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Mr. Michael Franchini, Staff Director
Capital District Trans. Committee (CDTC)
One Park Plaza
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Dear Mr. Franchini:

Thank you for your participation in developing and supporting projects identified through the System Preservation and Strategic Transportation Enhancement processes.

The Department conducted this project identification process to inform the longer-term program and project selection process, for the period covering federal fiscal years 2015 through 2018, as required under federal law. The results of the System Preservation and Strategic Transportation Enhancement processes will enable NYSDOT to balance transportation preservation and system renewal needs with strategic investments in the system.

In our initial communication, however, NYSDOT unintentionally identified our planning process as the Strategic Transportation Enhancement Program, leading many to assume the Department "set-aside" funding for a new program. That is not the case. The Department is undertaking a new planning process wherein we evaluate candidate projects "beyond preservation" which achieve NYSDOT's goals of encouraging economic development, job creation and sustainability. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

The Department has received many projects for consideration as a result of this process. NYSDOT will use this information as we develop our future capital programs with our Local and Metropolitan Planning Organization partners.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's capital project and programming planning processes.

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Sincerely,

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