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THE DRAFT 2010-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE CAPITAL DISTRICT IS RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

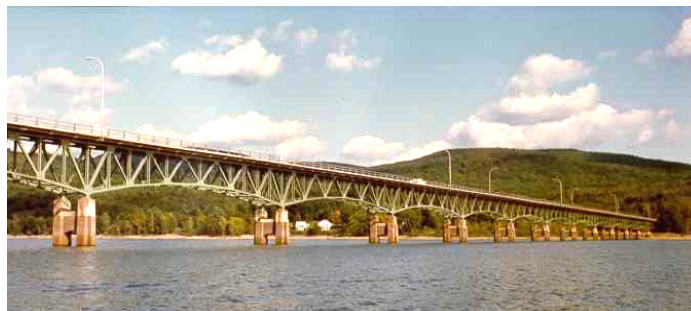
One of CDTC's most important responsibilities is the development of a multi-modal program of transportation projects that implements recommendations of the planning process, particularly those found in the region's long-range plan called New Visions. This program of projects is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and represents a multi-year comprehensive program of federally-aided highway and transit projects in the Capital

District's metropolitan area. The Capital District Transportation Committee, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the four-county Capital District region, prepares and adopts the TIP typically once every two years.

All projects - highway, bridge, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian - that use federal funding or require federal action are part of the TIP. All projects in-

cluded in CDTC's TIP must be consistent with the principles, strategies, and actions contained in the New Visions 2030 Plan, the regional transportation plan for the Capital District. The TIP also provides the source of all Capital District projects to be included in the New York State Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that covers the first four years of CDTC's five year TIP. Projects must be on the STIP to have access to federal funds.

BATCHELLERVILLE BRIDGE FUNDS SECURED



A plan to fund the reconstruction of the Batchellerville Bridge in Saratoga County (project SA104), has been under negotiations for the last few years. Initial ownership issues were solved earlier but a funding gap was left unsolved. At its March 4th meeting, the Capital District Transportation Committee voted to commit an additional \$20 million of highway bridge funds to the project bringing the total federal and state commitment to \$58 million. About 80% of that money is federal funding and the rest state funding. Saratoga County will be responsible for all maintenance of the bridge once the bridge is built.

The project is included in the CDTC New Visions plan. The existing bridge is a 3,078-foot long structure carrying Saratoga County Route 98 over the Great Sacandaga Lake at about its mid-point in the Town of Edinburg in Saratoga County. The new bridge on the south side of the existing bridge will have a 42-foot center span navigational vertical clearance and carry two, 11-foot travel lanes; two, 5-foot shoulders; and a 5.6-foot raised sidewalk on the north side of the bridge. Lighting on the bridge and approach roadways will be included in the project. In addition, intersection improvements are proposed for County Route 7, South Shore Road, where it intersects with County Route 98. It is proposed to realign the existing intersection from a 'Y' configuration to a 'T' intersection to improve safety.

This summary provides highlights of CDTC's draft TIP for the period October 2010 through September 2015. The full TIP document is available on CDTC's web site www.cdtcmpo.org. Comments and questions are welcome at any time, but are requested by June 1, 2010 for consideration in making any revisions to the draft before CDTC's approval of the program. Comments can be made by mail or email at 2010-15_TIP@cdtcmpo.org

Prior to the current TIP development effort, the last broad solicitation for candidate TIP projects was done in 2002. Since that time, much progress has been made in advancing programmed projects. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or "Stimulus" funding has recently further accelerated construction of many projects. As a result, the majority of the projects funded from the 2002 solicitation has been completed, are near completion, or have had to be rescheduled and delayed.

Quotable Quote

"Putting the TIP together is a little science and a little art. The CDTC has developed a very sensible process for soliciting, evaluating and subsequently placing projects into the TIP."

-- FHWA / FTA

2008 Certification Report

“Although Congress has not yet approved new transportation legislation and future funding levels are unknown, the Capital District must update its current TIP based on known funding levels and also be prepared with a list of prioritized projects in anticipation of additional future funding.”

Funding in the TIP: A Two-Track Programming Approach

Funding for the TIP is based on the current federal authorizing legislation, “SAFETEA-LU” which expired in 2009 but has been extended by Congress while they work on a new transportation bill. Although Congress has not yet approved new transportation legislation and future funding levels are unknown, the Capital District must update its current TIP based on known funding levels and also be prepared with a list of prioritized projects in anticipation of additional future funding. To accomplish this CDTC has been working to develop the Draft 2010-2015 TIP on two tracks:

Track 1: is based on SAFETEA-LU apportionments and NYS-DOT funding estimates by fund source and produced a draft TIP that is fiscally-constrained against these estimates for the four-year STIP period. This is

the program that will automatically become part of the new STIP.

