

**Capital District Transportation Committee
2016-21 TIP
Proposed Changes to Project Selection Guidelines**

On March 2, 2017, CDTC performed the difficult task of deferring phases of several projects to accommodate a fiscal constraint limitation of 5% over-programming in the current federal fiscal year (2016-17 at that time). That was done to comply with directions from FHWA, who then approved of the resulting reduction in over-programming performed at that meeting. In order to be consistent with the spirit of the actions taken at the March 2 meeting, CDTC staff did not make any “project selection” changes to the TIP that increased the programming in 2016-17, and discouraged sponsors with such proposals from seeking Planning Committee approval through the amendment process.

The 2016-17 FFY is over. But CDTC staff still considers the 5% limit from FHWA to be in effect for the current FFY (now 2017-18). According to TIP Summary Table 4 (fiscal constraint) as of December 26, 2017, CDTC is 2.8% over-programmed in FFY 2017-18. **This leaves only 2.2% (\$1.3M) additional programming to reach the 5% threshold.**

Accordingly, CDTC staff recommends amending the project selection guidelines to not permit any **project selection** changes (changes not normally requiring Planning Committee action), if the change does all of the below. Please note that this would pertain to any changes, including schedule changes.

- 1) increases programming in the current FFY
- 2) over-programming after the increase is greater than 5% in the current FFY
- 3) does not include an offset that keeps over-programming under 5%

Regarding **TIP amendments requiring Planning Committee approval**, below are three options for consideration:

- 1) No amendments that increase programming in the current FFY are allowed.
- 2) The Planning Committee exercises restraint to not approve any changes that meet all three of the criteria in the above section.
- 3) Proceed as usual with no change to procedures and make any necessary adjustments at the next TIP update..