



September 30, 2020

Mr. Michael Franchini, Executive Director
Capital District Transportation Committee
1 Park Place, Main Floor
Albany, NY 12205-2676

RE: TIP, New Project
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Washington/Western BRT – Phase 4

Dear Mr. Franchini:

CDTA is submitting the proposed amendments to the 2019–24 TIP for consideration by the Planning Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The proposed amendment reflects a competitive grant that was awarded in Spring 2020. CDTA is required to submit federal grant applications to obligate funds by September 30, 2022, so we are requesting a TIP update to reflect the approved budget prior to grant submittal.

TIP PROJECT NUMBER: T134

The amendment is proposed due to the following:

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

Provide Explanation for Change

On May 29, 2020 the Federal Transit Administration announced program awards for the FFY19 Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grant. \$60,888,093 was allocated to CDTA for the Albany Washington/Western Bus Rapid Transit (Bus Plus Purple Line). We need to amend the TIP to create a new project in order to access the funding. This is new federal funding to the region that will be obligated prior to September 30, 2022 and should be shown in FFY20/21.

TIP T134 – Washington/Western BRT Phase 4

The BusPlus Purple Line is the fourth and final phase of CDTA’s 8.5 mile BRT line that is being constructed along the Washington/Western corridor that extends from the downtown Albany Bus Terminal, through the State University of New York at Albany and the Harriman State office Complex to the Crossgates Mall.

The project includes limited stops, 16 uniquely branded buses, transit signal priority, queue bypass lanes, real-time bus arrival information, a one-mile semi-exclusive busway across the University campus, and bus maintenance garage expansion. Service is planned to operate seven days a week, with buses every seven to 10 minutes during weekday daytime hours and buses every 15 to 30 minutes during weekday evenings and weekends. Specific project components related to Phase 4 are detailed in Attachment A.

Normally federal funds require local match of a specified percentage for each element of programming. However, for this project, local match is being provided differently. CDTA has worked with FTA regarding local match and has resolved that it will be supplied as detailed below. The total Federal amount is \$60,888,093 and the total local match is \$16,796,031 (21.62%)

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PROPOSED TIP DATA (Millions of Dollars)

Total	Federal Source	Federal Share	Local Share	Phase	FFY
34.147	Sect. 5309	30.129	4.017	C*	2020-21
17.371	Sect. 5309	8.671	8.700	V	2020-21
13.008	Sect. 5309	11.478	1.530	S	2020-21
10.791	Sect. 5309	9.521	1.270	F	2020-21
2.367	Sect. 5309	1.089	1.278	R	2020-21

*Budget listed for Construction includes \$11.053M for unallocated contingency

Construction funding for this project includes inspection (supervision):
 yes no N/A (please check one).

If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ross Farrell
Director of Planning

Cc: Chris Desany, Vice President of Planning & Infrastructure, CDTA
Philip Parella, Jr., Director of Finance, CDTA
Jeremy Smith, Director of Facilities, CDTA
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Enc: Attachment A – WWBRT Project Grant Phases

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Attachment A: WASHINGTON / WESTERN BUS RAPID TRANSIT - PROJECT GRANT PHASES

WWBRT Construction Phase	Project Components				FTA Grant #	Grant Title	TIP	PIN / STIP	TIP Description	Federal Fund Source	Total Funding	Federal Funding
	Station or Location	Civil Work	Shelter / Pylon	Rebranding								
Not Applicable					NY-95-X054	Washington/Western BRT Small Starts Project Development	A545	CDTC45	Design to support development of Washington/Western BRT project, to link downtown Albany with the campuses of Harriman State and University of Albany: Includes queue jump lanes, 15 stations, & new transit center at Crossgates Mall	NHPP	\$ 2,344,000	\$ 1,875,200
					NY-2016-024	Washington/Western BRT Small Starts Project Development				STP-Flex	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 924,000
1	Lark/Library Station	X	X		NY-2018-065	Washington/Western Bus Rapid Transit Improvements	T109	1760.59	3 city blocks from Dove Street to Lexington Avenue. Bus stop work, enhanced lighting, raised medians, turn lanes, on-street parking, signalized mid-block pedestrian crossings, curb extensions and bump outs.	NHPP STP-Flex HSIP	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,296,000
2	Harriman West / ETEC Station	X			NY-2020-082	Washington/Western BRT Phase 2 - Harriman West / ETEC Station & UAlbany Downtown Campus Station	T123	1822.15	Construct transit, roadway, and pedestrian infrastructure for the future Washington-Western BRT line in the City of Albany adjacent to the University at Albany's Downtown Campus and the new ETEC Campus	TAP STP-Flex	\$ 5,513,874	\$ 4,360,717
	UAlbany Downtown Station	X										
3	122 Industrial Park Road	X			TBD	TBD	T125	1824.62	Construct new parking facilities and staging area due to the increase in CDTA's fleet.	STP-Flex	\$ 2,178,000	\$ 1,742,400
	Madison Avenue Staging Area	X										
4	Albany Bus Terminal			X	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	CIG	\$77,684,124	\$ 60,888,093
	Broadway Station			X								
	South Pearl Station			X								
	Capitol/Hawk Station			X								
	Lark/Library Station			X								
	UAlbany Downtown Station		X									
	Quail Station	X	X									
	Partridge/St. Rose Station	X	X									
	Allen/Madison Station	X	X									
	Colonial Station	X	X									
	Harriman East Station (& Busway)	X	X									
	Harriman West / ETEC Station		X									
	UAlbany Uptown Station (& Busway)	X	X									
	Fuller/SUNY Poly Station		X									
	Crossgates Commons Station		X									
	Crossgates Mall Station		X									
Albany Bus Garage Expansion	X											
Signal Upgrades for TSP	X											
TOTAL											\$ 90,494,998	\$ 71,086,410