

## **National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Projects and Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) Designations**

### **Background**

NYSDOT, as part of the New York State Freight Plan update, is proposing several new National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funded projects and is seeking certification of subsequent Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) designations.

One program NYSDOT uses for freight investments is the NHFP fund. States become eligible for NHFP funds upon FHWA's approval of a State Freight Plan, which must be completed every four (4) years and feature a fiscally constrained freight investment plan, specifying priority projects and funding mechanisms. NHFP funded projects must be on a designated Critical Urban Freight Corridor.

### **Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) Designation**

FHWA requires state DOTs to designate Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) and these designations are required for NHFP project funding. NYSDOT is limited to 150 miles of roadway statewide to be designated as CUFCs. NYSDOT designates short CUFC segments based on the location of NHFP-awarded projects. New CUFC segment designations require coordination with MPOs including the Transportation Council.

### **NHFP Projects**

NYSDOT is in the final stages of updating the NY State Freight Plan, which includes a fiscally constrained freight investment plan. The following three (3) project locations have been identified in the draft NY State Freight Plan to receive NHFP funding in the Transportation Council region:

- Bridge Replacement: NY 146 over 1-890 (BIN 1038340), City of Schenectady, Schenectady County
  - Cost: \$8,940,000, NHFP Funding: \$5,000,000
  - CUFC: 0.1 miles
- Bridge Replacement: NY 146 over Chrysler Ave and CSX Railroad (BIN 1038330), Town of Rotterdam, Schenectady County
  - Cost: \$11,610,000, NHFP Funding: \$9,000,000
  - CUFC: 0.1 miles
- Interchange Improvements and Bridge Replacement: I-87 Exit 16/CR 33 Ballard Rd (BIN 1033370), Town of Wilton, Saratoga County
  - Cost: \$21,000,000, NHFP Funding: \$5,000,000
  - CUFC: 0.1 miles

The project limits of the roadway segments represented in the above projects will also be designated as CUFCs. Projects that are not already on the Transportation Council's 2022-2027

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will need to be added, upon request by the sponsor, later. At their August 7, 2024, meeting the Planning Committee recommended to the Policy Board endorsing the three (3) NHFP projects and certification of the CUFC segment designations, as proposed by NYSDOT in the NY State Freight Plan update.

**Proposed Action**

Staff recommends endorsing via letter the three (3) NHFP projects and certification of the CUFC segment designations, as proposed by NYSDOT in the NY State Freight Plan update.