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At its July 10, 2024 meeting the Capital Region Transportation Council Planning Committee recommended the addition of a new 2-lane roundabout project (A632 / 1762.92) to the Policy Board (at the New Karner Road / Washington Ave Extension intersection), pending the addition of the following information to the request: (1) details of the project name change associated with the existing New Karner Road Corridor Rehabilitation project (A295 / 1132.16), and (2) additional details associated with the drawdown of funds from the existing HSIP set aside (RG146 / CDTC33) proposed to be part of the funding of the new roundabout project proposal (A632 / 1762.92).

Accordingly, following are detailed summaries of each of these three TIP projects:

**A295, 1132.16, NY 155 / CR 157 New Karner Road Corridor Rehabilitation, From US 20 to Watervliet Shaker Road, Towns of Guilderland and Colonie, City of Albany, and Village of Colonie.**  
**(Existing TIP Project)**

This is an existing TIP project added during the 19-24 TIP Update. As part of initial traffic studies undertaken under for this project it was determined that a 2-lane roundabout would be the best solution for the congested/accident prone New Karner Road / Washington Ave Extension intersection. As such, in November 2023, an amendment was approved to update the project description to include this 2-lane roundabout (the amendment also included the addition of \$0.140M for ROW Incidentals and Acquisition).

As preliminary studies have continued to progress since the initial amendment was adopted, coordination with environmental agencies has led to realization that the environmental permitting processes required to implement a new roundabout at this location will be a lengthy, multi-year process. As such, a new amendment is proposed to update the project description to remove the 2-lane roundabout from this PIN, as follows:

**Current Project Description:**

NY 155/CR 157 New Karner Road Corridor Rehabilitation, from US 20 to Watervliet Shaker Road.

Includes Safety and Complete Streets Improvements, and Installation of a New Two-Lane Roundabout at the New Karner Rd and Washington Ave Extension intersection.

Towns Of Guilderland and Colonie, City of Albany and Village of Colonie, Albany County. A295

**Proposed Project Description:**

NY 155/CR 157 New Karner Road Corridor Rehabilitation, from US 20 to Watervliet Shaker Road.

Includes Safety and Complete Streets Improvements.

Towns Of Guilderland and Colonie, City of Albany and Village of Colonie, Albany County. A295

The existing funding for A295 / 1132.16 remains unchanged and is detailed in the table below.

TIP #	PIN	Current TIP Data				Proposed TIP Data			
		Phase	Fund Source	FFY	Cost (\$M)	Phase	Fund Source	FFY	Cost (\$M)
A295	1132.16	P	STBG LG URB	21-22	0.375	P	STBG LG URB	21-22	0.375
		D	STBG LG URB	21-22	0.275	D	STBG LG URB	21-22	0.275
		I	STBG LG URB	23-24	0.070	I	STBG LG URB	23-24	0.070
		R	STBG LG URB	23-24	0.070	R	STBG LG URB	23-24	0.070
		CI	STBG LG URB	24-25	0.595	CI	STBG LG URB	24-25	0.595
		C	NHPP	24-25	5.955	C	NHPP	24-25	5.955
						7.340	Total		

**RG146, CDTC33, Block of Funds for Highway Safety Improvement Projects**

**(Existing TIP Project)**

This proposed amendment will “draw down” the remaining funds (\$4.068M) in the current HSIP set aside and move them to the newly proposed roundabout project (A632 / 1762.92). This change will result in zero balance left in the existing HSIP set aside project.

The funding changes are detailed in the table below:

TIP #	PIN	Current TIP Data				Proposed TIP Data			
		Phase	Fund Source	FFY	Cost (\$M)	Phase	Fund Source	FFY	Cost (\$M)
RG146	CDTC33	MISC	HSIP	26-27	4.068	MISC	HSIP	26-27	0.000
		Total				4.068*	Total		

\*As noted at the 7/10/24 Planning Committee meeting, there is a difference of \$2.732M in what is available in the HSIP set aside (RG146/CDTC33) and what is needed in the construction phases for the new A632 / 1762.92 project. That being the case, NYSDOT has committed regional allocation HSIP funding to supplement/complete the project. Once approved, the budget estimates will be updated in the fiscal constraint table to show a balanced budget.

**A632, 1762.92, New Karner Road and Washington Avenue Roundabout, City of Albany, Albany County (Proposed New TIP Project)**

This amendment will create a new TIP project to implement a 2-lane roundabout at the New Karner Road / Washington Avenue Extension intersection. As noted at the 7/10/24 Planning Committee meeting, there is a difference of \$2.732M in what is available in the HSIP set aside (RG146/CDTC33) and what is needed in the construction phases for this new project (A632 / 1762.92). That being the case, NYSDOT has committed regional allocation HSIP funding to supplement/complete the project. Once approved, the budget estimates will be updated in the fiscal constraint table to show a balanced budget.

Project details included in the original amendment letter presented at the 7/10/24 Planning Committee Meeting are outlined below:

**Project Description:**

*NY 155/CR 157 New Karner Road and Washington Avenue Ext. Roundabout.*

*Includes the Installation of a New Two-Lane Roundabout at the New Karner Rd and Washington Ave Extension intersection, approach pavement, pedestrian crossings, guiderail, and retaining wall work adjacent to the intersection from Pinehurst Blvd. to Rifle Range Rd.*

*City of Albany, Albany County. A632*

**Project Limits:**

*Project will include work between Pinehurst Blvd. to Rifle Range Rd.*

*Primary work will include construction of a new two-lane roundabout at the Karner Rd and Washington Ave Extension intersection.*

*Secondary work will include mill and fill of pavement and adjustment/replacement of guiderail between Pinehurst Blvd. and Rifle Range Rd.*

*Towns Of Guilderland and Colonie, City of Albany and Village of Colonie, Albany County. A295*

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Elements:**

*Pedestrian crossings will be constructed at the new New Karner Road/Washington Avenue Extension roundabout*

The proposed funding for A632 / 1762.92 are detailed in the table below:

TIP #	PIN	Current TIP Data				Proposed TIP Data			
		Phase	Fund Source	FFY	Cost (\$M)	Phase	Fund Source	FFY	Cost (\$M)
A632	1762.92					P	STBG LG Urban	24-25	0.200
						D	STBG LG Urban	24-25	0.200
						I	STBG LG Urban	24-25	0.025
						R	STBG LG Urban	24-25	0.025
						CI	HSIP*	25-26	0.800
						C	HSIP*	25-26	6.000
						Total			7.250

\*NYSDOT has committed to funding the local match portion of both HSIP phases