Fold in Smart Growth principles as appropriate (pg. 53)
Pat McCarthy	Concerns about traffic on Western and pedestrian safety	Insert the need for complete streets for all State roadways (pg. 130)
Ken McIver	Concerns about the Village and Town water interconnect	See previous proposed revisions (pg. 33-34)
Bruce Dearstyne	Noted that this History section is limited	Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Emily Gosh	Noted that a creek was missing from draft maps	Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Comments below were shared during the Public Hearing		
Elaine Rubinstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Concerned about new complex in front of middle school and how it will affect the traffic pattern ii. Expressed desire for developers to pay for improvements iii. Noted an increase in Town taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. See previous proposed revisions (pg. 129) ii. Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed iii. Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Anton Konev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Limited bus service is an obstacle for families with only one car or no vehicles at all ii. Bethlehem has similar density and does have weekend service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. See previous proposed revisions (pg. 135-136) ii. Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Jeff Morell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. •Recommended shifting parking lots to back of businesses ii. •Calls for expanded BRT services by CDTA 	Comments noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Robyn Gray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Route 20 is not conducive to safe travel for all. There are many lanes, high speed, and congested. Need a new traffic evaluation of real needs for safety. ii. Extending water to Altamont was not discussed prior to the Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. See previous proposed revisions (pg. 129) ii. See previous proposed revisions (pg. 33-34)

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	This should be Altamont's expense rather than Town's.	
Robert Mason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2–3-year review is a good idea, but 5 years may be too long ii. Too many similar businesses in the same place. Gas stations, storage facilities, pharmacies, car washes are all located near one another. Non-competitive clause to allow separation of businesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. See previous proposed revisions (<i>pg. 157</i>) ii. Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed
Susan Mosher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Pollution concerns from the numerous shopping centers, roads, and gas pumps ii. Runoff from farms into watershed, but concerns aren't included for developments such as runoff from home lawn pesticides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Comply with NYSDOT stormwater regulations (<i>pg. 61</i>)
Ken McIver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Town parks, schools, medical services are amenities and strengths ii. Concerns about the Altamont waterline since they live at the tie-in. Understands that line would need to be 10" for fire service. Intents are usually not met, needs to be stated that the line is for emergencies only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Comment noted, no revision to draft plan proposed ii. See previous proposed revisions (<i>pg. 33-34</i>)