

Status of TIP Adjustments

CDTC was scheduled to begin the 2012-17 TIP Update during the summer of 2011. But, in the absence of new federal funding legislation, all budget estimates are predictions. The predictions made at the last update now appear to be lower than what will be supplied by any extension or legislation that will actually occur. Therefore, NYSDOT Main Office made two decisions regarding the TIP: 1) defer the TIP update one year, and 2) direct the Regional offices to adjust their Capital Programs to balance to new, lower budget estimates.

Therefore, the NYSDOT Main Office required that the Regions balance their planned obligations for the upcoming five State Fiscal Years (ending March 31st 2017) with the newly projected allocations and requested that the MPO's adjust the remaining three FFY years of the STIP to match the first three FFY years of the new Capital Program. Then, in the summer of 2012, a full TIP update would be done, hopefully with new federal legislation, or at least, a better understanding of what funding will be available.

As an important part of that effort, CDTC staff, working with Region One staff, has produced a table showing new budget estimates versus programmed funds. The table can be used as a tool to help determine what adjustments to programming need to be made, if any.

Balancing of the 2011-12 FFY

A quick look at programming versus budget estimates indicates that both in general, and for specific fund sources, that there is programming capacity in the first year of the remaining years of the STIP (2011-12), but a deficit over the entire balance of the STIP. This could indicate the ability to advance some projects within the STIP period. As part of Region One's exercise to balance the remaining years of the STIP and beyond, they have accommodated some cost and schedule changes into the PSS that increase programming in the 2011-12 FFY. The Region has requested that CDTC consider removing the Elm Street Bypass project (A345, 1754.49) from the TIP. The project was added to the TIP during the 1997-02 TIP Update and still has no defined scope. CDTC staff has communicated with the sponsor (Town of Colonie), and they are in favor of removing the project from the TIP. CDTC staff will determine the effect removal of this project will have on CDTC's air quality conformity and present it at the Planning Committee meeting in February.