

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

Tuesday, May 3, 2005
10:00 a.m.

Ulster County Community College
George Clinton Hall
Howard St. John Conference Room
Cottkill Road
Stone Ridge, NY

Agenda Item	Time
1. Welcome/Introductions	10:00 a.m.
2. Call for Citizen comments	
3. Approval of the March 21, 2005 Policy Committee meeting minutes	
4. Announcements	
5. New Business	
a. Resolution 2005-04: Modification of the Methodology for the Distribution Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Capital Funds in the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Transportation Management Area. <i>Staff Recommendation:</i> Review and discuss the methodology for distributing funds among the three MPOs and transit operators. Staff recommends the Council adopt Resolution 2005-04 as presented. (Action Item)	
b. Resolution 2005-05: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Capital Funds in the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Transportation Management Area. <i>Staff Recommendation:</i> Staff recommends the Policy Committee adopt Resolution 2005-05 as presented. (Action Item)	
c. Resolution 2005-06: Draft FFY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). <i>Staff Recommendation:</i> Review and discuss the Final Draft TIP to include Citizen comments. Staff recommends the Policy Committee adopt Resolution 2005-06 as presented. (Action Item)	
6. Other Business	
7. Adjournment	12:00 p.m.

Agenda Supplement

ITEM 4 Announcements

- A UCTC Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2005 at 10:00 am at the Ulster County Community College. It has been determined that a Technical Committee meeting is needed to discuss the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan before it goes out for public review and comment.

Future 2005 UCTC meeting dates are as follows:

June 2, 2005	at 10:00 a.m. (Technical Committee)
July 12, 2005	at 10:00 a.m. (Technical Committee)
August 2, 2005	at 10:00 a.m. (Policy Committee)
November 1, 2005	at 10:00 a.m. (Technical Committee)

- Long Range Transportation Plan progress update. Staff will discuss the recent accomplishments of the long range transportation plan development efforts and a tentative schedule for completion.
- Countywide Transit Study progress update. Staff will update the Council on the April 21, 2005 Transit Advisory Committee meeting and progress related to the Countywide transit study.
- A Saugerties Area Mobility Analysis (SAMA) Committee kick off meeting is scheduled. A SAMA Committee was formed for the purposes of guiding the Saugerties Route 32/9W Corridor Alternatives study approved in the 2005 UCTC work program. SAMA Committee representation includes Village and Town municipal officials and Citizens, as well as NYSDOT, UCTC, and the Thruway Authority. A kick off meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2005 at the Kiersted House in the Village of Saugerties.
- A Ulster and Delaware Railroad Corridor Rail-With-Trail (RWT) Committee kick off meeting is scheduled. A RWT Committee was formed for the purpose of guiding the Rail-With-Trail study approved in the 2005 UCTC work program. RWT Committee representation includes Ulster County municipal officials, UCTC staff, NYSDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Railroad Administration. A kick off meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at the Olive Free Library, West Shokan, NY.
- An Ulster County Traffic Operations and Public Safety (TOPS) Committee meeting has been scheduled. The TOPS Committee was formed last August to help improve coordination between local emergency responders and traffic operations professionals. Committee membership ranges from local fire and police departments to CSX, NYSDOT, and the Federal Railroad Administration. The TOPS is providing an advisory role to the Ulster County CSX Railroad Corridor Advanced Train Detection, Pedestrian Crosswalk, and Quiet Zone study. The next TOPS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2005 at the Ulster County Office Building, Kingston, NY.

- Congestion Management System (CMS) update. A certification review process, led by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is scheduled for the first week of May 2005. FHWA staff will be meeting with UCTC staff in Poughkeepsie and in Ulster County to discuss in part progress on the development and implementation of a coordinated three county (Dutchess, Orange, Ulster) CMS plan. In addition to meetings and interviews, a public informational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marlboro High School Media Center, Marlboro Central School District, 50 Cross Road, Marlboro, NY 12542. Staff continues to work with Dutchess and Orange County MPOs to develop a three county CMS strategies report.

**ITEM 5a and 5b
New Business**

Resolution 2005-04: Modification of the Methodology for the Distribution of Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Capital Funds in the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Transportation Management Area.

This Resolution acknowledges the development of a methodology among Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties.

Resolution 2005-05: Apportionment of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds among Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties.

As a result of the 2000 Census, Orange, Dutchess and a portion of Ulster Counties were combined into a Transportation Management Area (TMA). A TMA is simply a Census designated urbanized area comprised of a population in excess of 200,000 people. In the past, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds flowed through the Governor's Office to the designated recipients in the urbanized area. Once a TMA has been designated, the FTA procedures are to distribute the 5307 funds to the TMA equitably. Accordingly, 5307 funds need to be dispersed among the designated recipients in Orange, Dutchess and Ulster Counties. Two resolutions are attached. The first resolution explains the methodology for dividing the 5307 funds up among the three counties and the second resolution outlines the actual distribution of the 5307 funds among the three counties.

**ITEM 5c
New Business**

Resolution 2005-06: Final Draft FFY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a near-term, multi-year financial plan comprised of federally funded transportation improvements in the metropolitan planning area. In addition, New York State Department of Transportation, New York State Bridge Authority and New York State Thruway Authority projects are shown for information. The TIP is developed by the UCTC, through a continuing and cooperative effort with NYSDOT, NYSTA, NYSBA and local transit operators. The purpose of the TIP is to identify transportation projects funded by federal Title 23 and the Federal Transit Act within the Ulster County,

including streets and highways, transit service and facilities, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transportation enhancement and other miscellaneous projects. The TIP is the primary responsibility of the UCTC as required by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

The UCTC's TIP development process began eleven (11) months ago. The process began in June of 2004 when TIP project evaluation methodologies were explored and studied as part of the adopted 2004 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Last September, staff presented a methodology to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. Shortly thereafter, a call for projects was issued and a TIP Application Scoring Sub Committee was formed to help evaluate TIP applications submitted. In November, the Sub Committee assembled to review and initially score applications based upon the methodology presented and adopted at the September UCTC meeting. On December 7, 2004, the Technical Committee reviewed the initial scores assigned by the Sub Committee. In March, the Technical and Policy Committees agreed to a ranked list of projects that now comprise a portion of the UCTC's first TIP. With the public comment period winding down, it appears the initial list of eight (8) new projects totaling just over 5 million dollars stirred little opposition. Concurrent with the selection of new projects the state agencies and transit agencies in Ulster County developed their proposed programs for inclusion in the TIP. The UCTC's first and Final Draft FFY 2006-2010 is presented with public comments incorporated. Resolution 2005-05 is enclosed with the Final Draft TIP for consideration and adoption.