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Department of Transportation  
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Albany, NY 12232

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October 28, 2013

Joan McDonald  
Commissioner

Mr. Michael Franchini  
Executive Director  
Capital District Transportation Committee  
One Park Place, Main Floor  
Albany, NY 12205-2676

**RE: NYSDOT PINs: 1SB905, 1SB604**  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Saratoga County**  
**Scenic Byways Projects**

Dear Mr. Franchini:

We are submitting the proposed amendment to the 2013-2018 CDTC TIP for consideration by the Planning Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

**TIP PROJECT NUMBER: n/a**

The amendment is proposed due to the following:

- ☐ Scope Change
- ☐ Cost Change
- ☐ Schedule Change
- ☒ Other: Projects to add to TIP

**PROVIDE EXPLANATION FOR CHANGE:**

The two projects below are Scenic Byways projects in Saratoga County that need to be added to the TIP.

**NYSDOT PIN 1SB905: Mohawk Towpath National Scenic Byway: Improved Recreational Access to the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve**

This project will provide greater recreational access to the six hundred acre Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve. The improvements will include a bridge between the Clutes Dry Dock and historic community site across the 1842 Enlarged Erie Canal waters to the Towpath Trail on the abutments of a former farmers bridge. The project will also include stabilization and reconstruction of a historic bridge abutment at the end of Ferry Drive. These are key access points and trail heads to the Vischer Ferry Preserve and closest access to historic Lock 19 on the 1842 Enlarged Erie Canal and one of the few remaining watered sections of the 1825 Erie Canal. Applicant: Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway Coalition, Inc.

Saratoga County, Region 1.

Requested Amount: \$ 416,880 Match: 104,220 Total Cost: \$ 521,100

**NYSDOT PIN 1SB604: Lakes to Locks Passage: Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center**

This project will allow Lakes to Locks Passage to establish a collaboration with Saratoga National Historical Park and the Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership to establish and operate a gateway visitor center to one of America's most important historic landscapes, with trail improvements to encourage visitors to walk and bike along the byway to several historic and natural sites. This project will serve as the “southern anchor” for the byway; and as a destination in itself, interpretive panels and interactive exhibits will provide the “big picture” about the byway and an introduction to experiences that can be found in the Canal Region of Lakes to Locks Passage.

Applicant: Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc.

Saratoga County, Region 1.

Requested Amount: \$ 350,000 Match: \$ 585,000 Total Cost: \$ 935,000.

If you have any questions about this request, please call Larry Mulvaney at 457-7784.

Sincerely,

**Frank C. Bonafide**

**Acting Regional Planning & Program Manager**

**CURRENT TIP DATA**

	<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>FED</u></b>
<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>SOURCE</u></b>	<b><u>PHASE</u></b>
	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	

**PROPOSED TIP DATA**

	<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>FED</u></b>
<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>SOURCE</u></b>	<b><u>PHASE</u></b>
	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	

<b>PIN</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUND SOURCE</b>	<b>PHASE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b> (in millions)	<b>FUND SOURCE</b>	<b>PHASE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
<b>1SB905</b>						.521	Scenic Byways	C	13-14
<b>1SB604</b>						.438	Scenic Byways	C	13-14
						.497	Local Funds	C	13-14