

Report on 2011 County Oriented TIP Meetings

Introduction

During August and September 2011, CDTC staff and NYSDOT Region One staff met with several sponsors of local projects (who were invited by Region One). At the beginning of each meeting, an update of the status of the TIP update was given by CDTC and Region One staff.

As was stated at the meetings, since there is no federal funding legislation, all budget estimates are predictions. The predictions made at the last update now appear to be lower than what will be supplied by any extension or legislation that will actually occur.

Therefore, the NYSDOT Main Office is requiring that the Regions balance their planned obligations for the upcoming five State Fiscal Years (ending March 31st 2017) with the newly projected allocations and requesting the MPO's adjust the remaining three FFY years of the STIP to match the first three FFY years of the new Capital Program. Then, in the summer of 2012, a full TIP update would be done, hopefully with new federal legislation, or at least, a better understanding of what funding will be available. (The difference between adjusting the final three years of the STIP and a full update is that the year in which the update is being done is not part of the new TIP and in an update, the TIP period is extended. The work to accomplish updated costs and schedules and fiscal constraint is otherwise about the same.) The CDTC Planning Committee has indicated that they are interested in adjusting the first year in question (2011-12), since a full update will be done next summer anyway. Adjusting the final two years can be done after adjusting the first year, if warranted.

Obtaining updated costs and schedules for locally sponsored projects as well as state projects is the first step to making the adjustments mentioned above. In parallel, the Main Office was supplying new budget estimates at a Regional level. Those estimates would then be translated into CDTC budget estimates. At that point, it would be known if projects need to be deferred out of 2011-12 or not.

Also, in each meeting, the need arose to explain that many CMAQ projects were deferred in May 2010 due to over-programming. Most or all of the sponsors did not want their projects deferred, but agreed to the deferrals because there was no other option. Therefore, advancing the schedule of any CMAQ phase would require members to advance that specific project so that it precedes other deferred projects. Also, if members were inclined to do this, it could only prudently be done after new budget estimates and their impact on the 2011-12 FFY were known, and that any change to the program could be accommodated.

What follows is the more significant information obtained at these meetings regarding locally-sponsored projects. State-sponsored projects will be reported on at a later date.

Albany County

The Albany County Meeting was held in two parts:

August 23, 2011 Attendees

Glenn Posca, CDTC staff

Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC staff

Karen Williams, NYSDOT Region One

Heidi Romaines, NYSDOT Region One

Frank Bonafide, NYSDOT Region One

Lorenzo Distefano, NYSDOT Region One

Walt Van DeLoo, Albany County Dept. of Public Works

Bill Anslow, Albany County Dept. of Public Works

Ed Trembly, City of Cohoes

Don Csapos, Town of Guilderland

September 6, 2011 Attendees

Glenn Posca, CDTC staff

David P. Jukins, CDTC staff

Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC staff

Karen Williams, NYSDOT Region One

Patricia Auspelmyer, NYSDOT Region One

Jeff Pangburn, CME

Wendy Holsberger, CME

Bill Trudeau, City of Albany

Doug Melnick, City of Albany

A295, 175360, New Karner Road (NY 155), from US 20 to NY 5, Corridor Improvements: The schedule was reaffirmed.

A433, 175474, CR 53 (Jericho Road) Bridge over CSX: The project will be delayed one or two years due to complications with CSX and may be fundable with HBRR.

A435, 175663, ITS Transit Signal Priority on Washington and Western Avenue: The total project cost is now estimated to cost about \$2.3M (38%) more than shown in the TIP. Additionally, the city would like to advance the schedule of this CMAQ project to 2012-13.

A436 & A466, 111135 & 175734, Both these projects are for sidewalks on Western Avenue: Region One is implementing a state-funded project for sidewalks on Western Avenue and will combine it with these two projects. Since the state is funding design, it is likely that the \$0.050M in CMAQ funds remaining in design will not be needed.

A453, 175922, Watervliet Shaker Road, from Karner Road to Albany Shaker Road: The project has no engineering funds programmed. The county will provide an estimate for design phases.

A461, 175731, Intersection of Fuller Road and Washington Avenue: Federally-funded phases are on schedule, but construction will be in 2011-12, not 2010-11 as shown in the TIP.

A464, 175732, Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail: Phase 1: Construction is now estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$7M, not \$2.5M as programmed in the TIP. Since the cap for projects of this type has been removed, the county was advised that they can seek a TIP amendment for a cost increase.

