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Capital District Transportation Committee
One Park Place, Main Floor
Albany, NY 12205-2676

March 15, 2018

RE: NYSDOT PIN 1051.82 (ALBANY CORNING PRESERVE BIKE AND PED CONNECTOR RAMP: ALBANY SKYWAY), CITY OF ALBANY, ALBANY COUNTY

Dear Mr. Franchini:

We are submitting the proposed amendment to the 2016-2021 CDTC TIP for consideration by the Planning Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

TIP PROJECT NUMBERS: TBD

The amendment is proposed due to the following:

- ☐ Scope Change
- ☐ Cost Change
- ☐ Schedule Change
- **X** **New Project**
- ☐ Other

PROVIDE EXPLANATION FOR CHANGE:

The enactment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 authorized states to repurpose certain funds, originally earmarked for specific projects more than 10 years ago, provided that: less than 10 percent of the amount made available had been obligated for the original purpose; the funds would be applied to projects within 100 miles for which the funding was originally designated; and that the repurposed projects had a strong likelihood of being obligated within three years.

The Appropriations Act provided New York with an unprecedented opportunity to repurpose idle earmarks to revitalize cities, towns, and villages by implementing transformative and innovative projects that improve mobility and accessibility by making the transportation system safer for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike. NYSDOT Region 1 was the recipient of one State administered and two locally administered projects to be funded with repurposed earmark funds. Funding for this project will not count against the Regional Core Funding.

Region 1 is proposing to utilize $2.500 M ($3.125 M matched) of the repurposed earmark funding for PIN 1051.82, Albany Corning Preserve Bicycle and Pedestrian Connector Ramp, City of Albany, Phase 1. The project intends to discontinue vehicular use of the Northbound I-787 ramp from Quay Street to Clinton Ave

and convert the ramp to a Linear Park and Bicycle/Pedestrian Access from Broadway, City of Albany to a new Quay Street crosswalk to the Corning Preserve. The project would provide safe, non-motorized access to the Albany Riverfront and would serve as a response to I-787 Study recommendations to River Access. In addition, non-motorized use of this structure will greatly extend its life.

CURRENT TIP DATA						PROPOSED TIP DATA			
PIN	**AMOUNT**	**FUND SOURCE**	**PHASE**	**FFY**		**AMOUNT**	**FUND SOURCE**	**PHASE**	**FFY**
1051.82	**N/A**	**N/A**	**D**	**N/A**		**0.300**	**HPP**	**D**	**18-19**
N/A	**N/A**	**N/A**	**C***	**N/A**		**2.825**	**HPP****	**C***	**18-19**

***Includes Construction Inspection**
****Repurposed Demo ID NY060, Program Code RPS0**

If you have any questions about this request, please call Bryan Cross at 417-6595 or Greg Wichser at 485-7324.

Sincerely,

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