

# ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Joint Policy and Technical Committee Meeting

## Meeting Summary

March 21, 2005  
Ulster County Community College  
Stone Ridge, NY

### Members

<b>Present:</b>	Michael Campbell**	Village of Saugerties
	Sandy Cozza**	City of Kingston
	Bob Dennison <sup>+</sup>	NYSDOT Region 8
	Randy Dickinson <sup>^</sup>	Federal Railroad Administration
	Steve Finkle**	City of Kingston
	Bob Gallagher*	Town of Rosendale
	Gregory Helsmoortel <sup>+</sup>	Town of Saugerties
	Jack Hohman**	NYS Thruway Authority – NYC Division
	Toni Hokanson**	Town of New Paltz
	Jeff Kaplan*	Village of Ellenville
	Albert Meyer**	UC Legislature
	Richard Peters**	NYSDOT Region 8
	Olive Rose <sup>^</sup>	NYS Bridge Authority
	Jill Ross-Schmelz**	NYS Thruway Authority – Albany Division
	Bob Shepard*	Town of Lloyd
	Bob Yerick*	Village of Saugerties
	Frederick J. Wadnola <sup>+</sup>	Town of Ulster
	Jeremy Wilber*	Town of Woodstock

### Others

<b>Present:</b>	Mircea Catona	UC Public Works Department
	Peter Disclafarin	Citizen of Shandaken
	James V. Dolaway	Town of Wawarsing
	Nancy Hammond	Town of Lloyd
	Steve Hopkins	Ulster Publishing
	Tom Jackson	Ulster County Area Transit
	Stan Kern	Town of Kingston
	Eugene D. Ninnie	Civil Technologies and Engineering
	Kathy Nolan	Citizen of Shandaken
	Sheldon Quimby	DH Corridor Alliance
	Cynthia Ruiz	Ulster County Area Transit
	Mark Sargent	Creighton Manning Engineering
	Keith Savoury	NYSDOT – Ulster County
	Charlie Schaller	UC Traffic Safety Board
	James A. Snowden	Civil Technologies and Engineering
	Geddy Sveikauskas	Ulster Publishing
	Barbara Wise	Town of Ulster

## Staff

<b>Present:</b>	Michele Bager	NYSDOT - Albany
	Marianne Davis	UC Planning Board
	Dennis Doyle	UC Planning Board
	Tom Mank	UCTC - Kingston
	Jean Shanahan	UCTC - Poughkeepsie
	Bill Tobin	UCTC - Kingston

+ Permanent Voting Member

\* Current Voting Member (Until June 4, 2005)

\*\* Voting Proxy

^ Advisory Member

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:01 a.m.

## ROLL CALL

Mr. Doyle stated that the Policy group has achieved a quorum.

## CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

None were received.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Doyle asked for approval of the minutes for previous meetings.

- a. September 7, 2004 Policy Committee meeting – Motion to approve by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Mr. Meyer.
- b. February 1, 2005 Technical Committee meeting – Motion to approve by Mr. Wadnola, seconded by Mr. Kern.
- c. Mr. Doyle stated the minutes from the Policy Committee meeting held March 1, 2005 did not need to be approved as there was no quorum.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tobin welcomed everyone and noted that this would be a joint meeting of the Technical and Policy Committees to run concurrently. He introduced the UCTC's newest staff member, Tom Mank, who will serve as the Council's Senior Transportation Planner.

## NEW BUSINESS (Technical)

- a. Projects on the Draft FFY 2006-2010 TIP were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Dennison informed the group that DOT projects, some of which are not federally funded, were included on the TIP for informational purposes. Ms. Ross-Schmeltz added that Thruway and Bridge Authority projects were also listed for the same reason. Mr. Dennison acknowledged that some items on the TIP were ongoing projects, which originated with the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council (PDCTC) prior to the formation of the UCTC. Ms. Shanahan stated that some of the projects did not have detailed descriptions and asked if anyone had more information, to please contact her.

Mr. Doyle called for a consensus to send the draft TIP out for a public comment period of thirty (30) days to include one public informational meeting. The public informational meeting will be held on April 13, 2005. Ms. Ruiz added that anyone needing public transportation to the TIP Public Information Meeting should call Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT).

A motion to advance the UCTC'S FFY 2006-2010 TIP for public review and comment was made by Mr. Finkle and seconded by Mr. Wadnola.

- b. Mr. Doyle explained that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds became available as a result of Ulster County becoming a part of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh, Orange County Transportation Management Area (TMA). Ulster County shares an annual portion of 5307 funds with Dutchess and Orange Counties. Each year a formula is developed, as required by the FTA, to distribute funds equitably among the three MPOs. A resolution will be presented at the May 3, 2005 UCTC Policy Committee meeting summarizing a three county TMA shared FTA 5307 funds agreement.

