

**DEVELOPMENT OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING AGREEMENT
PER 23 CFR SECTION 450.314(A)**

Federal regulations issued on February 14, 2007 require that each metropolitan planning organization, State, and public transit operator adopt a formal agreement which identifies mutual responsibilities for carrying out the metropolitan planning process in each urbanized area of the nation. The regulation (23 CFR Section 450.314(a)) states that the agreement is to include provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to the preparation of financial plans that support the metropolitan transportation plan and the region's transportation improvement program (TIP). For the Capital District, the agreement is to be among CDTC, NYSDOT, and CDTA.

While the **2008 FHWA/FTA Certification Review** found CDTC's transportation planning process to be exemplary and generally in compliance with the requirements of federal law, it did identify the need to develop an agreement among CDTC, the State of New York, and the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) to satisfy the requirements of 23 CFR Section 450.314(a). FTA's Triennial Review of CDTA cited the same finding.

A draft Agreement is attached for Planning Committee review, discussion, and approval.