

Pedestrian Safety Action Plan - Call for Local Projects

Introduction

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is expected to release a call for local pedestrian safety projects in September 2017. The call for local projects is directly related to the New York State Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP), which was released in June 2016 and 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 (all projects will be eligible for 100% HSIP funds). NYSDOT Region 1 will be assigned a project programming target (approximately \$3.49 M) with a portion of that funding (a minimum of 60%) reserved first for projects in the focus communities identified in the PSAP. The focus communities in Region 1 are the Cities of Albany and Schenectady.

Cities, towns and villages located within the designated 2010 federal urban area are also eligible to sponsor a project. Counties interested in sponsoring a project for municipalities within their county are also eligible to apply.

Eligible Projects

Funding may be used for projects that systemically implement the basic treatment packages and enhanced treatments (with supporting studies) identified in the PSAP at uncontrolled crosswalks and at signalized intersections. Basic and enhanced treatments for uncontrolled crosswalks and at signalized intersections 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adding backplates at all signals within a municipality to increase signal conspicuity (construction and/or rebuild of outdated traffic signals is not eligible)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 call for projects is expected to be issued by September 29, 2017 with a submission deadline of February 28, 2018. An informational webinar for sponsors is tentatively planned for October 20, 2017. CDTC will send a call letter to eligible municipal sponsors once available.