Track 2: will include additional project commitments that reflect a scenario that is more optimistic than the “official” one with regard to future fund sources that are in the category that CDTC considers competitive – such as the current Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ), National Highway System Program (NHS), and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

As reported in the last newsletter, CDTC solicited new projects for the program by sending letters to the region’s 78 municipalities, public agencies, and others seeking candidate projects for consideration in this year’s program update. CDTC received 83 applications for funding for a wide range of

projects totaling roughly \$500 million. Following CDTC’s documented project selection process, candidates were screened for eligibility & consistency with New Visions, merit evaluations were completed, and the most compelling projects were programmed in the Draft TIP. The entire 2010-15 TIP proposal received can be viewed at <http://www.cdcmpc.org/tipdoc10/sheets/sheets.htm>

Because of the extensive work put into the applications by sponsors and into the project review and evaluations by the CDTC staff and the Planning Committee, the Planning Committee agreed to identify \$150 M of new project commitments from the candidates submitted.

Track one of the TIP update will include some of the new projects from the \$150 M commitments, as well as early phases of others. Track two will result in showing the remaining set of

“Comments received and possible proposed changes to the draft TIP will also be discussed at CDTC’s Planning Committee meetings on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 9:30 AM and Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 9:30 AM at the CDTC Offices.”

Table 1: Examples of TIP Projects Recently Completed or Under Construction

Project Name	Description	Cost Estimate
NY 5 BRT Stations and Vehicles (T69 & T70)	First phase stations work has begun in both Albany and Schenectady Counties including site work, station shelters and signage; a subset of hybrid vehicles for BRT service have been purchased.	\$20.51 M
Alternate Fuel Retrofit (A498, S184)	Alternate fuel retrofit for municipal vehicles in City of Watervliet (5 fire trucks and 9 DPW vehicles) and City of Schenectady (up to 26 vehicles).	\$0.15 M
Maxwell Rd Roundabout (A296)	Relocation of Maxwell Road to the other side of the Town of Colonie Library, creating a new intersection with a roundabout at Albany Shaker Road and sidewalks.	\$5.97 M
I-87 Exit 6 (A198)	Replacement of NY 7 bridge over I- 87 at Exit 6 with a Single Point Urban Interchange. Reconstruction of NY 7/NY 2 from Wade Road to just east of the Latham Farms. Pedestrian improvements, mid-block crossing with raised median, street lighting, pedestrian signals, bicycle accommodations and upgrading of traffic signals & signage.	\$46.40 M
Delaware Avenue Reconstruction (A440)	(Madison Avenue to Thruway Bridge) Reconstruction with curb, drainage, sidewalks, utilities, sign and signal improvements and minor streetscaping.	\$15.58 M
19th Street Reconstruction (A438)	Reconstruction of the street from Watervliet City line to Congress St bridge. Includes new signals, raised median, some sidewalk @ curb reconstruction, drainage & traffic calming	\$8.86 M
Bridge Ave Bridge (A432)	Replacement of Bridge Avenue bridge in Cohoes over Mohawk River	\$8.40 M
NY 2 Reconstruction (R245)	Reconstruction with signals, sidewalks, curbs, drainage, lighting, utilities, and streetscape improvements. Realign part of Ferry Road and install roundabout.	\$8.33 M
Church St (NY9N) Reconstruction (SA216)	Reconstruction of the street from West Avenue to North Van Rensselaer Street in Saratoga Springs. Includes a left turn lane, signals, drainage, curbs, sidewalks, streetlights and landscaping.	\$3.15 M
Sidewalks (A480, R198)	Sidewalk construction/reconstruction including crosswalks and signage in Bethlehem and North Greenbush	\$0.48 M
Trails (SA195, SA248, S176)	Trail construction including grading, leveling and paving in Clifton Park, Half-moon, Malta, Ballston, and City of Schenectady	\$3.85 M

new projects in the fifth year and “post” columns of the new TIP – demonstrating CDTC’s intent without violating fiscal constraint rules.

Building the Draft TIP

Round One Programming is the phase of TIP building that considers new projects based strictly on quantitative merit evaluations & limits consideration to only those projects that are in project categories that are the most seriously underfunded in the TIP, relative to the New Visions budgets.

