

MEMORANDUM

TO: Genesee Transportation Council Members & Alternates
FROM: Richard Perrin, Executive Director *RP*
DATE: November 29, 2011
SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 11-136 (Amending Federal Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 of the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program*)

As discussed at the September 8, 2011 Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) Board meeting, the federal funds programmed in Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2012 through 2014 of the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (2011-2014 TIP)* are approximately 40 percent higher than the amounts now expected to be available. Accordingly, to ensure that there are sufficient federal funds to reimburse agencies for their projects included in the *2011-2014 TIP*, a reprogramming of FFYs 2012 through 2014 (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014) needs to occur.

The TIP Development Committee (TDC) and GTC staff developed a Draft Revised *2011-2014 TIP* Project List that adhered to the reduced reasonably expected federal transportation revenues for FFYs 2012 through 2014. The Draft Revised *2011-2014 TIP* Project List reflected the region's continued commitment to selecting the highest-ranked projects based on the agreed upon, quantitative evaluation criteria that place an emphasis on cost-effective preservation of the existing highway and bridge network (via preventive and corrective maintenance) with strategic expansions of the public transportation, bicycle, and pedestrian networks.

GTC was not required to provide public review opportunities beyond those typically conducted for other TIP amendments as this revision does not constitute a TIP update. However, given the significant reduction in reasonably expected funds and the requisite reduction in projects to be advanced through FFY 2014, the GTC Board agreed at its September 8, 2011 meeting that significant opportunities for public input were warranted and directed staff to conduct a 30-day public review for the Draft Revised *2011-2014 TIP*.

The GTC Planning Committee approved the Draft Revised *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* Project List for Public Review at its October 13, 2011 meeting. This review was conducted from October 14, 2011 through November 15, 2011 and included media releases, direct notice to groups serving those not traditionally well-represented in the transportation planning process, and four public meetings throughout the Rochester Transportation Management Area to solicit comments and inform the region's residents, businesses, and institutions of the negative consequences arising from underinvestment in the transportation system.

The majority of public comments received were in regards to the NYS Route 20 at Genesee County Road 35 (East Road) project in the Town of Bethany. The affected property owners' letter is included in this mailing. Due to the size of the associated attachments they provided, these documents are available on the GTC website (www.gtcmpo.org). The GTC Planning Committee considered public comments and approved the Recommended Revised *2011-2014*



Transportation Improvement Program Project List for your approval via proposed Resolution 11-136 at its November 10, 2011 meeting.

The following items are provided for your consideration:

- 1. Proposed Resolution 11-136** (Amending Federal Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 of the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program*) (see page 53)
- 2. Recommended Revised 2011-2014 TIP Project List including Glossary of Fund Sources** (see page 55)
- 3. Summary of verbal comments and copies of written comments received during 30-day public review period** (see page 111)

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution 11-136, amending Federal Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 of the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.