

Capital District
Transportation Committee

January 12, 2016

**Capital District Transportation Committee
2016-21 TIP Update
Notes Regarding Draft Project Listings**

At the January 6, 2016 Planning Committee meeting, the Planning Committee began building the 2016-21 TIP. What follows is documentation of what comprises the draft project listings compiled after that meeting. In the documentation that follows, projects have been categorized into groups with similar characteristics or actions. Not showing in the groups of projects are those explicitly approved by the Planning Committee at the above referenced meeting. That group of projects was a subset of projects showing at the time in CDTC's 2013-18 TIP project listings. Totals of programming made at that meeting will not match totals of projects in the draft listings because the listings have been updated as detailed below.

Not In the Project Listings:

- 1) Set-Asides: No set-asides have been included except those which have indirect approval as detailed in the next section.
- 2) Transit Funds: Projects funded with transit fund sources have not yet been proposed to the Committee. Transit projects funded with highway funds are included.

Projects Approved in Concept:

There are also actions previously taken by the Planning Committee that did not approve specific TIP projects. Projects reflecting those actions are also included in listings as follows:

- 1) RG29, CDTC Technical Services: This is in the UPWP.
- 2) DOT Maintenance: the Planning Committee previously approved funding for DOT Maintenance. There are several projects in the 2013-18 TIP that might be part of that category. These projects are RG15, RG16, RG22, RG23, RG37, RG37A, RG37B, RG37C and RG118. These have been included with the funding from the corresponding FFY's in the 2013-18 TIP. The funding for these projects should be updated. Other aspects of DOT Maintenance may need other set-asides.
- 3) RG40, Grade Crossing Set-Aside: Rail funding was included in the action regarding budget estimates, but was not specified. This funding is normally kept in RG40 until projects are proposed as drawdowns. Therefore, RG40 has been included with the funding from the corresponding FFY's in the 2013-18 TIP. This listing needs the funding to be updated.

More Information Needed:

There are projects for which the Committee is awaiting information from sponsors not at the January 6, 2016 meeting. Since then, some sponsors have replied. The following is a status of those projects:

- 1) A529: Awaiting sponsor information
- 2) A552: P & D phases add to the committed column and C add to first year
- 3) R257: Status as “committed”
- 4) R292: Awaiting sponsor information
- 5) R295: Status as “post”
- 6) SA292: Status as “committed”
- 7) S143: Awaiting sponsor information

Projects Not Considered that Must be Considered:

There are also other projects that have not been addressed by the Planning Committee. They have been included as follows, in order to provide the opportunity for action.

- 1) STP Enhancement and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). These are TAP or STP-Enh projects whose funds were programmed in the 2013-18 TIP in a year that overlaps with the 2016-21 TIP. They are T92, A546, SA279, SA290 and S231.
- 2) Projects understood to have been obligated in the 2015-16 FFY are shown as committed.
- 3) Rail Projects: These are grade crossing (Rail) projects whose funds were programmed in the 2013-18 TIP in a year that overlaps with the 2016-21 TIP. They are A543 and S237.
- 4) A526 (1758.92), CR 9 over Fox Creek, Element Specific Bridge Repair: The sponsor reports that preliminary design has been obligated and would like to add this project to the 2016-21 TIP.
- 5) A527 (1758.91), CR 55 over Vloman Kill, Element Specific Bridge Repair: The sponsor expects to have this project fully obligated before the first year of the 2016-21 TIP.
- 6) S170 (1822.85), Western Gateway Transportation Center
- 7) S192 (1728.59), Hamburg Street Sidewalk Connection (CMAQ project in 2017-18): The sponsor withdrew support for this project.

Changes Requested by Sponsors:

Changes to the listings to clarify the cost and schedules were made in some cases at the request of the sponsor. These are listed below:

- 1) S192 (1758.29), Hamburg Street Sidewalk Connection: The project was removed (not included).
- 2) S222, (1759.94), Aqueduct Road (CR 10): C moved from first year to committed.
- 3) S236 (1760.15), Schenectady Bridges, Element Specific Bridge Repair: P & D phases were added to the committed column and C moved from committed to first year.

Abbreviated Project Descriptions:

Some projects in the 2013-18 TIP have excessively long descriptions. For those whose funding is exclusively in the post period, portions of the descriptions have been replaced with the note “More information is in the 2013-18 TIP project listing”. The intention is to save wasted space, while preserving the information. This was done for the following projects:

- 1) A290 (1347.07), Selkirk Bypass
- 2) A453 (1759.22), Watervliet Shaker Road, from Karner Road to Albany Shaker Road: Corridor Improvements
- 3) R292 (1758.38), US 4, Couse Corners to Mannix Road: Corridor Improvements
- 4) R295 (1759.15), 21st Street Realignment & Hoosick Street/Burdett Avenue Intersection

Notes to Sponsors About Confirming Project Listings:

Every project implementer should examine the listings regarding their projects to make certain that the new listings properly reflects each project’s cost and schedule. Every sponsor should check or be aware of the following:

- 1) The schedules of some phases carried over from the 2013-18 TIP to the 2016-21 TIP were not clear at the meeting on January 6, 2016. This is particularly true for projects whose final funding is in the 2015-16 FFY (the “committed” year of the 2016-21 TIP), which the Planning Committee “added to the TIP”. Based on those definitions, these could be put in the “committed” or “first year” of the 2016-21 TIP. CDTC staff used judgment based on the discussion at the meeting to determine the year. Sponsors should alert CDTC staff to any corrections immediately.
- 2) Only phases showing in the listings have funding.
- 3) The funds for each phase are available in the federal fiscal year (FFY) shown. They are not available until then without a change to the TIP, and may not be available after that without a change to the TIP.
- 4) The funding for each phase must reflect a “good faith” estimate of the cost of that phase. Additional funding should not be assumed, especially after the final version of the TIP is approved. Therefore, if the cost shown does not reflect a “good faith” estimate, it should be made known to CDTC staff immediately.
- 5) Due diligence has been taken by CDTC staff to produce project listings that accurately reflect Planning Committee actions and project sponsors expectations. However, since errors can occur (in mechanics, communication and understanding), sponsor examination of project listings is a necessary component of accurate project listings.
- 6) If a sponsor does not address any feature of the project listings during the draft period, it is assumed that the information in the project listings is accurate and that the sponsor agrees with all of it.
- 7) Members should also comment on projects they are not sponsoring if there is some question about those project listings.
- 8) Once the 2016-21 TIP is adopted, it replaces the 2013-18 TIP. Therefore, sponsors should not rely on funding shown in the 2013-18 TIP, but not included in the 2016-21 TIP, after adoption of the 2016-21 TIP. Adoption is currently scheduled for June 2016.