

# Ulster County Transit System Coordination & Development Plan



## The Ulster County Transit System Coordination & Development Plan is underway!

*Ulster County and the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), in conjunction with the City of Kingston's Citibus and the Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT), are working together to develop a comprehensive and coordinated transit plan for the County.*

### ► Can our bus systems work better together?

This is just one question that will be examined! Essentially, this plan will evaluate existing transit services, including fixed route buses, rural route and paratransit services, to determine how service improvements and connections between systems can improve public transportation for County residents. This plan will provide the framework for how decisions will be made over the next ten (10) years for all aspects of bus and paratransit operations.

### ► Who's involved?

A consultant team, led by Nelson\Nygaard, Inc., with Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. will work closely with area residents, agencies and stakeholders to identify the most critical transit issues within the County and the best options for meeting the needs of the residents. The planning process will also include obtaining input from current bus riders and non-riders throughout the County using data collection methods such as surveys on-board the bus, online surveys, and traditional paper surveys.

### ► Goals -

The goals of the study effort include:

Identify, update, and publicly validate bus and paratransit needs;
Determine where bus service is most needed;
Identify and recommend performance measures;
Evaluate different bus service options;
Identify and recommend evaluation criteria for prioritizing service improvements;
Develop recommended Service, Capital, Financial, Implementation, and Evaluation plans;
Keep the public informed and involved.



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## Study Schedule

	2011				2012					
	Sept	4th Qtr			1st Qtr 2012		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr	
TAC Meetings			●		●		●		●	
Define Service Area	■									
Inventory/Data Collection	■									
<b>Public Outreach:</b>										
Stakeholder Interviews		●								
Public Meetings		●				●			●	
Newsletters		●				●			●	
Website	■									
Peer Review	■			■						
Alternatives Evaluation				■						
Recommendation / Report							■			

The study is expected to be complete in the fall of 2012. There will be three public meetings throughout the course of the study. Additionally, there is a project website that will be updated regularly with new information as it becomes available. The report will result in a series of recommendations for transit improvements within Ulster County.

## Stakeholders -

- ◆ Citibus
- ◆ City of Kingston
- ◆ Coach
- ◆ Ellenville Regional Hospital
- ◆ Family of Woodstock
- ◆ Gateway Community Industries
- ◆ Hudson Valley Mall
- ◆ Kingston Hospital
- ◆ Kingston Housing Authority
- ◆ Kingston Uptown Business Association
- ◆ New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8 (NYSDOT)
- ◆ Office for the Aging (OFA)
- ◆ Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL)
- ◆ Rondout Business Association
- ◆ Rural Ulster County Preservation Company (RUPCO)
- ◆ State University of New York (SUNY) – New Paltz and Ulster
- ◆ Trailways
- ◆ Ulster BOCES
- ◆ Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)
- ◆ Ulster County Department of Social Services (DSS)
- ◆ Ulster County Mental Health
- ◆ Ulster County Mental Health
- ◆ Ulster County Office of Employment and Training
- ◆ Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC)
- ◆ Ulster County Veterans Agency
- ◆ Ulster Greene ARC



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