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To: All Interested Parties

From: Michael V. Franchini, Executive Director

Re: Notification of TIP Solicitation

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties, has the responsibility under federal law to adopt a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Last year CDTC developed a TIP which included all federal-aid transportation projects for the period from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2018. Our Policy Committee adopted this TIP at their June 6, 2013 meeting.

A copy of the 2013 – 2018 TIP can be found on our website at <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/tip.htm>. This TIP contains 27 regional set-aside projects, which are blocks of funding for which projects have not yet been programmed with the intention of soliciting projects at a later date. These 27 regional set-aside projects can be further broken down into State, Transit, and Local projects.

With this letter we are soliciting projects for 8 of the 9 Local set-aside projects. Those 8 set-aside projects and their funding amounts are as follows:

| TIP Number | Project Description | 1 st Year 2013–2014 * | 2 nd Year 2014–2015 * | 3 rd Year 2015–2016 * | Total Funding * |
|------------|--|--|--|--|--------------------|
| RG28 | Intelligent Transportation Systems | | 0.824 | 1.233 | 2.057 |
| RG39 | ITS Set-Aside for Local Traffic Signals | 0.450 | 0.719 | 0.719 | 1.888 |
| RG102 | Alternative Fuel Program for non-CDTA fleets | | 0.372 | 0.372 | 0.744 |
| RG103 | Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Set-Aside | 0.109 | 0.764 | 0.764 | 1.637 |
| RG116 | Goods Movement Set-Aside | | 0.625 | 0.625 | 1.250 |
| RG119 | Linkage Program Implementation | | 0.469 | 0.469 | 0.938 |
| RG124 | Intersection Safety Improvements | | 2.083 | 2.083 | 4.166 |
| RG125 | Pavement Preservation for Non-State Roads | | 8.238 | 3.412 | 11.65 |

* Funding units are millions of dollars

We are not soliciting projects for RG126, Bridge Preservation for Non-State Roads at this time. Instead CDTC and local bridge owners are developing a process which would determine the best local bridge preservation candidates based on their structural condition before the owner submits them to CDTC for funding. Our goal is to develop this process by the Spring of next year, and to solicit for bridge preservation projects then.

Also please note that we are only soliciting projects for the first 3 years of the TIP. The total funding for these 8 projects for these 3 years is \$24.33 million.

Eligible project sponsors (CDTA, counties, cities and other municipalities and public entities) should consider candidates and submit those of greatest priority and best fit to CDTC's adopted principles and plans.

CDTC's eligibility criteria require integration of modes and appropriate integration of transportation and land use in all projects. All candidate projects must be consistent with CDTC's New Visions plan as reflected in CDTC's adopted Planning and Investment Principles. For a copy of these principles, please see our website, at <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/rtp2035/2035.htm>.

If you have candidate projects that meet the federal and CDTC eligibility criteria and would like to submit candidate projects for CDTC to consider adding to the TIP, you must do so by **Friday, January 31, 2014**. If we do not hear from you by then, we will conclude that your jurisdiction is not interested in submitting candidates for funding from the first 3 years of the current TIP.

Your submission letter to CDTC should contain the following:

- 1) Completed project justification packages (enclosed) for each project submittal. If a given candidate project was submitted in an earlier project solicitation but not programmed for funding, you will still need to complete and submit a project justification package for that project.
- 2) An indication of your priorities among the projects you propose. (Because of the effort required for CDTC to evaluate projects, your effort to submit only your highest priority projects will be appreciated.)
- 3) An affirmation of local ability/willingness to pay up to 20% of project costs (subject to federal fund source requirements and the availability of state "Marchiselli" funds, this could be reduced to 5% for many project types) and to maintain the project once built, if a non-state facility, should also be included. Note that state procedures will require the local jurisdiction to "front" money for future reimbursement during the project development process.
- 4) The name of a contact person for further information. CDTC staff will rely on this individual during the process of clarifying project details and evaluating project merit.

Candidate projects will be first screened for basic eligibility and consistency with the long range transportation plan, evaluated for merit using cost/benefit analysis supplemented by qualitative information, and then formed into a balanced program that makes progress towards meeting regional goals. Please see our website, <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/tipdoc13/solicitation/solicitations.htm>, for fund eligibility, evaluation criteria, and a fillable copy of our project justification package.

If you have any questions, please call or email us and we will direct you to the appropriate CDTC staff.