Jean Shanahan elaborated on how federal funds come to an area and how the funds would be allocated to MPOs and transit operators. Public operators, including passenger railroad operators, will receive the amount generated plus 10%. It has been suggested that the left over funds will go to private operators for preventative maintenance. This would leave 1.7 to 1.8 million dollars leftover for open competitive use.

Mr. Doyle stated that a draft resolution will come before the Policy Committee that will show distribution of funds for the three MPOs. A similar resolution between the Ulster County Area Transit and City of Kingston Citibus only will be addressed later in today's agenda.

#### NEW BUSINESS (Policy)

- a. Resolution 2005-1: Adopt method for distributing FTA Section 5307 funds. Mr. Doyle stated the same agreement as 2004 would be utilized (60/40 split arrangement) for distribution of funds generated within Ulster County between Kingston Citibus (40%) and UCAT (60%), and called for a consensus.

A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Shepard and seconded by Mr. Wadnola.

- b. Resolution 2005-2: Amend the current SFY 2004-05 UPWP. Mr. Tobin announced that the Council was taking back \$34,614 in federal funds that was originally set aside for the UCTC - Poughkeepsie staff. Mr. Dennison stated that this money was a result of a decision not to bill smaller MPOs (Ulster, Dutchess & Orange) for staff support. The following amendments were presented for discussion and adoption:
  - i. Shift \$34,614 in PL funds from the UCTC - Region 8 Staff line item to the Unprogrammed Balance line item;

- ii. Modify the FTA Section 5303 contractual funds line item amount from \$36,800 to \$39,958 in support of the Countywide transit study performed with contractual assistance by Abrams-Cherwony and Associates;
- iii. Modify the PL contractual funds line item amount from \$60,000 to \$79,500 in support of the Long-Range Transportation Plan development effort performed with contractual assistance by Edwards and Kelcey;
- iv. Identify the Weiler Mapping GIS Zoning Map Conversion contract obligation in the amount \$11,219 as described in the adopted SFY 2003-2004 UPWP; and
- v. Modify the Indirect Costs line item for PL funds from \$0.00 to \$27,424 in accordance with the UCTC's indirect cost calculation methodology.

A motion to approve amendments was made by Mr. Finkle and seconded by Mr. Wadnola.

- c. Resolution 2005-3: Adopt Draft SFY 2005-2006 UPWP. Mr. Tobin gave a slide presentation of proposed projects for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Dickinson stated once a final rule is established regarding Quiet Zones, planners will have something to work with. He suggested checking their website for information. Mr. Dickinson stated that while he could not serve directly in the evaluation process, he could provide names (from NYSDOT-approved list) to add to a list of consultants.

Mr. Doyle noted comments from Mr. Wadnola and the Saugerties people and stated that we would be looking beyond the City of Kingston when performing the railroad corridor study.

Mr. Dennison said the Village of Saugerties mobility enhancement project should look at the existing infrastructure and its ability to handle growth. Mr. Yerick responded to Mr. Dennison's comment noting the Village and Town of Saugerties area already looks at land use, sewer and water systems carefully when considering future development. Mr. Yerick also stated that the Village of Saugerties has a safety issue problem and needs the evaluation of various corridors to improve the problem. Ms. Bager stated this project should be shown in the Long Range Plan.

Mr. Tobin stated a committee may be formed for the Ulster/Delaware Rail with Trail project. Mr. Doyle added that about 8 of the 40 miles of this trail study involves the Catskill Mountain Railroad Company which currently operates passenger service. He also stated that the County already has the right-of-way maps for the project.

Mr. Tobin summarized the 2005-2006 UPWP saying it would be a total of \$645,000 for the projects, each taking between one to three years to complete. Approximately \$325,000 would be requested this fiscal year. Mr. Doyle added that \$200,000 would be funded by NYSDOT. Mr. Tobin then passed around a handout on the projects and supplemental data.

A motion to approve the SFY 2005-2006 UPWP was made by Mr. Finkle and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

- d. Mr. Doyle stated that a resolution was not needed for the Draft FFY 2006-2010 TIP at this time. A public meeting is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to advance the UCTC FFY 2006-2010 TIP for public review and comment was made by Mr. Finkle and seconded by Mr. Wadnola.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Doyle announced that the April 5<sup>th</sup> Technical Meeting would be cancelled. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2005.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A consensus was reached by those in attendance to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am.