

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

-- Revised August 10, 2012 --

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

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 draft May 10, 2012 Technical Committee Meeting Summary
4. 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): 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 Ulster County share for the public operators is \$827,668 and the Inter-County Commuter bus services receive \$1,543,108.

Recommended Action: Discuss Draft Resolution 2012-12 enclosed and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for approval (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. The proposed distribution of FFY 2012 FTA Section 5307/5340 Small Urban funds is [tbd]% allocation or \$xxx,xxx.xx to the City of Kingston and [tbd]% allocation or \$xxx,xxx.xx to the County of Ulster.

Recommended Action: Discuss Draft Resolution 2012-13 enclosed and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for approval (20 minutes).

c) Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st 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 will be provided by UCTC staff.

Recommended Action: For information and discussion purposes only. (30 minutes)

d) UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update: UCTC continues to revise its TIP document based on resolutions and administrative amendments made in 2012. Progress with regard to document revisions and project updates will be reviewed and discussed. Implications with regard to NYSDOT's Beyond Preservation Justification process as it applies to new and ongoing projects will also be discussed.

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

e) UPWP Project Updates: The SFY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program includes a number of projects in support of the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan's goals and recommendations. Progress on projects to be implemented during SFY 2012 will be briefly presented and reviewed for discussion and input.

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

f) Next Policy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the UCTC Policy Committee will be scheduled for September 2012; specific date tbd.

5. Other/Old Business

6. Announcements/Project Updates (10 minutes)

7. Call for Citizen Comments

8. Adjournment

Agenda Supplement

Agenda Item 4a New Business (20 minutes)

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): The Resolution 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 Ulster County share for the public operators is \$827,668 (up from \$741,515 in FFY 2011) and the Inter-County Commuter bus services receive \$1,543,108 (up from \$1,484,009 in FFY 2011). *Discuss Resolution 2010-12 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for adoption (20 minutes).*

Agenda Item 4b New Business (20 minutes)

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

Urbanized Area. For the past several years, the City of Kingston and Ulster County leadership meet to discuss how to divide a new allocation of FTA Section 5307/5340 Small Urban funds assigned to the Kingston Urbanized Area. The total funding allocation for the Kingston Urbanized Area in FFY 2010 is \$845,427. It is proposed that Ulster County and the City of Kingston each agree to split the \$845,427 allocation [insert/ratio], or [tbd]% allocation or \$xxx,xxx.xx to Ulster County and [tbd]% allocation or \$xxx,xxx.xx to the City of Kingston. *Discuss Resolution 2010-13 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for adoption (20 minutes).*

Agenda Item 4c New Business (30 minutes)

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century: An Overview of MAP-21:

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. MAP-21 represents a milestone for the U.S. economy – it provides needed funds and, more importantly, it transforms the policy and programmatic framework for investments to guide the growth and development of the country's vital transportation infrastructure.

MAP-21 creates a streamlined, performance-based, and multimodal program to address the many challenges facing the U.S. transportation system. These challenges include improving safety, maintaining infrastructure condition, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency of the system and freight movement, protecting the environment, and reducing delays in project delivery. The Act builds on and refines many of the highway, transit, bike, and pedestrian programs and policies established in 1991. This summary reviews the policies and programs

administered by the Federal Highway Administration. The Department will continue to make progress on transportation options, which it has focused on in the past three years, working closely with stakeholders to ensure that local communities are able to build multimodal, sustainable projects ranging from passenger rail and transit to bicycle and pedestrian paths.

For information and discussion purposes only. (30 minutes)

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Announcements/Project Updates (10 minutes)

NYS DOT Safe Routes to School. In May New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) 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>

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>

Fourth Quarter Financial Report: The First Quarter reimbursement submission to NYS DOT (for the period 4-6/2012) is currently under preparation. Reimbursement in the amount of \$120k for Q3 (10–12/2011) was received on 7/17/12.