



## **CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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### **AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-12 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

#### **2011-12 ADDENDUM**

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## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2010-12 UPWP**

At its January 5, 2011 meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed an outline of proposed revisions to the second year of CDTC's 2010-12 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

### **Proposed New Activities**

*Task 3.11 I-787 Integrated Corridor Study:* The City of Albany in partnership with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is asking CDTC to consider adding a planning study of I-787 between Exits 2 and 4A. This effort is intended to identify: (1) short and long term infrastructure needs of the facility; (2) opportunity for alternative designs to reduce infrastructure costs and/or improve transportation; and (3) identify near-term accessibility improvements to support the City's development initiatives. The approach to the study would be modeled after the Hudson River Crossing and the I-87/US 9 Integrated Corridor Management studies which were co-managed by CDTC staff and the NYSDOT. The budget for the effort is \$210,000 and would be jointly funded through FHWA PL and either the SPR or STP program. This UPWP action puts the study on the program and commits PL funds. TIP action may be necessary depending on how State commitment works out.

*Task 4.23 Every Day Counts Initiative:* The transportation planning process sets the stage for future development of transportation projects. Much of the data and analysis undertaken during the planning process carry forward into project development activities. This means that the planning process and environmental assessment required during project development (design) under NEPA should work in tandem, with the results of the transportation planning process feeding into the NEPA process. In practice, though, these two processes are sometimes disconnected. FHWA's Every Day Counts initiative sets up a frame work for considering and incorporating documents and decisions from the earliest stages of project planning into the environmental review process. This can lead to a seamless stewardship, and reduces delays in project development. FHWA is encouraging States and MPOs to explore ways to integrate EDC into the planning process by using some form of FHWA's Planning and Environmental (PEL) questionnaire to ensure that planning information is properly documented for use in the NEPA process. The budget for the initial scan is set at \$10,000.

### **Minor Changes to the Existing Program**

*Task 2.28 Census:* Additional resources (\$5,000) are assigned to CDRPC to help CDTC staff evaluate the decennial census data and to prepare detailed population characteristics that will help support CDTC's STEP model and other planning work.

*Task 2.29 GIS:* Additional resources (\$20,000) are assigned to CDRPC to assess development patterns for the upcoming New Visions 2040 update. This task will also assist CDTA in the development of the Transit Propensity Index for the update of CDTA's Transit Development Plan.

*Task 3.77 New visions:* Priority networks for bike/ped, transit, ITS arterial management, and goods movement were established as part of the first New Visions Plan to help prioritize investment decisions. In 2011, staff will concentrate effort to begin an update of one or more of the networks to make them current and more useful.

*Task 4.07 Human Service Agency Planning:* Additional resources may be needed to support the update of the coordinated Human Service Agency Plan, including major agency survey.

*Task 5.XX Linkage Program:* Projects approved by the Planning Committee will be named.

### **Budget for 2011-12**

The UPWP agenda remains ambitious and demanding. CDTC's ability to pursue this agenda is a result of the Administrative & Finance Standing Subcommittee's confidence in the staff's management and technical abilities. The budget for the second year of the two year 2010-12 UPWP totals \$3,318,664 and has grown slightly to reflect the increased challenges CDTC is being asked to meet. The proposed CDTC task budget for 2011-12 is shown on the attached tables.