

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTC Planning Committee Members & Alternates
FROM: James Stack, Executive Director
DATE: July 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Approval of the Draft *2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List* for public review

GTC and NYSDOT-Region 4 staff have worked with the TIP Development Committee (TDC) to produce the "DRAFT 2023-2027 TIP Project List for Public Review" for Planning Committee consideration. Projects recommended for funding via the draft project list are proposed to be advanced in Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2023 through 2027.

In December 2021, GTC and NYSDOT-Region 4 jointly solicited applications for new transportation projects which anticipated using Federal transportation funds to be included in the *2020-2024 TIP*, covering the time period between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2027. This was done in anticipation of new federal funding becoming available and in coordination with an update to the Statewide TIP.

The GTC/NYSDOT team presented to the TDC a prioritized list of projects based upon the Evaluation Criteria included in the project proposal solicitation package. Based on the Planning Targets provided by NYSDOT Main Office, funding was assigned to the ranked projects in accordance with funding availability and eligibility restrictions. These are new projects that will primarily be programmed in the FFYs 2025 through 2027, though project development phases may be advanced depending on available balances.

The TDC concurred with the draft program of projects for consideration by the GTC Planning Committee. Further refinements to the schedule of individual projects will be reviewed by the TDC and included in the final version of the draft *2023-2027 TIP* for Board consideration in August.

Fiscal Constraint

On March 28, 2022, NYSDOT issued the TIP/STIP Update Guidance. The Guidance included the amounts of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds by program that are being made available to the GTC/NYSDOT-Region 4 TIP area (Planning Targets) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2023 through 2027. On April 26, 2022, NYSDOT provided estimated amounts of FTA Section 5307 and FTA Section 5339 funding to be allocated to RGRTA as the designated recipient for the Rochester, NY Urbanized Area.

The TIP Financial Summary (Fiscal Constraint Table) shows the Planning Targets with the amounts that are allocated to new projects as well as the cost of "rollover" projects committed via the current FFY 2022-2024 TIP. In accordance with the STIP, the first four years of the TIP must be fiscally-constrained. GTC has the option to show a fifth year and the TDC concurred to provide certainty for project sponsors.

Public Review

The 30-day public review period for the *2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* will begin July 15, 2022 and conclude August 15, 2022. This period is concurrent with the public review for the draft Air Quality Conformity Statement.

The [GTC Community Engagement Hub](#) will provide project information and collect feedback via online form, text message and phone. Comments will also be accepted by email and mail. A report of the comments received will be provided at the Planning Committee meeting on August 11.

In accordance with the GTC *Public Engagement Plan*, staff will host two online meetings and one in-person open house to share information and gather feedback:

1. 6:30 PM, Tuesday, July 26, 2022: Online (<https://publicinput.com/NewGTCTIP>)
2. 4-6 PM, Wednesday, July 27, 2022: City Place, 50 West Main Street, Rochester
3. 1:00 PM, Wednesday, July 28, 2022: Online (<https://publicinput.com/NewGTCTIP>)

The following items are provided for your consideration:

1. [Draft *2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Project List*](#) – This list includes all new projects recommended to be programmed with federal surface transportation funding in the seven-county GTC TIP area in Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2023 through 2027. There is a separate list of projects for which we received an application but we are unable to fund.
2. [Draft *2023-2027 TIP Financial Summary*](#)

Pending Planning Committee review and comment, GTC staff will finalize the Draft *2023-2027 TIP* for public review. The public review period will extend from July 15, 2022 through August 15, 2022. GTC staff will present the final draft *2023-2027 TIP* to the Planning Committee on August 11, 2022, with comments received up to that date. If comments that require significant changes are raised by then, the Planning Committee can adjust the recommendation. If comments that require significant changes are raised between the Planning Committee meeting and August 15, staff suggests the Planning Committee defer to the TIP Development Committee to determine if significant changes are required. The Planning Committee will make a recommendation for the GTC Board to consider adopting the final *2023-2027 TIP* at its August 25, 2022 meeting.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Draft 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for public review.