Starting Projects Added to the TIP in June 2014

In June 2014, the CDTC Policy Board added projects to the TIP as drawdowns from set-asides. As per Planning Committee comments in previous meetings, the expectation is that most of the new projects can be implemented quickly. Accordingly, design and construction funding were programmed in the same year for many of these projects, largely in 2014-15, which begins October 1, 2014.

The schedule to obligate construction for such projects by mid-September 2015, would be more likely achieved with the earliest possible start to design. Although obligation for preliminary design can’t be done until October 1, 2014, there are necessary steps that can be taken prior to obligation, such as:

1) Selection of a consultant
2) Scope of services and cost produced by consultant
3) Region One can write a master agreement
4) Master agreement can run through the municipalities’ process
5) Signature pages can come back to Region One

After the above steps are accomplished, obligation for design can be made. Accomplishment of the above steps prior to design would be ambitious, even if started now.