

Pedestrian Safety Action Plan - Call for Local Projects

Introduction

The New York State Department of Transportation in partnership with the Capital District Transportation Committee released a call for local pedestrian safety projects in October 2017. This call for local projects is directly related to the New York State Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP), which can be found at <https://www.ny.gov/pedestrian-safety-action-plan/pedestrian-safety-action-plan>.

Available Funding

New York State has reserved \$40 M in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for this program. There is no local match required (projects will be 100% eligible, in most cases, for HSIP funds). NYSDOT Region 1 has been assigned a project programming target (approximately \$3.49 M) with a portion of that funding (a minimum of 60%) targeted for projects in the Cities of Albany and Schenectady, PSAP designated focus communities. There is a \$250,000 project minimum for all applicants.

Eligible Projects

Non-state owned roadways in counties, cities, towns and villages within CDTC's 2010 adjusted urbanized area boundary are eligible. Sponsors must be municipalities. Funding may be used for projects that systemically implement the basic and enhanced treatments (with supporting studies) identified in the PSAP at uncontrolled crosswalk locations (locations where there is no signal, stop sign or yield sign) and at signalized intersections. These treatments are discussed in the PSAP on pages 48-58.

A systemic approach to safety involves widely implemented improvements based on high-risk roadway features correlated with specific severe crash types. Illustrative examples of systemic projects include:

- Adding pedestrian countdown timers at all or a percentage of the signalized intersections within a municipality.
- Implementing an upgraded pavement marking and sign package at all or a percentage of uncontrolled crosswalks within a municipality.
- Adding backplates on signals along one or more corridors or adding backplates at all signals within a municipality to increase signal conspicuity (construction and/or rebuild of outdated traffic signals is not eligible)

Project Evaluation

CDTC will coordinate with NYSDOT's Region 1 Planning and Program Manager, Regional Traffic Engineer, Regional ADA Coordinator, and other local agencies to select pedestrian projects on local urban roads that are consistent with the program guidance and the PSAP. The projects will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, deliverability and schedule.

Schedule

The submission deadline to CDTC is March 9, 2018. An informational webinar was held for sponsors in October and a recording is available at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/psap> along with the program guidance, application and additional information. For questions contact Sandy Misiewicz of the CDTC staff at 518-458-2161 or smisiewicz@cdtcmpo.org.