

## **BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS**

### **Spot Improvement Program Introduction**

At its July 31, 1997 meeting, the CDTC Policy Committee voted to endorse the 1997-02 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which included as project RG41 a "Spot Improvements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Access" program. This established an ongoing program that sets aside \$100,000 per year of STP-Flex funds for projects whose scopes are too small for other programs like the Transportation Enhancements Program. RG41 was replenished in both the 1999-04 and the 2001-06 TIP's.

Spot Improvements are actions that address problems at specific locations such as intersections, short lengths of roadway, or single destinations (e.g., an office building or shopping center). They can be distinguished from other bicycle and pedestrian-related projects such as development of new trails in that they bridge physical or functional gaps in the system rather than in and of themselves providing new routes.

The first project to be funded as a drawdown under RG41 was the Bikes on Buses program (T58). This project was approved by the Planning Committee at its November 18, 1998 meeting. Since that time, projects were awarded funding through two competitive rounds. Round one began with a solicitation letter on January 12, 2000 calling for project proposals. The submission deadline was March 3, 2000 and a total of 17 proposals were received. After follow-up discussions with project sponsors and several discussions with the CDTC's Planning Committee, the Committee approved funding for 13 projects as listed in Table 2 below.

**TABLE 2**

### **SPOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED IN ROUND ONE**

<b>TIP#/PIN</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
A409/1755.72	Albany (City)	Bike Racks
A410/1755.73	Bethlehem	Sidewalks
A411/1755.74	Cohoes	Bike Racks
A412/1755.75	Colonie (Town)	Mohawk-Hudson Bike Trail
A413/1755.76	Green Island	Green Island Bridge Sidewalks
A414	Menands	Wards Lane Sidewalks
SA177	Malta	Malta Trail Improvements
SA178	Clifton Park	Arongen-Shenendehowa Public Library Multi-Use Path
SA179	Saratoga Springs	Station Lane Sidewalks
SA180/1755.81	Stillwater	Crosswalk and Four Pedestrian Signs
S153/1755.78	Niskayuna	Bike Trail Repairs
S154	Schenectady	Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail
S155/1755.79	Scotia	Sidewalks

### ***TIP Narrative***

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Round two began with a solicitation letter on May 1, 2002. The submission deadline was July 31, 2002 and a total of 17 proposals were received. A review committee with representatives from CDTC and NYSDOT Region One was established. After reviewing each of the proposals, the review committee ranked each project and offered three options to the Planning Committee. On September 4, 2002 the Planning Committee chose to program the eight top ranked projects as listed in Table 3 below.

**TABLE 3**  
**SPOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED IN ROUND TWO**

<b>TIP#/PIN</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
A422	Voorheesville	Railroad Pedestrian Crossing
A423	Guilderland	Carmen Road Sidewalks
R228	Hoosick Falls	Village Pedestrian/Cyclist Crosswalks
SA190	Schuylerville	Green Street Connector Sidewalk Reconstruction
SA191	Hadley	Hadley Sidewalk Improvement
SA192	Malta	Pedestrian Improvements
SA193	Milton	Property Streetscape Improvements
S160	Schenectady County	State/Washington Intersection Pedestrian Improvements

CDTC began round three with a solicitation letter on May 17, 2004. The submission deadline was July 30, 2004 and 22 proposals were received. As in previous rounds, a review committee was formed consisting of CDTC staff, NYSDOT Region 1, and Parks and Trails New York. After review of the proposals, funding options were offered to the Planning Committee. At their September 2004 meeting, Planning Committee agreed to fund the nine projects shown in Table 4 below.

**TABLE 4**  
**SPOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED IN ROUND THREE**

<b>TIP#/PIN</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
A445	Colonie (V)	Central Avenue Safety Improvements
A446	Colonie (T)	Paving MHBHT to Cohoes
A447	Guilderland	McKown Road Sidewalks
R248	Troy	9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalks
R249	Rensselaer (C)	First Alley Connector Sidewalk
R250	East Greenbush	Route 151 Flashing Beacons
R251	Castleton (V)	Scott Avenue Sidewalks
SA213	Mechanicville	South Street Sidewalks
Included with SA101	Clifton Park	Sherwood Dawson Trail

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A fourth round of funding took place in 2006. A solicitation letter was sent out on July 31<sup>st</sup> with an application deadline of September 29, 2006. Eight proposals were received. A review committee was again formed with representatives from CDTC staff, NYSDOT Region 1 and the NYS Department of Health, to review the proposals and generate options for Planning Committee consideration. At the November 2006 meeting, the Planning Committee agreed to fund all eight of the proposals received, shown in Table 5.

