In Motion Plan Amendment Summary for Reimagining I-787

November 4, 2026 Planning Committee Meeting

Background

The metropolitan (regional) transportation plan for the Capital Region, *In Motion: The Plan to 2050*, was adopted by the Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) in September 2025. Federal law requires the In Motion Plan to include a financial plan and be fiscally constrained, meaning project funding commitments should not exceed reasonably anticipated revenues. The Reimagining I-787 project was identified as a regionally significant project and included in the In Motion financial plan as an illustrative project, one for which funding resources have not yet been identified.

Since In Motion was adopted, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has been utilizing $40 million in state funds to further develop the Reimagining I-787 project by initiating the Pre-Environmental Impact Statement phase. A Notice of Intent is anticipated to be issued in 2027 to formally announce the project and initiate the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a process that may take two years to complete.

Reason for In Motion Plan Amendment

While a preferred alternative has yet to be identified, it is clear that some kind of project will emerge from the Reimagining I-787 planning work within the next 20 years. To account for that, the Transportation Council will need to amend the In Motion Plan to include a reasonable planning level cost estimate ($1.5 billion) for an initial investment in the Reimagining I-787 project and to add the project to the fiscally-constrained project list. To maintain fiscal constraint, the following NYSDOT sponsored projects will need to be moved from the fiscally-constrained project list to the illustrative project list (see table 1):

- NY 67 over Hudson River, City of Mechanicville and Town of Schaghticoke: $70M
- US 9W/I-787 Bridge, City of Albany: $65M
- US 4 over Hudson River Bridge, City of Troy and City of Cohoes: $92M
- Stillwater Bridge Road (NY 915C) Bridge project: $40M

With these proposed changes, the reasonably anticipated revenues would remain at approximately $8.7 billion to the year 2050 and the revised expenditures would be approximately $8.674 billion, maintaining fiscal constraint.

Table 1: List of Fiscally-Constrained and Illustrative Projects

Project Name	Sponsor	Cost Estimate	Project Location	Work Type	Category
All projects on 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program	Various	$889M	Various Locations within Capital Region	Various	Fiscally-constrained
"West Facility" in Schenectady for Bus Maintenance	CDTA	$145M	2345 Maxon Road Extension, City of Schenectady	System enhancement	Fiscally-constrained
Implementation of Regional Trails Plan	Various	$154M	Various Locations within Capital Region	System enhancement	Fiscally-constrained
Zim Smith Trail	Saratoga County	$13M	Northern extension of trail from Oak Street in Ballston Spa to E. West Road in Saratoga Spa State Park; 4 miles.	System enhancement	Fiscally-constrained
Reimagining I-787	NYSDOT	$1.5B	Study area includes I-787 corridor from southern terminus with I-87 and Southern Blvd in City of Albany to northern terminus in City of Cohoes (including connecting streets and parallel streets), S. Mall Arterial, interchanges, cross-river connections, and active transportation facilities. City of Albany, City of Watervliet, Town of Colonie, Village of Menands, Village of Green Island, City of Rensselaer.	System enhancement	Fiscally-constrained
NY 67 over Hudson River, BIN 4415150	NYSDOT	$70M	City of Mechanicville and Town of Schaghticoke	Maintenance/ preservation	Illustrative
US 9W/I-787 Bridge, BIN 1054460	NYSDOT	$65M	City of Albany	Maintenance/ preservation	Illustrative
US 4 over Hudson River, Bridge (City of Troy), BIN 4000950	NYSDOT	$92M	City of Troy and City of Cohoes	Maintenance/ preservation	Illustrative
Stillwater Bridge Road (NY 915C) Bridge, BINs 1029200, 4029210	NYSDOT	$40M	Village of Stillwater and Town of Schaghticoke	Maintenance/ preservation	Illustrative
Route 378 Over the Hudson (Troy-Menands Bridge), BIN 1062850	NYSDOT	$300M	Village of Menands and City of Troy.	Maintenance/ preservation	Illustrative
I-890 Exit 4C Mobility and Quality of Life Improvements, Schenectady	Schenectady County	$75-200M	Study area includes I-890 and loop road, Washington Ave (Exit 4C), State Street, Erie Blvd, Mohawk-Hudson Bikeway, and other local streets in the vicinity. City of Schenectady and Town of Rotterdam.	System enhancement	Illustrative

Additional In Motion Plan Revision

An additional change to the project list in Table 1 as part of this amendment to the In Motion Plan is to revise the data associated with the I-890 Exit 4C Mobility and Quality of Life Improvements project. At the time the In Motion Plan was adopted, the Planning and Environment Linkages Study for the I-890 project had not yet been completed. The study was completed in November 2025. This amendment will revise the project sponsor to be Schenectady County with a planning level cost estimate of between $75 and $200 million.

Next Steps

Following Planning Committee approval of the In Motion Plan amendment, a 20-day public review period will open as required in the Transportation Council Public Participation Plan. Policy Board adoption is anticipated at its December 4, 2026 meeting.