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Michael Franchini, Staff Director
Capital District Transportation Committee
One Park Place
Albany, New York 12205

Re: TIP # SA201; PIN 1756.60; Ballston Ave Safety Improvements;
Lincoln Avenue to Hamilton Street, Saratoga Springs, NY

Dear Mr. Franchini:

The City of Saratoga Springs is submitting an amendment for the above referenced project that is in the 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement program (TIP) for consideration by the Planning Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The additional funds are needed for several reasons as follows:

- The scope of the pavement work to be performed changed significantly. Originally box widening and a "Mill & Inlay" technique with an overlay were to be included with the work plan. Upon review of the pavement cores obtained in the project area it was determined there was not sufficient depth of existing pavement to allow Mill & Inlay operations and therefore full depth reconstruction throughout the project limits is required.
- The project included two new traffic signal installations (one replacement at Hamilton Street and one new installation at Lincoln Ave.) whereas only one was included in the original project scoping.
- A mid-block pedestrian crossing is included in the plans to provide additional mobility and safe access to a CDTA transit stop in the area of the Raymond Watkins senior apartment complex. This crossing includes a raised median, crosswalk and a pedestrian activated Rapid Repeating Flashing Beacon (RRFB).
- The items above required additional engineering effort.
- Recent FHWA requirements for inspection staff have increased our budget for construction inspection from \$180,000 to \$275,000.
- The most recent construction cost estimate is based on the Advanced Detail Plans rather than the previous estimates that were based on Preliminary Design Plans.

The Table on the following page identifies the existing funding allocation and proposed funding changes.

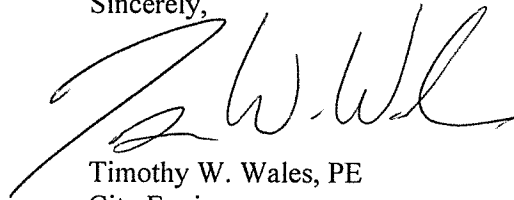
CURRENT TIP DATA 2013-2018				
TIP#	AMOUNT	FUND SOURCE	PHASE	YEAR
SA201	\$0.035	Safety	I	2012-2013
SA201	\$0.138	Safety	D	2012-2013
SA201	\$0.150	Safety	R	2013-2014
SA201	\$1.458	Safety	C	2013-2014
SA201	\$0.078	STP-Flex	C	2013-2014
SA201	\$0.180	Safety	CI*	2013-2014
TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS = \$2.039M				

PROPOSED TIP 2013-2018				
TIP#	AMOUNT	FUND SOURCE	PHASE	YEAR
SA201	\$0.035	Safety	I	2012-2013
SA201	\$0.138	Safety	D	2012-2013
SA201	\$0.150	Safety	R	2013-2014
SA201	\$1.458	Safety	C	2013-2014
SA201	\$0.445	STP-Flex	C	2013-2014
SA201	\$0.050	STP-Flex	D	2013-2014
SA201	\$0.180	Safety	CI*	2013-2014
SA201	\$0.095	STP-Flex	CI*	2013-2014
TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDS = \$2.551M				

*Construction Inspection

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (518) 587-3550 x2621.

Sincerely,



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