

2016-18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update Schedule

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies all transportation planning and programming activities that are to be undertaken in the Capital District during the upcoming two years. The 2016-18 UPWP begins on April 1, 2016 and ends on March 31, 2018. The intent of the comprehensive work plan is to coordinate all federally-funded transportation-related planning activities in the region.

Each year the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the NYS Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) provide guidance to all MPOs for the development of their UPWPs. This year's letter, dated October 6, 2015, included the following 3 planning emphasis areas (PEAs):

1. **Transition to Performance-based Planning and Programming** – Performance-based planning and programming includes using transportation performance measures, setting targets, reporting performance, and programming transportation investments directed toward the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes.

We are developing a new task which will compare CDTC's performance measures in New Visions 2040 with the current and future federal regulations, collect baseline data for our performance measures, develop performance targets, develop a system to track targets, and develop reports to be submitted to the Planning Committee and Policy Committee.

2. **Models of Regional Planning Cooperation** – Ensure a regional approach to transportation planning by promoting cooperation and coordination across transit agency, MPO and State boundaries. A coordinated approach supports common goals and capitalizes on opportunities related to project delivery, congestion management, safety, freight, livability, and commerce across boundaries.

Our work within NYSAMPO, the NYSAMPO Working Groups, and the Shared Cost Initiatives already address this PEA.

3. **Ladders of Opportunity** – Access to Essential Services. As part of the transportation planning process, identify transportation connectivity gaps in accessing essential services. Essential services include housing, employment, health care, schools/education, and recreation.

We will develop and implement analytical methods to identify gaps in the connectivity of the transportation system, and will suggest infrastructure and operational solutions that could provide traditionally underserved populations access to essential services. We will also create a document outlining the gap analysis and suggested solutions as well as related accomplishments performed under other related tasks.

In addition to adding the above tasks into the new UPWP, we will remove or decrease the funding for several completed tasks. They include:

Task 3.10	I-87 Integrated Corridor Study
Task 3.77	RTP Refinement (New Visions 2040)
Task 4.21	Freight Planning
Task 5.05	Guilderland Westmere Linkage Study
Task 5.89	New Visions Guidebook
Task 5.95	Saratoga County Regional Traffic Study

Finally we will also be adding 2 new Linkage Studies to the new UPWP, once they are selected and approved by the Planning Committee at the February meeting.

Since the new UPWP begins on April 1, 2016 and we must submit our plan to the FHWA, FTA, and the NYS DOT by the middle of March, we plan to submit a draft UPWP to the Planning Committee at the February meeting. If approved, we would then submit that draft to the Policy Committee at their March meeting.