

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

SUNY Ulster College

Clinton Hall, Howard St. John Conference Room

Cottkill Road, Stone Ridge, NY

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Call for Citizen Comments
3. Approval of the March 22, 2013 Policy Committee meeting summary
4. Correspondence
5. New Business

a) Resolution 2013 -03: Draft UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The Final Draft UCTC 2014 – 2018 TIP is submitted to the Policy Committee for review and approval. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, a 15-day public comment period was initiated on May 3rd and a public meeting was held on May 8, 2013. MPO staff will present all public comments to committee members prior to consideration of Resolution 2013-03.

The Draft TIP and associated Resolution are available online at

<http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/planning/tip.html>; drafts will be distributed at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2013-03, address any public or Committee comments, and consider adoption (30 minutes).

b) Resolution 2013-04: Authorize the Transfer of Administrative and Management Responsibilities for Ulster County Commuter Bus Carrier's Share of FFY 2012 FTA Section 5307 TMA Formula Funds to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), Albany, New York.

The Resolution authorized UCTC to transfer FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds in the amount of \$1,485,722 with administrative and management responsibilities to CDTA for use by Ulster County commuter bus carrier Adirondack Trailways for services provided in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA/UZA 89 in accordance with the funding allocated for FFY 2012 and in keeping with the purposes specified in UCTC's adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2013-04, address any public or Committee comments, and consider adoption (30 minutes).

c) UCTC 2013 – 2015 Two-Year Voting Membership Rotation: The current 2011 – 2013 Voting Membership will expire on June 4, 2013. Notice will be provided to members regarding the turnover.

Recommended Action: Information and discussion purposes only (10 minutes).

d) Competitive Transportation Funding Opportunities. NYSDOT recently announced availability of up to \$30M in competitive Transportation Enhancement Funding for non-traditional transportation projects, such as bicycle, trail, pedestrian and streetscape projects. Municipalities and non-profit incorporated groups are eligible to apply.

Recommended Action: Information and discussion purposes only (10 minutes).

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e) Mid Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area Certification Review: This routine review by FTA and FHWA staff has been scheduled for May 29 and 30.
Recommended Action: Information and discussion purposes only (10 minutes).

5. Other/Old Business

6. Announcements/Project Updates (10 minutes)

7. Adjournment. The next Technical Committee meeting has not been scheduled at this time. ***New member orientation*** will precede the next meeting.

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Agenda Supplement

**Agenda Item 5a
New Business (45 minutes)**

Draft UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program: The Draft 2014 – 2018 TIP is submitted for the Technical Committee’s review. MPO staff will present the draft program to members and address any questions or comments regarding program contents and schedule for adoption. Substantial reductions in projects have been made to the overall UCTC Highway and Bridge program. The prior 2011 – 2015 program total of \$33.8 million in highway, bridge and trail projects was reduced to \$18.7 million through the deletion or postponement of a number of local projects. With an estimated Federal aid allocation of \$17 million over 5 years, the local program reasonably meets NYSDOT’s and FHWA’s guidance for a fiscally constrained program. When considering additional discretionary funding sources, the entire 5 year local highway program totals \$21.073 million in highway, bridge, trail and other projects. The proposed state program in Ulster County totals \$11.455 million in various highway, bridge and transit projects.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2013-03, address any public or Committee comments, and consider adoption (30 minutes).

**Agenda Item 5c
New Business (45 minutes)**

UCTC 2013 – 2015 Two-Year Voting Membership Rotation: The current 2011 – 2013 Voting Membership will expire on June 4, 2013. Notice will be provided to existing and future voting members regarding the rotation. The relevant voting member schedule is provided below:

Rotating Voting Members for Two-Year Terms - beginning June 4, 2003, one member from each pair will serve on an alternating basis:

2011 – 2013		2013 – 2015
Village of Saugerties – Mayor	→	• Town of Hurley – Supervisor
Town of Rosendale – Supervisor	→	• Town of Esopus – Supervisor
Town of Lloyd – Supervisor	→	• Town of Marlborough – Supervisor
Town of Plattekill – Supervisor	→	• Town of Shawangunk – Supervisor
Village of Ellenville – Mayor	→	• Village of New Paltz – Mayor
Town of New Paltz – Supervisor	→	• Town of Wawarsing – Supervisor
Town of Woodstock – Supervisor	→	• Town of Kingston – Supervisor

One Voting Member - Selected by Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors; Term beginning June 4, 2003

- Town of Gardiner – Supervisor** (Current Voting Member)
- Town of Denning – Supervisor
- Town of Hardenburgh – Supervisor
- Town of Marbletown – Supervisor
- Town of Olive – Supervisor
- Town of Rochester – Supervisor
- Town of Shandaken – Supervisor

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**Agenda Item 6
Announcements/Project Updates (10 minutes)**

44.22.03: Traffic Monitoring Program: UCTC has received 2012 count data collected by the consultant Tri-State Traffic Data Inc. The data were collected in the weeks of May 7-11, May 14-18, May 21-25, June 4-8, and June 11-15 2012. The remaining count data was collected in the week of August 6, 2012. The 2012 counts include locations in the southern corridor of the county that were last counted in 2009. UCTC is currently awaiting counts collected by Tri-State Traffic Data Inc for NYSDOT to complete the report; anticipated 2012 report completion is May 2013 pending data. In addition, Tri-State Traffic Data Inc is currently collecting data for the 2013 season with counters across the County. The 2013 counts occurred between April 8 through to May 3 with most counts being performed in the City of Kingston.

44.23.02-01: Initiate a Study of the Need and Location for an Intermodal Facility to Serve the Greater New Paltz Area: An RFP for consultant selection was closed in March of 2013; two planning and engineering consultant firms submitted proposals – Behan Planning and Design of Saratoga Springs, NY (with Nelson Nygaard and Alfandre Architects as subconsultants) and Stonefield Engineering and Design, LLC of Rutherford, NJ. A selection committee was arranged to evaluate proposals, including consultant interviews held on April 4. An award and contract will likely be issued in mid-April with project commencement occurring shortly thereafter.

44.23.02-02: Initiate a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Demonstration Project: Award letters were sent to the Town Shawangunk, Town of Lloyd and a joint application from New Paltz Village/Town; an RFP for consultant selection has been issued and closed on May 10th. All proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee within the next 2-3 weeks..

44.23.02-04: Boices Lane Rail Safety Study: The purpose of the study is to assess the traffic operations and safety at the existing railroad crossing on Boices Lane in the Town of Ulster, including the adjacent intersections with Morton Boulevard and John Clark Drive, and to evaluate alternatives to reduce congestion and address safety issues identified as part of the study. Creighton Manning Engineering Consultants have been performing the work. To date, existing and future traffic conditions have been analyzed and the draft plan has been submitted and reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee. Additional final revisions and public meeting presenting recommendations are pending.

44.23.02-05: Analysis of Priority Investigation Location (PIL) Data among Congested Roadway Segments in Ulster County PILs: In a continual effort to reduce traffic fatalities in Ulster County and improve overall traffic safety, this study will seek to build upon existing NYSDOT PIL and other similar data sources. PIL data will be combined with data from UCTC's Congestion Management Process and related/subsequent Travel Time Survey to identify and measure correlations between highly-congested areas and frequent accident occurrence. Where such correlations are identified, recommendations may include simple non-capital work, such as site-specific traffic control and/or maintenance improvements, to capital safety projects and/or safety enhancements to other capital projects.

Financial Report: No new information to report at this time; an updated financial report will be provided at the next Technical Committee meeting