A465, 175733, Guilderland Center Pedestrian Safety: The town would like to obligate the design funds in the 2008-10 period and were told by CDTC staff that CDTC has automatic rollovers, but a STIP offset might be required to move funds into the 2011-12 FFY. Region One suggested that the funds in 2008-10 be put in the 2014-15 FFY since they weren't obligated in a timely manner.

A466, 175734: See A436.

A467, 175535, Grant Hill Road Bridge Over Normanskill: The cost is slightly higher and construction needs to roll into 2011-12. Neither action requires an amendment.

A469, 175534, Pictuay Road Bridge Over Coeymans Creek: The construction cost is now estimated to be about \$1.5M (a \$0.500M increase), and will need an amendment.

A473, 175686, Albany Waterfront/Corning Preserve Improvements: The funds for this project are from a congressional earmark. The project the city designed cannot be implemented with federal transportation funds. To solve this problem, the city attempted to get congressional approval for a different scope. The city will now redesign the project around the existing rules related to federal transportation funds.

A500, 175795, Sheridan Hollow Sidewalks: It appears that the cost of this project will be higher than shown on the TIP.

A501, 175801, School Zone Driver Feedback, City of Albany: Engineering just started. The project will be designed to cost \$0.461M in federal unmatched funds.

A503, 175804, ITS Signal Improvements on New Scotland Avenue: The P phase needs roll from 2008-10 to 2011-12. The construction estimate is preliminary, but the city said it will be updated by the end of the week of this meeting being reported on here.

A526, 175892, CR 9 over Fox Creek: Bridge: The project needs slight increases in P & D.

A527, 175891, CR 55 over Vloman Kill: The project is a rehabilitation and needs a small amount of funds for I & R.

Rensselaer County (September 8, 2011)

Attendees

Glenn Posca, CDTC staff
Karen Williams, NYSDOT Region One
Heidi Romines, NYSDOT Region One
Lorenzo Distefano, NYSDOT Region One
Osvaldo Priotti, City of Rensselaer
Sarah Crowell, City of Rensselaer
William Shiland, Town of Hoosick
Matt Maston, East Greenbush
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy
Tom Murley, North Greenbush
Joe Teliska, Rensselaer County
Wayne Bonesteel, Rensselaer County

R175, 175451, ITS Signal Upgrades at Two Locations on Broadway: Combined and let with R254 (175715).

R178, 175452, Troy-Menands Bride, Ped & Bike Access: Complete

R195, 175459, South Troy Industrial Park Road: Changes to the southern component drove up the cost by about \$1.5M, and could possibly constitute a scope change. An extension of the ten-year rule has been requested and granted.

R196, 175468, CR 111 (Pitts-Johns Road) Bridge over the Hoosick River: Cost has increased by about \$1.0M. An amendment seeking to increase the funds for this project, using funds from project R241 as an offset, will be submitted to the Planning Committee at its October 2011 meeting.

R202, 175503, 56 Road Bridge over Poestenkill: Complete

R203, 175499, CR 40 (Plank Road) over Poestenkill: Complete

R219, 175542, ITS Signal Improvements in the City of Troy: Complete

R223, 175566, Troy Pedestrian Bicycle Trail: The original scope included private contributions that have not materialized, with the result that the current design is not completely along the river. The city is still trying to meet the original intent, but that could increase the cost significantly, so design has temporarily been halted.

R229, 175631, Sherwood Avenue Sidewalks: There is a water main under the road that increases the cost of the project to such an extent that the Town is unlikely to pay the difference. (The cap is imposed by STP-Enhancement funds rules.) Also, complicating the situation is the fact that

the project will (or is) in violation of the ten-year rule and PS&E has already been submitted. The Town will consider its options and seek input from appropriate sources.

R241, 175531, CR 49 (Eastern Union Turnpike) over Wynantskill Creek: The project does not need all the funds programmed. An amendment seeking to decrease these funds and use them as an offset for project R196 will be submitted to the Planning Committee at its October 2011 meeting.

R242, 175637, Spring Avenue Over Poestenkill Bridge Replacement: All design funds (as shown in the 2010-11 FFY) have been obligated.

R243, 175642, Broadway Over AMTRAK Service Road Bridge Rehabilitation: The project was let with R254 and R175. The low bid was lower than the amount programmed in the TIP.

R244, 175670, ITS Signal Improvements in the City of Troy: The project is complete.

