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NYSDOT ISSUES DRAFT STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Public Comment Period Extends Through August 26, 2016

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Commissioner Matthew Driscoll announced today that the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for federal fiscal years 2017 through 2020 is available for public review and comment. The STIP is a list of all projects in New York State proposed for federal funding that are scheduled to begin during this period.

“The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is an essential tool for planning and programming transportation projects that rely on federal aid,” Commissioner Driscoll said. “Governor Andrew Cuomo has made transportation a priority and working with our federal partners to finance many of the state’s infrastructure improvements is key.”

The STIP contains the regional transportation improvement programs of the State’s 14 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and all other federally funded highway and transit projects from around the State. The STIP is generally updated every two to three years. All federally funded projects planned for federal fiscal years 2017 through 2020 must be included in this draft STIP update.

The draft STIP assumes the availability of approximately \$12.5 billion in federal aid to address highway safety, bridge and highway infrastructure, public transportation infrastructure, and bicycle and pedestrian enhancements. Including State and local project contributions, the STIP would facilitate \$33.4 billion in planned transportation projects.

The draft STIP will be available for public review and comment through August 26, 2016. The draft STIP may be viewed online at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/stip/draftstip>. It also is available for review during normal business hours at any of NYSDOT’s 11 regional offices, or at any of the 14 MPO offices (list follows).

Comments and questions regarding the draft STIP can be submitted via email to STIP@dot.ny.gov, or in writing to: New York State Department of Transportation, Policy and Planning Division, 2017 Through 2020 STIP Comments, 50 Wolf Road, 6th Floor, Albany, NY 12232.

NYSDOT will review and address comments received during the public comment period. These comments will be incorporated into the draft STIP submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The draft STIP is expected to be submitted in September for final approval by October 1, 2016.

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