

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
Policy Committee Meeting**

**A G E N D A**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
SUNY Ulster College  
Clinton Hall, Howard St. John Conference Room  
Cottkill Road, Stone Ridge, NY**

1. Policy Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of the June 20, 2012 Policy Committee Meeting Summary

4. Correspondence

- NYSDOT – SRT 212 Woodstock Response
- Use It or Lose It: Redistribution of Fiscal Year 2003-2006 Earmarks
- 5307 flex to Marilyn G. Shazor, Regional Administrator
- NYSDOT Kingston Park and Ride Press Release
- Beyond Preservation NYSDOT Survey Forms

5. New Business

**a) Draft Resolution 2012-12: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley**

**Transportation Management Area (MHVTMA):** Draft Resolution 2012-11 is for distribution of the FTA 5307 funds in the TMA to the Public Operators within the TMA and the Inter-County Commuter bus services. The preliminary Ulster County share for the public operators is \$827,668 and the Inter-County Commuter bus services is \$1,543,108. These funds may change pending alteration of the 2010 UZA 89 Poughkeepsie--Newburgh, NY—NJ boundary, which now includes portions of New Jersey.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2012-12 enclosed, address any public comments, and consider adoption (20 minutes).*

**b) Draft Resolution 2012-13: Distribution of the FFY 2012 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area:**

UCTC proposes a percentage each designated recipient will receive concerning the allocation of FFY 2010 FTA Section 5307/5340 funds. As of 9/7/12, the proposed distribution of FFY 2012 FTA Section 5307/5340 Small Urban funds between UCAT and Citibus has not been determined. The most recent proportion was 50/50, however earlier proportions were 60/40 (UCAT/Citibus). A proposed proportion and justification will be presented to the Policy Committee and agreed upon.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2012-13 and proposed allocation proportions, address any public comments, and consider adoption (20 minutes).*

**c) UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**update:** The UCTC TIP document has been updated. All TIP amendments as approved by the UCTC Policy Committee during 2012 along with any administrative modifications will now be provided in an appendix in order to show UCTC actions against state and federal approvals. The revised document will be posted on the project website at <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/planning/tip.html>.

**Recommended Action:** *For information and discussion purposes only. (20 minutes)*

**d) Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: An Overview of MAP-21:** MAP-21 extends current law (SAFETEA-LU) for the remainder of FY 2012, with new provisions for FY 2013 and beyond taking effect on October 1, 2012. Funding levels are maintained at FY 2012 levels, plus minor adjustments for inflation. The funding level maintains the existing 80/20 split between highway and transit programs – \$40.4 billion from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) for FY 2013, and \$41.0 billion for FY 2014; \$10.578 billion for transit in FY 2013 and \$10.695 billion in FY 2014. A comprehensive overview of the legislation was provided by UCTC staff to the Technical Committee on 8/15. Staff will provide a brief summary regarding MAP-21 implications for the MPO.

**Recommended Action:** *For information and discussion purposes only. (10 minutes)*

**e) Upcoming Meetings:** The next meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee is tentatively scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please make staff aware of any potential conflicts.

6. Other/Old Business

7. Announcements/Project Updates (10 minutes)

8. Adjournment

## Announcements/Project Updates (10 minutes)

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

Traffic Monitoring Program: Tri-State Traffic Data Inc. has completed collecting the traffic count data for 2012. UCTC's 2012 locations include the counts done 2009 as part of the three-year traffic count cycle. The 2012 counts were collected from May through July 2012. Total of 87 counts were collected in 2012. NYSDOT is currently collecting their counts in the county. Traffic Count report for 2012 will become available after the NYSDOT counts are received.

NYSDOT Safe Routes to School. In May New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) announced that applications are available for \$23.9 million in federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for infrastructure improvements and public education campaigns across the State to encourage elementary and middle school children to safely walk and bike to school. SRTS application deadline is Oct. 5; pre-application review deadline is Aug. 31 or sooner. Safe Routes to School application guidebooks are available online at the following address:  
<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/opdm/local-programs-bureau/srts>

2012 Traffic Monitoring Program: The purpose of the Traffic Monitoring Program (TMP) is to regularly collect and monitor traffic volumes on and off the State road system to help analyze trends and update traffic volume forecasts. The collection of traffic counts also helps to satisfy Federal Congestion Management Process (CMP) requirements for the Transportation Management Area (TMA). Tri-State Traffic Data Inc. has completed collecting UCTC's traffic counts data for 2012. The counts were collected from May 2012 through July 2012. Total of 87 UCTC counts were collected in 2012. NYSDOT is currently collecting their counts for Ulster County. UCTC staff is working on the 2012 Traffic Count report and anticipates its completion by November 2012 after the NYSDOT counts are received.

Transit Development Plan (TDP): Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates along with Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. are working as the consultants on the project. The final Technical Memorandum – *Recommended Service Improvements* – was delivered to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in June. This memo provides an overview of general transit service principles recommended for implementation by both Ulster County transit agencies to improve passenger experience as well as proposed service changes. The TAC last convened on July 11 to review and discuss proposed service changes and other recommendations. Consultants are presently considering TAC comments and will incorporate final draft recommendations into the draft final implementation plan, slated for completion in mid-August 2012. The draft final implementation plan will be open for public review and will be presented in a public forum, likely to be scheduled for September. Public comments will be considered and incorporated into the final implementation plan as necessary. A final newsletter detailing project progress, findings and schedule for public events will coincide with the release of the draft final implementation plan.

The project is presently on schedule for completion in 2012. Technical Memorandums and other pertinent information is available on the project website  
<http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/planning/tdp.html>

Distribution of Unallocated Section 5307 Formula Funds: The three transportation councils

within the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) are presently considering options for distribution of **\$3,211,480** in unallocated Section 5307 Formula Funds. The TMA is considering issuing a call for proposals to solicit competitive bids from throughout the TMA counties to provide services in support of two federally-supported programs: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom. The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program was established to address the unique transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment. The New Freedom formula grant program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Successful project proposals would need to also meet other Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program requirements and be consistent with locally developed coordinated human service transportation plans. The application process is tentatively scheduled to commence September 24, 2012 with a tentatively scheduled deadline of October 26, 2012. An announcement to members will be made when the process has been finalized.

#### Ulster County Park and Ride Lots Expansion Update:

- *SUNY-New Paltz bus stop improvement project*  
College provided a more developed cost estimate (Approximately \$600K). Those costs are being evaluated by NYSDOT's Design Group to determine the volatility of the estimate. We may have to scale back the plan depending on the College's level of participation, which will be the next meeting once I hear back from Design.
- *Kingston/Ulster Park & Ride Expansion*  
NYSDOT staff has had several positive discussions with a private developer of adjacent property to further expand the park & ride lot plans and develop the lot as a significant intermodal connection point. Trailways is also willing to participate in the discussion/scoping.  
NYSDOT is advancing a quick (hopefully this month) interim solution to provide some additional capacity and improve the safety of the travelers that are parking on the grass. NYSDOT staff is also considering other ideas to make further interim improvements that it will try to advance as they develop the larger project.
- *Saugerties Park & Ride Development*  
NYSDOT staff met with Trailways in the field to learn what investigations they have done in the past. Based on that review and other field investigations, it appears the focus will be in the area of the NYSTA Southbound Exit 20. Next step is to research property ownership issues.

Third Quarter Financial Report: The Third Quarter reimbursement submission to NYSDOT (for the period 4-6/2012) is currently under preparation. Reimbursement in the amount of \$120k for Q1 (10-12/2011) was received on 7/17/12. Reimbursement in the amount of \$82k for Q2 (01-03/12) is presently outstanding.