

July 26, 2021

Ms. Sandy Miciewicz, Executive Director
Capital District Transportation Committee
1 Park Place, Main Floor
Albany, NY 12205-2676

**RE: PIN CDTC107 / TIP T107 – Hudson River Corridor BRT: Phase 1
PIN CDTC.31 / TIP RG131 – Bus Rapid Transit Setaside
Drawdown of Years 1 – 3 (FFYs 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22)
for Red Line BRT Upgrades**

Dear Ms. Misiewicz:

CDTA is submitting the proposed amendments to the 2019–24 TIP for consideration by the Planning Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The proposed amendments involve the River Corridor Bus Rapid Transit, the BRT setaside, and a project related to upgrades to the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit system. The Red Line BusPlus service rolled out in April 2011 and was CDTA's first BRT line, which runs along the 17 mile stretch of NY Route 5 between downtown Albany and downtown Schenectady.

TIP PROJECT NUMBER: T107 (CDTC107)

The amendment is proposed due to the following:

- Scope Change
- Cost Change
- Schedule Change
- New Project
- X Other

Provide Explanation for Change

Funds drawn down from the BRT setaside (RG131) in October 2016 and November 2017 and put into T107 for the Hudson River Corridor BRT line were flexed to the FTA and put into grants in 2018. These funds were obligated on the 2016-21 TIP, but only \$1M in Design and Construction funds was able to be used as originally programmed. The FTA has agreed to allow the remaining \$3.63M of the grant funds intended for the Uncle Sam Transit Center to be deobligated and used for another eligible project. This action requests to show these funds on the current 2019-24 TIP in order to make the subsequent changes.

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PROPOSED TIP UPDATE

TIP Project	TIP	Project Name	Fund Source	Phase	Current TIP Amount	Proposed TIP Amount	Year
TIP T107 PIN CDCT107	2016-21*	Hudson River Corridor BRT: Phase 1	NHPP	D	0.300	0.600	2017-18
			NHPP	C	0.310	0.345	
			NHPP	F	1.705	0.000	
			STP-Flex	D	0.300	0.000	
			STP-Flex	C	0.310	0.055	
			STP-Flex	F	1.705	0.000	
			TOTAL		4.630	1.000	
TIP T107 PIN CDCT107	2019-24	Hudson River Corridor BRT: Phase 1	NHPP	C	0.120	0.120	2019-20
			NHPP	F	1.000	2.370	
			STP-Flex	C	0.120	0.340	
			STP-Flex	F	2.448	4.488	
			TOTAL		3.688	7.318	

*2016-21 TIP is listed for informational purposes and is not being amended.

TIP PROJECT NUMBERS: T107 (CDTC107), RG131 (CDTC131)

The amendment is proposed due to the following:

- X Scope Change
- X Cost Change
- Schedule Change
- New Project
- Other

Provide Explanation for Change

Additional funds were drawn down from the BRT setaside in March 2019 for the same project referenced in the above action (T107), but never flexed to FTA or put into a grant.

This request is to move all unused T107 funds (\$7.318M) intended for the Uncle Sam Transit Center back into the BRT setaside and remove the Uncle Sam Transit Center from the project scope in T107.

PROPOSED TIP UPDATE

TIP Project	Project Name	Fund Source	Phase	Current TIP Amount*	Proposed TIP Amount	Year
TIP T107 PIN CDTC107	Hudson River Corridor BRT: Phase 1	NHPP	C	0.120	0.000	2019-20
		NHPP	F	2.370	0.000	
		STP-Flex	C	0.340	0.000	
		STP-Flex	F	4.488	0.000	
		TOTAL		7.318	0.000	
TIP RG131 PIN CDTC131	Bus Rapid Transit Setaside	NHPP	C	2.430	4.920	2021-22
		STP-Flex	C	0.491	5.319	
		TOTAL		2.921	10.239	

*Current TIP Amount is contingent upon approval of previous action.

Note: For RG131, only the affected elements are shown while others remain unchanged.

TIP PROJECT NUMBER: RG131 (CDTC131), NEW

The amendment is proposed due to the following:

- Scope Change
- Cost Change
- Schedule Change
- X New Project
- Other

Provide Explanation for Change

The following project is created by a drawdown of funds from a TIP setaside to provide upgrades to the BusPlus Bus Rapid Transit Red Line.

TIP NEW – BusPlus Red Line Upgrades

This project will provide upgrades to the BusPlus Red Line. Upgrades include the purchase of 60-foot articulated buses, shelter replacements, and new amenities, roadway and lane configuration, traffic calming, pedestrian improvements, raised medians, and transit priority infrastructure. This project upgrades the stations on the region’s oldest BRT line to meet the level of the newer lines including enhanced passenger amenities, integration of new mobility services, and increased capacity. The first phase of upgrades will occur in Schenectady and include the purchase of BusPlus Red Line branded articulated buses for use on this route.

PROPOSED TIP UPDATE

TIP Project	Project Name	Fund Source	Phase	Current TIP Amount*	Proposed TIP Amount	Year
TIP RG131 PIN CDCT131	Bus Rapid Transit Setaside	NHPP	C	2.430	0.000	2019-20
		STP-Flex	C	0.000	0.000	
		NHPP	C	2.430	0.000	2020-21
		STP-Flex	C	0.000	0.000	
		NHPP	C	4.920	2.988	2021-22
		STP-Flex	C	5.319	0.259	
TOTAL				15.099	3.247	
TIP NEW PIN New	BusPlus Red Line Upgrades	NHPP	D	N/A	1.132	2021-22
		NHPP	C	N/A	5.660	
		STP-Flex	V	N/A	5.060	
		TOTAL				0.000

**Current TIP Amount is contingent upon approval of previous actions.*

Note: For RG131, only the affected elements are shown while others remain unchanged.

If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Director of Planning

Cc: Philip Parella, Jr., Director of Finance, CDTA
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