R245, 175662, NY 2 Reconstruction from 5th Avenue to 11th Street: The project is currently under construction.

R249, 175697, First Alley Connector Sidewalk: The City of Rensselaer will seek to withdraw the project.

R250, 175699, NY 151 Flashing Beacons: The project is complete.

R254, 175715, Broadway Reconstruction from US 20 to Broadway Viaduct Bridge: The project was let with R243 and R175. The low bid was lower than the amount programmed in the TIP.

R255, 175735, Route 20 Corridor Bike/Ped Improvements: All design funds (as shown in the 2008-10 period) have been obligated.

R257, 175536, NY 151 Bridge over East Street Rehabilitation: The project shows as HBRR in the TIP but as STP-Flex in the STIP. The project now is eligible for HBRR, so construction in the STIP has since been changed to HBRR. Construction cost will need to be increased. The city was advised that an amendment will be required.

R259, 175720, CR 26 Bridge over Black Brook Replacement: Construction and ROW funds needed to be moved from 2010-11 to 2011-12 and will be obligated before 4/1/12.

R260, 175721, Sand Bank Road Bridge over the Little Hoosic River: All phases should be deferred one year.

R262, 175737, Park & Ride Lots in US 20 Corridor: The City of Rensselaer will seek to withdraw the project.

R267, 175771, Luther Road (NY 151 Bike/Ped Improvements: The project is in design and could be let in 2011-12 or 2012-13, but may need the scope to be reworked.

R277, 175796, Lansingburgh Sidewalks: The funding and schedule are okay as is.

R279, 175799, US 4/Mannix Road Roundabout: Construction will need at least \$1.0M more funds. Also, the town would like to move construction from 2014-15 to 2011-12. The town was advised that 1) this would require an amendment for both the schedule change and the cost increase, 2) that CMAQ projects were deferred in May 2010 due to over-programming, 3) advancing the schedule would require members to advance this project so that it precedes other deferred projects, and 4) budget estimates and their impact on the 2011-12 FFY are not yet known, and would need to be known prior to approving these changes. The town also acknowledged that they are responsible for the entire 20% match. The town has since proposed the amendments mentioned above.

R282, 175869, Oakwood Avenue 1R: The project is complete.

R287, 175815, CR 68 Bridge Over Wynantskill Creek: Construction can be deferred from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

R289, 175814, CR 114 Over Powamppokonk Creek: Construction can be deferred from 2012-13 to 2013-14.

R292, 175838, US 4, Couse Corners to Mannix Road: Corridor Improvements: There was discussion by Region One as to whether this PIN or 175930 is the correct PIN for this project. The cost and schedule for this project are correct as shown.

R296, 175893, East Road (CR 33) over Kinderhook Creek: All phases can be deferred one year. I & R need to be added in very small amounts.

R297, 175898, Plank Road (CR 126) over the Deepkill: All phases except P can be deferred on year.

R298, 175899, Preservation of County Bridges: Construction can be delayed one year (into the post period).

R299, 175904, White Church Road over Quackenkill: Preliminary phases can be delayed one year.

R300, 175890, Broken Wheel Road over Hoosick River: Cost and schedule are okay as is.

R301, 175905, White Creek Road Bridge: The BIN shown in the STIP was incorrect and changed to 2201620.

Saratoga County (August 31, 2011)

Attendees

Glenn Posca, CDTC staff
Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC staff
Karen Williams, NYSDOT Region One
Heidi Romines, NYSDOT Region One
Lorenzo Distefano, NYSDOT Region One
Kevin King, Town of Malta
Bradley Birge, City of Saratoga Springs
Tim Wales, City of Saratoga Springs
Peter Faith, Greenman-Pedersen Inc.
Tom Speziale, Saratoga County Public Works
Barbara McHugh, Town of Clifton Park

SA201, 175660, Ballston Avenue, from Union Street to Hamilton Street, Safety Improvements: Cost and schedule are okay as shown.

SA136, 175457, Saratoga Springs Downtown Pedestrian Improvements: The city is considering options for resolving this project.

SA217, 175736, Crescent Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvements: The Town widened the road, using its ROW, so ROW may need to be purchased. There is also a need for a small amount of funds for ROW incidentals. The design report is not yet approved, but current indications are that there is a need for a significant cost increase. The cap for this project and others like it was lifted in May 2011.

SA220, 175640, CR 7 Stewart Dam Bridge Over the Sacandaga Reservoir: Cost and schedule are okay as shown.

