

**Programming Economic Recovery Act (Stimulus) Funds in the Capital District  
Proposed 2007-12 TIP Amendment**

**The numbers in this memorandum are subject to change as better information becomes available. Details about the programming approach will be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting.**

**Background**

A draft list of Economic Stimulus Projects was discussed with the Planning Committee at its January and February meetings. The list includes 91 roadway, bridge, transit, and bike/ped projects. The cost of all of these projects totals roughly \$483 million. Of the 91 projects, roughly 53 projects totaling \$227 million are considered "shovel-ready". Shovel-ready projects are those that could be obligated within 120 days of President Obama's signing of the stimulus bill.

Since the Planning Committee last met on February 4, 2009, NYSDOT, CDTC, and CDTA staffs have further discussed the deliverability of projects on the Draft List. Based on the best information available, CDTC staff prepared a revised list that identifies: (1) those projects that have the best chance of obligation within 120 days (**Table 1**); (2) those projects that have the next best chance of obligation in 120 days (**Table 2**); and (3) new local and State projects (**Table 3**). Additional revisions to the list may be considered in response to comments received during the public comment period which will end on February 23, 2009.

The cost of the projects listed in Table 1 totals \$154 million.

The projects in Table 1:

- Include 9 highway and 4 transit projects, all of which are on the 2007-12 TIP. The cost of the 9 highway projects on the list totals \$48.3 million. The cost of The transit projects total \$61.5 million.
  
- Include six new element specific initiatives which call for new investment in preventative maintenance and repaving of State and local arterials. The cost of these initiatives totals \$44.5 million.

At this time, New York expects to receive about \$1.4 billion under the Stimulus Bill for transportation investment. Back in December, we expected that the eight counties in Region 1, including the CDTC and AGFTC areas, would receive roughly \$127 million (about \$100 million for the CDTC area). The current allocation target is much less, estimated at \$87 million for Region 1 (\$70-75 million for the CDTC area). An additional \$14 million is expected for transit. Additional funds will be made available for airport and port projects.

## Draft CDTC Programming Action for Economic Stimulus Funding

### Title I (Highway Projects)

1. For the projects on the List that are on the 2007-12 TIP, allow NYSDOT to use its existing authority to select projects and designate stimulus funding. By existing approved policy, the CDTC Policy Board already authorizes the New York State Department of Transportation to select projects from the TIP and to change funding source without a TIP amendment. *However, the intent of this programming action is that NYSDOT will select projects from the TIP based on deliverability on a first come, first serve basis, within the funding constraint discussed below. TIP projects that are not ready to be obligated by April 30, 2009 will still be funded with the fund source currently shown in the TIP.*
  
2. For New Preventative Maintenance and Paving projects Initiatives, create regional set asides. By this programming action, CDTC is creating the following set asides, subject to the funding constraint described below.

#30	Preventative Pavement Maintenance State Federal Aid System Arterials	\$8 M
New	Preventative Maintenance 1R Local Federal-Aid System (broken out of list # 30)	\$10 M
#49	NY 5 BRT/ADA Compliance	\$7.5M
#50	High Function Bridge Preservation State Bridges (8 Counties?)	\$10 M
#47	Bridge Painting State (and Local?) (8 Counties?)	\$6 M
#53	Bridges (5-7) Repairs State (and Local?) (8 Counties?)	\$3 M

Projects in this category which do not receive stimulus funding will not be included on the TIP. When projects in this category are ready for obligation they will be proposed for inclusion in the TIP by amendment request and the Planning Committee will act on them.

3. For other New Local and State Projects, not already on the TIP, and not included in the preventative maintenance set asides, select these projects only if the funding available exceeds TIP projects that are ready to be obligated by April 30, 2009. Projects in this category which do not receive stimulus funding will not be included on the TIP. They may be eligible for future rounds of stimulus funding, and they may apply for TIP programming in future TIP project solicitations.

## **Title I Funding Constraints**

Including likely candidates for delivery by April 30, total Table 1 costs add up as follows:

### **Total Table 1 Costs**

TIP Projects (except enhancements)	\$48.3 M	52%
New State Projects Set Asides	\$44.5 M	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92.8 M</b>	<b>100%</b>

CDTC currently has been given a target funding of \$75 M. However, the final amount of stimulus funding for CDTC may change. This CDTC programming action approves the three categories of Title 1 projects subject to the funding constraint that projects in each category will be selected on a first come, first serve basis, and maintain the general balance between funding of TIP projects and set-aside projects.

**Title III (Transit Projects)** - This action programs the transit projects on the revised list with Economic Stimulus Funding.