

**Options for Competitive Safety Set-Aside (RG105)
In the CDTC's 2007-12 TIP**

CDTC created RG105 (STP Safety funds for non-state projects) in the 2007-12 TIP update with the expectation of selecting projects competitively from a solicitation that would take place after TIP adoption. It has recently come to the attention of CDTC staff that Region One expected programming to be done at the eight-county Region One level. The following are options that can be considered by the Planning Committee.

Option 1. CDTC Area: At its November 1, 2006 meeting, the CDTC Planning Committee approved allocations for the CDTC area, which included about \$11.3M in STP Safety funds. After programming project RG105 with \$7.5M STP Safety funds for the CDTC area, the CDTC TIP was almost \$0.5M under-programmed. If this option is exercised, according to the CDTC competitive programming process, CDTC would solicit for projects and apply its long-standing evaluation procedure pending any updates or fine-tuning. The Planning Committee would then program the \$7.5M based largely on the evaluations.

Option 2. Region One Area: Region One was intending (and is therefore, proposing) that the \$10.0M STP Safety funds for Region One not be sub-allocated to CDTC, AFGTC and the rural counties. Therefore, funds for the entire Region One area would be programmed at the Region One level with candidate projects from CDTC, AGFTC and the rural counties all competing for funds against each other, regardless of the area in the Region where the candidate is located. Their proposal includes a regional group performing the following functions:

- 1) soliciting for projects or compiling a list of candidates themselves
- 2) determining an evaluation process
- 3) choosing the projects to be funded with the \$10.0M

Option 3. Procedure Similar to Enhancement Projects: Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) candidate projects are chosen by CDTC and submitted to a statewide panel for consideration for TEP funds. A similar procedure for Safety funds could be that CDTC conducts its own solicitation and evaluation, then chooses candidate projects for submission to a region-wide panel, which chooses projects from among all regional candidates. This method may or may not provide minimum amounts to regional participants.