In Round Two (and Three), consideration is opened up to all projects in all categories and additional projects are selected for funding based on quantitative merit, other compelling non-quantitative arguments, geographic distribution and other issues to ensure a balanced program. The CDTC Planning Committee will continue to work on completing Round Two programming at its April 7, 2010 meeting; Round Three will be done after public comments have been received and can be taken into consideration at the May 5, 2010 Planning Committee meeting, all of which will be submitted to the Policy Board for their consideration before finalizing the TIP at the June 3, 2010 meeting.

Round One Programming

Projects were selected under the following three categories for Round One funding of the TIP. Descriptions of these projects are in Table 2 on page 4.

Highway Rehabilitation: Eight projects for a total of \$66 M

Highway and Bridge Maintenance: \$4.2M was set-aside for various locations in the CDTC planning area

Goods Movement: \$0.6M was set-aside for various locations in the CDTC planning area

CDTC determined to give priority for access to funds in the new 2010-2015 TIP for some

projects ahead of projects programmed in Round One. These projects are listed in the current 2007-12 TIP as “post-2012” projects. These projects are listed below.

1. A240 Exit 3 (\$15M)
2. A295 New Karner Road (at reduced scope)
3. A453 Watervliet Shaker Road Phase 3 (\$6M)
4. A487 Route 7 (\$9M)
5. A491 Patroon Island Bridge (\$27 M)
6. R187 Rural Rensselaer County Route 7 (\$10M)
7. R238 US 9/9J over Amtrak Rensselaer County (\$12M)
8. SA88 Route 50 North of Saratoga Springs (\$13 M)

Round Two Programming

Round Two Programming discussions thus far resulted in various projects worth \$37.8M under the categories of safety, regional set-asides, and bridges. These projects will be shown in the “post” period for the time being. Details are given in Table 3 on page 4 and Table 4 on page 5.

Next Steps

Additional TIP development work on the draft includes:

- Work to program the remaining \$57M for Round 2
- Determination of which new projects fit, in part or in whole, in the four-year STIP period and the five-year TIP (others will show in the “post” column of the final TIP.)
- Review of schedule and funding commitments by year and fund source for the four-year STIP period. (This is track one of the update.)
- Completion of air quality conformity assessment.
- Review of public comments.

Upon completion of public review and air quality assessment, the CDTC will complete Round 2 programming and

revise the draft program as necessary at its April and May Planning Committee meetings. The balance of the \$150M programming target of anticipatory competitive funding (approximately \$8M) will be reserved for a Round 3 of programming to take place at the time of CDTC Policy Board approval of the final draft at the Policy Board’s June 2010 meeting. Additional programming completed in April may require further public review.

How to Comment on the Draft TIP

The full text and set of project listings (with an interactive map to locate projects of interest) can be found at CDTC’s web site www.cdctcmppo.org. Email comments can be provided at that web site or sent directly to 2010-15_TIP@cdctcmppo.org.

While the web version is complete and easier to navigate than the print version, print versions will be placed in public libraries for review (see list below). The web version will also be updated as appropriate after the April 7th and May 5th 2010 Planning Committee meetings during which additional Round 2 programming will take place.

Comments received and possible proposed changes to the draft TIP will also be discussed at CDTC’s Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 9:30 AM at the CDTC Offices. Public comment will also be accepted and considered at the May meeting. Public comment is welcome at CDTC’s scheduled Policy Board meeting on June 3, 2010, but will be too late to be incorporated into the TIP at that time.

Subsequent to adoption, CDTC’s TIP will be incorporated by the New York State Department of Transportation into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to take effect on October 1, 2010 and cover the first four federal fiscal years (2011 through 2014).

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Albany Public Library
– Main Branch
161 Washington Ave
Albany NY 12210

Bethlehem Public Library
451 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054

