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### PRESS RELEASE

## *City Hosting Multi-Day Community Workshop Series on Craig-Main Connection Streetscape*

*Kick-off Launch Party at Electric City Barn set for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>*

**SCHENECTADY** – Mayor Gary McCarthy announced the City of Schenectady will be hosting a series of community workshops on the Craig-Main Connection streetscape project in the Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant neighborhoods. The multi-day public event will commence with a launch party on **Monday, May 20, 2019, from 6:30-8:30pm** at the Electric City Barn, 400 Craig Street.

“We encourage residents of the Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant neighborhoods to attend these events to help develop the vision for streetscape improvements along the Craig Street-Main Avenue corridor that will better serve pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit users,” **Mayor Gary McCarthy** said. “With recent development and revitalization initiatives along this corridor – new senior and affordable housing, the Electric City Barn, the new Boys and Girls Club, the new Mont Pleasant Library, and multiple nearby schools – these events are specifically designed to engage the community and gather public input to enhance alternate transportation needs and infrastructure improvements in strategic coordination with new development in these neighborhoods.”

The kick-off event on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> will include a launch party with music by DJ Ketchup, food from several local vendors, and discussions on the corridor. The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) will be providing shuttle service running continuously during Monday’s launch party event. The shuttle will be making stops at the Electric City Barn, Jerry Burrell Park, Pleasant Valley Elementary, Mont Pleasant Middle School, and the Mont Pleasant Library.

Residents are also invited to attend an open house on **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm** at the COCOA House, 869 Stanley Street, which will reveal concepts based on community discussion at Monday night’s launch party. The public is encouraged to return for a final public presentation on **Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm** at the Friendship House, 955 State Street.

“Creating space for residents, community leaders, business owners and youth in the Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant neighborhoods to become active participants in the design process for this streetscape project is at the heart of these workshops,” said **Kristin Diotte, the City of Schenectady’s Director of Planning and Development**. “We highly encourage participation and look forward to enhanced connection, sense of place and mobility along the Craig-Main corridor that is informed by the people who use it the most.”

Urban designers and planners from the Place Alliance New York, LAndArt Studio, River Street Planning & Development, Mutual Design, and Creighton Manning are working with the City of Schenectady and the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) to help lead the process.

The team will be working with the public to evaluate and design preferred concepts to be developed. The approach is interactive and inclusive and offers the public an opportunity to attend some, or all of the design sessions and presentations to develop a consensus for moving forward with this neighborhood streetscape project, Diotte added.

Additional information about the workshop schedule and details about the project can be found on the project website at [www.craig-main-connection.com](http://www.craig-main-connection.com).