**TABLE 5**

**SPOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED IN ROUND FOUR**

<b>TIP#</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
SA230	Village of Waterford	Burton Ave. Project-Champlain Canalway Trail
A478	City of Albany	Southern Intersection of Euclid Ave w/Berkshire Blvd
A479	City of Cohoes	Western Gateway Speed Table
SA217	Town of Clifton Park	Crescent Road-Okte School Crossing Improvements
SA217	Town of Clifton Park	Crescent-Southbury-Lapp Roads Intersection Improvements
SA231	Town of Halfmoon	Halfmoon Physically-Challenged Fishing Access/Trail
A480	Town of Bethlehem	Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Sidewalk Connections
SA232	Town of Malta	Community Center Route 9 Spur

A fifth round of funding took place in 2008. A solicitation letter was sent out on June 16th with an application deadline of August 29, 2008. Thirteen proposals were received. A review committee was again formed with representatives from CDTC staff, NYSDOT Region 1 and the NYS Department of Health, to review the proposals and generate options for Planning Committee consideration. At the October 2008 meeting, the Planning Committee agreed to fund eight of the proposals received, shown in Table 6.

**TABLE 6**

**SPOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED IN ROUND FIVE**

<b>TIP#</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
SA246	Town of Malta	Route 9/ Town Court Pedestrian Connectivity Project
A506	City of Albany	Catherine Street between S. Swan and S. Hawk
SA247	City of Saratoga Springs	Core Area Mobility Impaired Accessiblity Improvements
S191	Schenectady County	MHBHT Informational Kiosks
S192	Town of Rotterdam	Hamburg Street Sidewalk Connection
S190	City of Schenectady	Seneca Street and Maxon Road Canalway Trail Crossings

A sixth round of funding occurred in 2012. Solicitation materials were sent out in November and applications were due on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The solicitation was coordinated with a broader

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CMAQ solicitation. In total, 9 applications were received. CDTC staff conducted an evaluation of each of the projects based on number of trips and market potential. As of January 30, 2013, none of the projects have status on the TIP but are an important piece of Planning Committee discussions as the 2013-18 TIP is being developed.

**TABLE 7**

**SPOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED IN ROUND SIX**

<b>TIP#</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
A499	Town of Guilderland	Carman Road Connector Sidewalk
A500	City of Albany	Sheridan Hollow Sidewalks
R277	City of Troy	Lansingburgh Sidewalk
S187	Schenectady County	Mohawk / Hudson Bike Trail Crossing at NY 5S

In 2013 the RG41 Spot Improvement Program was renamed RG103 “Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Set-Aside.” The amount of funding available totaled \$1.67M, a significant increase from previous Spot Improvement Program solicitations. Funding came from a mix of CMAQ, Safety, and STP-Flex funding. Due to changes in air quality standards, the CDTC-area became in “attainment” and no longer eligible for CMAQ funding. Solicitation materials were sent out in December 2013 and applications were due on January 31, 2014. In total, 6 applications were received. CDTC staff conducted an evaluation of each of the projects based on number of trips and market potential. At the May 2014 Planning Committee meeting the projects listed below were approved for funding, with the Flower Hill Multi-Use Path Connection project partially funded based on recommendation by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Town agreed to provide the deficit.

**TABLE 8**

**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN NETWORK SET-ASIDE**

<b>TIP#</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
A549	City of Albany	Madison Ave Road Diet: N. Allen St to Partridge St.
A552	Village of Green Island	Black Bridge Rail Trail Connection: Upper Cannon Street to Village Line
S216	Schenectady County	Mohawk Hudson Bike Trail Bollard / Gate Retrofit
S217	Town of Niskayuna	Flower Hill Multi-Use Path Connection
S218	Town of Niskayuna	Niskayuna Soccer Fields Multi-Use Path Connection
S219	Schenectady County	Helderberg Avenue Sidewalks