Clifton Park—Halfmoon
Public Library
475 Moe Road
Clifton Park NY 12065

Cohoes Public Library
169 Mohawk St
Cohoes NY 12047

East Greenbush
Community Library
10 Community Way
East Greenbush NY 12061

Guilford Public Library
2228 Western Ave
Guilford NY 12084

Menands Public Library
4 N. Lyons Avenue
Menands NY 12204

North Greenbush
Public Library
141 Main Avenue
Wynantskill NY 12198

Rensselaer Public Library
676 East Street
Rensselaer NY 12144

Saratoga Springs Public Library
49 Henry Street
Saratoga Springs NY 12866

Schenectady County
Public Library
99 Clinton Street
Schenectady NY 12305

Troy Public Library
100 Second St
Troy NY 12180

Waterford Public Library
117 3rd Street
Waterford NY 12188

Watervliet Public Library
1501 Broadway
Watervliet NY 12189

William K Sanford Town Library
629 Albany-Shaker Rd
Loudonville NY 12211

Table 2: Projects Programmed in Round One

ID #	Project Name	Sponsor	Description (Summarized)	Cost Estimate
Highway Rehabilitation				
1	Washington Ave Ext. - PIN 180821	NYS DOT	(NY 155 to Fuller Road) Repaving/reconstruction, drainage and safety improvements	\$11.86 M
2	US 20 (PIN 111129)	NYS DOT	Pavement resurfacing/rehabilitation US 4 to E. Village of Nassau, drainage and curb improvements, accessibility improvements	\$13.59 M
3	Albany Shaker Road Rehabilitation	Albany (City)	Reconstruction of Albany Shaker from Corporate Woods Blvd to US 9 Overpass Bridge w/new sidewalks, curbs, ADA compliant pedestrian facilities, crosswalks, bicycle facilities	\$11.07 M
4	US Rte 4/I-90 Exit 9 Corridor Improvements	East Greenbush	(Couse Corners to Mannix Rd) Installation of a two lane roundabout, sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA curb ramps, repaving, bike lanes, raised median, driveway relocation, modified interstate access, new curbing, closed drainage and culverts	\$6.74 M
5	Lower State St (NY 5) and Washington Ave Reconstruction and Improvements	Schenectady (City)	Reconstruction with curbing, water line and closed drainage system replacement, water/sewer relocations, replace conduit, replace traffic signals, sidewalks, install raised median, crosswalks, midblock crossing on Washington at SCCC, ADA pedestrian signals and curb ramps, bike facilities, bike racks, transit facilities and landscaping	\$10.94 M
6	Hamburg St (NY 146) Corridor Improvement	Rotterdam	Reconstruction of 0.5 miles of roadway (4th St and Stoodley Pl) with curbing, maintenance strips, a 14 foot shared bike lane and a parking lane and access management. Replacement and installation of 8900 feet of sidewalk from Curry to Caldicott	\$5.71 M
7	Broadway Reconstruction	Schenectady County	Reconstruction of Broadway with curbing, access management, storm drain replacement, sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps and bus stop shelter. Sidewalk construction on one side of N. Westcott from NY 7 to Library	\$2.65 M
8	Upper Union Street Reconstruction	Schenectady County	Reconstruction with reduced cross section from Van Antwerp Rd and Oregon Ave, relocate drain pipe and basins to new curb, extend/consolidate driveways, sidewalks, crosswalk at St. Helen's and a pedestrian island, new landscaping with lights and bus stop shelters, utility pole relocation and left turn lanes at two intersections	\$3.39 M
Highway and Bridge Maintenance				
9	Pavement Maintenance Set-aside (PIN 180858)	NYS DOT	(Various Locations) Single course pavement overlay with minimal additional work at locations with low pavement scores in the CDTC planning area	\$4.20 M
Goods Movement				
10	Goods Movement Set-aside	TBD (NYS DOT or other)	(CDTC Area) Regional set-aside for small scale goods movement projects such as the implementation of Linkage study recommendations, goods movement security measures, rail improvements, environmentally friendly truck parking and other related freight activities.	\$0.60 M

Table 3: Projects Programmed in Round Two (as of March 3rd, 2010)

ID #	Project Name	Sponsor	Description (Summarized)	Cost Estimate
Safety				
1	Albany County High Risk Rural Road Safety Program	Albany County	Guide rail, fixed object removal/modification, slope flattening, advanced warning signs, curve delineation and other safety improvements at high risk land departure crash locations on various county roads	\$0.50 M
2	21st St Realignment & Hoosick St/Burdett Ave Intersection	Troy	Realignment of 21st St to connect to Hoosick/Burdett intersection, 500 feet of new road, sidewalks, replacement of traffic signal and pedestrian pole, relocate bus shelter, access management, utility relocation and new storm drains	\$1.30 M
3	North Line Rd/Old Post Rd/Malta Ave Intersection	Malta	Reduce 3 intersections to a single roundabout with new curbs, sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, landscaping, new storm water drainage system and relocation of utility poles	\$3.10 M
Regional Set-asides				
4	ADA Set-aside (PIN 180856)	NYS DOT	(Various Locations) Implementation of NYSDOT ADA Transition Plan including curb ramp and sidewalk improvements on state owned routes in the CDTC planning area	\$3.40 M
5	Spot Improvement Program	NYS DOT with local sponsors	Increase the program budget for Spot Improvements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Access per New Visions 2030 from \$100,000/year to \$150,000/year over the five year TIP to reflect the regional commitment to bicycle and pedestrian related projects that improve accessibility and enhance safety.	\$0.75 M
6	Linkage Transition Engineering Set-aside	TBD (NYS DOT or other)	(CDTC Area) Annual regional set-aside to finance supplemental or follow up work of a preliminary engineering quality to address outstanding issues and confirm the feasibility of Linkage study concepts	\$1.0 M
7	Bridges (see Table 4 on next page)			\$ 22.1 M

