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Capital District Transportation Committee
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Re: Tip Amendment for S167 – Oak Street Bridge

Dear Mr. Franchini,

Please see the below request for a TIP amendment regarding project S167 Oak Street over CSX: Bridge Replacement or Repair in the City of Schenectady.

1. TIP #S167: Oak Street over CSX: Bridge Replacement or Repair

The City of Schenectady requests that the funding for design and construction currently shown on the TIP for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2017-18 and post 2018 regarding the above mentioned project be moved into the coming FFY 2013-14 and FFY 2014-15 respectively. This amendment would change the Oak Street Bridge from a replacement project to a repair project in line with New York State's preservation goals. The City of Schenectady had previously applied for alternate replacement funding through the beyond preservation application process but was recently informed that our application was not awarded. Since the time of our beyond preservation submission the bridge has been issued two red flags for lack of lateral bracing by the New York State Department of Transportation and was subsequently closed to vehicular traffic by the City.

The Oak Street Bridge, which crosses CSX property, is a necessary link between the Mount Pleasant and Bellevue neighborhoods within the City of Schenectady. The bridge serves as both a primary and secondary route for all emergency services within the City including fire, police and medical. The bridge also serves as a critical connection for all City operated service vehicles and school buses while providing pedestrians a safe walkway over the CSX railway.

This amendment would move the Oak Street bridge project out of its current status on the TIP for replacement in the FFY's stated above and into a repair category using monies from RG126 Bridge Preservation Set-Aside for Non-State Roads. The City fully understands that if the preliminary design report concludes that the bridge work

necessary to open the bridge back to its original level of service is beyond preservation that funding will not be provided as shown below and that the project will be relegated back to its previous standing on the TIP. The City of Schenectady fully supports this project as it aims to reestablish a vital link servicing not only emergency vehicles and City personnel but residents and pedestrians alike.

TIP Project	Current TIP Data				Proposed TIP Data			
	Amount	Fund Source	Phase	FFY Year	Amount	Fund Source	Phase	FFY Year
S167: Oak Street over CSX: Bridge Repair or Replacement	\$0.221M	STP-URB	P	17-18	\$0.200M	STP-BR*	P	13-14
	0.148M	STP-URB	D	17-18	0.100M	STP-BR*	D	13-14
	3.714M	STP-URB	C	POST 18	1.750M	STP-BR*	C	14-15

* Funding as to be determined from RG126 Bridge Preservation Set-Aside for Non-State Roads

Construction funding for this project includes inspection (supervision)

yes no NA

Very truly yours,



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