

2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Set-asides Candidate Project Screening Summary

Introduction

The Capital District Transportation Committee's (CDTC) 2007-2012 TIP includes federal transportation funding set-asides to help address needs in specific project types. The set-asides for which CDTC's traditional TIP evaluation process will be applied include:

Bicycle/Pedestrian (RG103): The Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Set-Aside is for implementation of actions recommended in linkage studies and other local planning work. There is \$1.000M matched available in Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

ITS for Local Traffic Signals (RG39): This is for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) traffic signals on non-state roads. There is \$2.250M matched available in CMAQ funds.

Intersections/Queue Jumpers/Roundabouts (RG104): These funds are for implementation of some of the many roundabout candidates region-wide. There is \$5.000M matched available in CMAQ funds.

Safety for Non-State Roads (RG105): These funds are safety projects on non-state roads. Individual projects will be capped at \$0.500M of federal funds for all phases. There is \$7.500M matched available in Highway Safety Improvement Program funds (formerly STP-safety).

Project Screening

An initial screen of the 22 proposals for these set-asides led to only one project being screened out. The Mohawk Hudson Bike Trail Watervliet Design Study was screened out as a study is not eligible for CMAQ unless it is part of a capital project. Two other projects (Providence/Hillside and River/Rosendale traffic signals) pass screen but are not eligible for the ITS set-aside they were originally proposed for. They are however eligible for both the roundabout and local safety set-asides. With the Planning Committee's acceptance of the overall screening package, these two projects will first be evaluated for roundabouts and if roundabouts are not possible at these locations they will then be evaluated as safety projects. **Table 1** highlights the funding categories for which each project is eligible and **Table 2** summarizes the results of the screening process.