Table 4: Bridge Projects Programmed in Round Two

ID #	Project Name	Sponsor	Description (Summarized)	Cost Estimate
1	CR 9 over Fox Creek	Albany County	Recent red flag. 3 spans. Exterior beams are spalling and delaminating. Proposing superstructure replacement and new structural deck. Existing substructure to remain. Re-use existing bridge rail.	\$2.240 M
2	CR 55 over Vloman Kill	Albany County	Proposing bridge replacement. Existing 3 culverts. 1 culvert is deteriorated with not much left to the bottom.	\$0.450 M
3	Wever Rd over Black Creek	Albany County	Bridge rehabilitation. Recent Red flag. Single span. Pre-stressed concrete beams have punched through deck. Existing superstructure in very poor condition. Proposing new superstructure and structural deck. New bridge rail needed.	\$1.230 M
4	CR67 Staffords Rd over Fish Creek	Saratoga County	Bridge rehabilitation. Proposing a deck replacement. Bridge bearings may need attention.	\$1.608 M
5	Mott Rd over Snook Kill	Saratoga County	Deck repair.	\$0.622 M
6	North Main St over Anthony Kill	City of Mechanicville	Bridge replacement. Old stone arch built in 1920. In very poor condition. Recent red flags have been issued. Proposing a new bridge on main street.	\$2.950 M
7	Frances St over Anthony Kill	City of Mechanicville	Bridge replacement. Old stone arch built in 1910. In very poor condition. Recent red flags have been issued. Proposing a new bridge. Large ROW involvement needed. Building exists on bridge.	\$2.420 M
8	VanVorst over Alplaus Kill	Schenectady County	Bridge replacement. Single span. Typical approach work needed.	\$0.540 M
9	Cr 65 Kings Rd / CSX	City of Schenectady	Major bridge rehabilitation. Replace substructure and reuse existing superstructure. Replace bearings. Bridge abutments have severe deterioration. The bridge is held up by temporary structure supports. 3 spans.	\$2.751 M
10	Sunnyside Rd/ Amtrak	Village of Scotia	Proposing deck repair and new joints. A lot of leakage to substructure. May need substructure repairs. 5 span structure.	\$3.180 M
11	East Road (CR 33) over Kinderhook Creek,	Rensselaer County	Bridge replacement.	\$0.701 M
12	Plank Road (CR 126) over the Deepkill	Rensselaer County	Bridge replacement.	\$0.701 M
13	White Church Road over Quackenkill	Town of Brunswick	Bridge replacement.	\$1.010 M
14	Broken Wheel Rd over Little Hoosic River	Town of Petersburg	Bridge replacement.	\$0.701 M
15	CR 26 E Nassau-Garfield Rd over Black River	Rensselaer County	Bridge Preservation	\$1.500 M
16	West Road over Kinderhook Creek	Rensselaer County	Bridge Preservation	
17	Black River Road over Black River	Rensselaer County	Bridge Preservation	
18	Murdock Road over Tsatsawassa Creek	Rensselaer County	Bridge Preservation	
19	Dunham Hollow Road over Tsatsawasick Creek	Rensselaer County	Bridge Preservation	
20	Dunham Hollow Road over Tsatsawasick Creek	Rensselaer County	Bridge Preservation	



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- 04/07/10 CDTC Planning Committee – Round 2 Programming @ 9:30 AM, CDTC Office
- 05/05/10 CDTC Planning Committee – Program Adjustments in Response to Public Comments and Complete the TIP Document @ 9:30 AM, CDTC Office
- 06/03/10 CDTC Policy Board – Adoption of 2010-15 TIP @ 3:00 PM, CDTC Office

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