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**SUBJECT: Bus Shelter request**

Dear Mr. Reeb:

CDTA received your inquiry regarding the status of bus shelters recommended in the CDTC-funded McKownville Corridor study. Since the completion of the McKownville study, the Town of Guilderland was programmed for a \$728,000 federally funded (CMAQ) project for sidewalks on Western from Fuller to the Albany City line (2006-2007 construction), and CDTA received a \$285,000 Multimodal grant from New York State for pedestrian improvements at six intersections, some of which are in the McKownville neighborhood. CDTA is working with the Town of Guilderland and the City of Albany to work out the scope of the Multimodal grant obtained by Assemblyman McEneny, as it has very specific restrictions on what it can be spent on, and it must be pedestrian improvements **in addition to** the later federally-funded project. Unfortunately, transit shelters themselves are not eligible under the Multimodal program or included in the CMAQ project, and so will need to be funded out of CDTA's regular shelter program (see below). CDTA has deferred consideration of implementation of the shelters until the specific pedestrian network improvements that are going forward are full resolved (available funding is insufficient to implement **all** of the recommendations in the study). This could occur in time for the shelters proposed in the study to be considered for 2005 installation. We will also be looking to coordinate shelter installation with the pedestrian improvements for efficiency's sake.

For your information, CDTA has a budget of about \$150,000 per year for shelters, and a standard 5 x 10 shelter costs about \$12,000, including installation and pouring a concrete pad. For the 2004 season we evaluated over 30 candidate locations, and were able to program new shelters at 22 locations, primarily because we had a number of shelters in storage. Usually, we are only able to accommodate 10-15 locations per year. Candidates for the shelter program are evaluated using the following criteria:

- o Number of passengers that board at the stop (benchmark at 100, but exceptions are made if other conditions met)
- o Number of routes that use the stop, with priority given to transfer points (where more than one route converge)
- o Presence/absence of safe pedestrian access (sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic light with pedestrian phase)
- o Adjacent land use (priority to higher density, transit-friendly development with street frontage)
- o Number of Customer Requests
- o Recommendation by Division Superintendent or honoring prior commitments
- o Willingness of landowner/road owner to sign use agreement and/or maintain
- o Adjacent road reconstruction -- capital project or developer will pay for pad, electrical hook-up, shelter; and
- o Low-income neighborhoods are given special consideration

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The eight locations recommended for shelters will receive full consideration for the 2005 season. Those locations where sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian phase traffic lights exist or a pad is provided through the other construction projects will be most likely to rank sufficiently high to be included in the program.

Sincerely,



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Director of Service Planning

cc. CDTA Public Information  
Dave Palmer, Albany Division Superintendent  
Jan Weston, Town of Guilderland Planning  
Christopher O'Neill, CDTC