SA222, 175709, CR 45 (Northline Road) Bridge over Kayderosseras: The project will need slightly more funds and ROW in 2011-12.

SA223, 175710, US 4 (Central Avenue) Bridge Over the Anthony Kill: Cost and schedule are okay as shown.

SA258, 175916, North Line Road/Old Post Road/Malta Avenue: Cost and schedule are okay as shown.

SA259, 175900, Staffords Road (CR 67) Bridge over Fish Creek: Cost and schedule are okay as shown.

SA260, 175896, Mott Road over Snook Kill: Cost and schedule are okay as shown.

Schenectady County (September 12, 2011)

Attendees

Glenn Posca, CDTC staff
Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC staff
Karen Williams, NYSDOT Region One
Heidi Romines, NYSDOT Region One
Lorenzo Distefano, NYSDOT Region One
Joe Ryan, Schenectady County
Lat Schmidt, Schenectady County Engineering
Paul Sheldon, Schenectady County Engineering
Paul Cassillo, City of Schenectady

S140, 175463, Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail, Corridor Improvements: The project has been constructed, but there has been no obligation of federal funds. The city and DOT will look into this.

S155, 175579, Scotia Sidewalks: The project also may have been constructed, with no obligation of federal funds.

S157, 175601, Maple Avenue Realignment: The county is waiting for a SHPO report. The project includes lane widening and curb realignment. The cost estimate is still good. ROW needs to be in 2011-12.

S160, 175591, Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail, State/Washington intersection: The project is complete.

S165, 194122, Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail: This project is not on the STIP, implying it may have already been obligated. But obligation was not confirmed, and a search of obligations reported on the CDTC web site was negative.

S167, 175533, Oak Street over CSX: The city requested the engineering funds be moved from 2013-14 to 2011-12.

S175, 175537, CR 103 (Pangburn Road) Bridge Over Normanskill: Cost and schedule are okay as shown.

S177, 175716, Erie Boulevard, from Liberty Street to I-890: There was discussion requiring follow-up as to what credentials are needed for inspectors in the construction inspection phase. Also, it was clarified that the Demo funds are being used to extend the limits of the project, rather than reduce the use of NHS funds or increase the scope. But the Demo funds are not required to be spent specifically on those extended limits. An additional \$1.2M in local funds will be expended on this project for sanitary sewers. Also, an additional \$0.500M might be spent by a power company as part of a project to bury electrical lines from Canada to New York City. Region One advised the city that this may require an alternate bid. The exact estimate of the

construction phase is nearing completion. It became clear at this meeting that the construction phase would not be ready for obligation before the end of the 2010-11 FFY, but that it would be ready for obligation early in 2011-12. CDTC staff and Region One staff will work with the city to make sure this project is moved to the 2011-12 with the most appropriate amount of funds.

S184, 175790, City of Schenectady Alternative Fuel Retrofit: Up to 26 Vehicles: The project has been obligated and is currently being implemented.

S185, 175789, County of Schenectady Alternative Fuel Retrofit: 3 Vehicles: The project is not on the STIP because it was scheduled to be obligated in the previous STIP. The project has not been obligated, but bids were accepted and subsequently rejected due to problems with the bids. The county will now be working with Region One in order to obligate the project before letting.

S188, 175800, Erie Boulevard/Jay Street/Nott Street/Front Street Roundabout: The cost and schedule are okay as shown.

S189, 175806, New Traffic Signal at Intersection of Providence Avenue & Hillside Avenue: The project was obligated in 2009-10 and will be ready for bid in early 2011-12. The county is currently awaiting title for ROW.

S190, 175827, Seneca Street and Maxon Road Canalway Trail Crossing: Construction is complete.

S194, 175870, River Road/Providence Avenue, 1R Preventive Maintenance: Construction is complete.

S195, 175871, Rosendale Road, River Road to NY 7, 1R Preventive Maintenance: Construction is complete

S196, 175872, Van Vranken Avenue, Nott Street to Maxon Road, 1R Preventive Maintenance: Construction is complete.

S199, 175919, Lower State Street & Washington Avenue: An additional \$0.227M is needed for detailed design. Otherwise, the cost and schedule are okay as shown.

S203, 175902, Van Vorst over Alplaus Kill: The project needs \$0.010M I and \$0.020M R.

S206, 175889, Alplaus Avenue Bridge over Alplaus Kill: The cost and schedule shown in the STIP are accurate, except that engineering funds might be double what is needed.