

Capital District
Transportation Committee

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**Capital District Transportation Committee
2016-21 TIP
Proposed Changes to Transit Funding Estimates**

During the 2016-21 TIP Update, funding estimates were made, and approved by the CDTC Planning Committee and Policy Board. Subsequently, Section 5307 transit funding for 2016-17 was higher than expected, both for the Albany-Schenectady-Troy and Saratoga Springs areas. The Section 5307 actual funding for 2016-17 was even higher than the estimates for 2017-18. Therefore, CDTA would like to program additional funds, in anticipation that the 2017-18 funding will be higher than originally anticipated and programmed in the TIP.

It should be emphasized that actual funding for the 2017-18 FFY is not yet known, even though the FFY has started. In the 2016-17 FFY, “7/12” of the funding was provided by FTA in January 2017, and the other “5/12” in July 2017, both well after the beginning of the FFY. With Policy Board meetings in March and June, significant differences between TIP programming and actual funding resulted in a tight schedule for CDTA to use funding in the year it became available (which they desired, but are not required, to do). Therefore, this FFY (2017-18), CDTC and CDTA staff worked together to update estimates of funding for the current FFY so preparations can be made now to meet a possible tight schedule later this year. The below table summarizes the estimates made by the two staffs. The new (proposed) estimates are equal to the actual funding for 2016-17 plus an anticipated 2% inflation increase. In the table below, “AST” refers to the “Albany-Schenectady-Troy” area and “SS” refers to “Saratoga Springs”.

Transit Funding Estimates (in \$M) for FFY 2016-17 & FFY 2017-18

Fund Source	FFY 16-17 Estimate	FFY 16-17 Actual	% Diff	FFY 17-18 Original Estimate	FFY 17-18 New Estimate	% Diff
5307 AST	14.427	16.197	12%	14.686	16.521	12%
5307 SS	1.280	1.335	4%	1.303	1.361	4%
5339	1.483	1.385	-7%	1.385	1.412	2%

Additionally, CDTA has carryover (unprogrammed) balances from 2016-17, which have been confirmed with FTA. CDTA would like to program those funds also. There were also some elements of some projects that rolled over from 2016-17 to 2017-18. These programming commitments are considered by CDTC to automatically rollover, and the nature of these transit funds is that the funding for them remains available. Therefore, the funds themselves should show in CDTC TIP summary tables as being available in 2017-18, not 2016-17, as shown in the table below.

Transit Funding Available (in \$M) for FFY 2017-18

Fund Source	FFY 17-18 New Estimate	Carryover to FFY 17-18	Rollover to FFY 17-18	Total FFY 17-18 Funding	Programmed as of 11/9/17	Balance Available
5307 AST	16.521	0.658	1.100	18.279	15.786	2.493
5307 SS	1.361	0.056	0.000	1.417	1.303	0.114
5339	1.412	0.418	0.192	2.022	1.577	0.445

CDTC staff is proposing that the Planning Committee increase the estimated funding for these transit sources so it can program the additional funding. If additional funds were programmed without increasing the funding estimates, it would result in the appearance of over-programming.