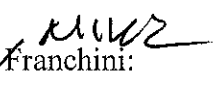




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July 28, 2014

Mr. Michael Franchini  
Executive Director  
Capital District Transportation Committee  
One Park Place  
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Dear Mr.  Franchini:

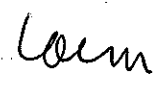
As you are well aware, our BusPlus service on Route 5 has been a tremendous success. CDTA is aggressively moving forward to expand our Bus Rapid Transit system throughout the Capital Region. Planning on our Washington/Western line is moving along, and I am happy to inform you we have been accepted into the project development phase of the Federal Transit Administration's Small Starts process. This is the first step in securing funding to complete this important project.

We have also been working to advance planning and eventual implementation of a Bus Rapid Transit line along the River Corridor. This service will operate through the River Corridor communities along the Hudson River and will connect Albany, Menands, Watervliet, Troy and Cohoes, with potential for it to be extended into Waterford and Lansingburgh.

We request that \$2.25 million within RG 109 on the current TIP be allocated to support engineering/design/environmental review associated with the River Corridor line, as it is consistent with the BRT implementation project.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding our request.

Cordially,

  
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## TIP SET-ASIDE

TIP Project	Phase	Current TIP data			Proposed TIP data		
BRT Implementation		Amount (in millions)	Source	Fund Year	Amount	Source	Fund Year
RG 109	C	\$0	NHPP	2014-15	\$0	NHPP	2014-15
RG 109	C	\$1.188	STP- Flex	2015-16	\$0	STP- Flex	2015-16
RG 109	C	\$2.344	NHPP	2016-17	\$1.282	NHPP	2016-17
RG 109	C	\$2.344	NHPP	2017-18	\$2.344	NHPP	2017-18

Construction funding for this project includes inspection (supervision):

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ NA

New TIP Project	Phase	Current TIP data			Proposed TIP data		
River Corridor BRT Project Implementation		Amount (in millions)	Source	Fund Year	Amount	Source	Fund Year
	P	NA	NA	NA	\$0.225	STP- Flex	2015-16
	P	NA	NA	NA	\$0.225	NHPP	2015-16
	D	NA	NA	NA	\$0.963	STP- Flex	2016-17
	D	NA	NA	NA	\$0.837	NHPP	2016-17

Construction funding for this project includes inspection (supervision):

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ NA