Capital District Transportation Committee

Possible CMAQ Balance

In determining the likelihood in June 2014 of a project being obligated for construction in mid-September 2014, it seems the two critical factors are whether or not acquisition of right-of-way (ROW) is required for the project and whether or not the design report is approved. If the design report is approved, then authorization for ROW acquisition has also been obtained.

Only the following three projects do not have approved design reports, and are therefore, in danger of not meeting the September deadline for construction obligation. The Erie Boulevard Roundabout (S188) also requires right-of-way, putting it at additional risk of not meeting the September deadline.

1) A464, Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail
2) S187, Mohawk/Hudson Bike Trail Crossing at NY 5S
3) S188, Erie Boulevard Roundabout

If any of the above projects (or any others not cited here) are not obligated before obligations are finalized for the fiscal year, the possibility exists to leave CMAQ funds unspent. Therefore, some possible uses for unspent funds are cited below:

1) **A436/A466, Western Avenue Sidewalks**: The project has been let for $0.032M more than the TIP amount. Region One is checking to see if it can be increased in limits or scope after the letting. There is also a phase two that was not expected to be ready in time. Region One is checking on that project also.

2) **A435, ITS on Washington/Western**: The project has been let, so it may not be possible to spend additional funds on it. But, the City has the ability to add funds to this project to restore some complete streets parts of the scope that were removed.