



# Ulster County Transportation Council

Michael P. Hein, County Executive  
Chairman

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**TO:** All UCTC Members  
**FROM:** Dennis Doyle, Director

## **Notification of Funding Availability for Local Bridge and Paving Projects**

Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein, Chairman of the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), is pleased to announce the availability of over \$3.7 million in funding for road and bridge projects in Ulster County. Pursuant to the 2017 – 2021 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), UCTC is soliciting proposals for bridge repair and pavement rehabilitation projects through two separate funding categories. The TIP is a five-year fiscally constrained financial plan for implementing transportation improvements in Ulster County. As part of that program, UCTC is soliciting projects for funding utilizing set-aside Federal Surface Transportation Program funds allocated to the UCTC Metropolitan Planning Area under a fair share formula.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Any city, county, town, or village within the Ulster County Metropolitan Planning Area with eligible facilities that are authorized to receive and administer State and federal transportation may apply.

### **Eligible Projects and Funding Availability**

UCTC is soliciting projects under the following two funding categories:

- **Proposals to rehabilitate deficient off-system bridges.** An off-system bridge is a highway bridge located on a public road that is not a Federal-aid highway.
- **Proposals that address pavement rehabilitation, resurfacing and other complete streets activities** on local and county federal aid roads.

A map of all eligible bridge and road facilities is available on the UCTC website.

### **Estimated Federal Funds Available for Distribution (in millions of dollars)**

<b>PIN</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>8T0714: Bridges</b>	\$1.205	\$1.125
<b>8T0715: Paving</b>	\$0.706	\$0.675
Open for applications		

Funding sources are detailed in the 2017 – 2021 UCTC TIP under UCTC Project PIN 8T0714 “Block Program for Off System Bridges to Include Element Specific Projects” and PIN 8T0715 “Block Program for Pavement Rehabilitation and Complete Streets Activities.” **A 20% local match will be required for all project proposals. Applicants may apply for up to the total amount of federal funding available in each FFY and may submit more than one proposal. Due to time constraints, projects should not include Right of Way acquisition. Past awardees will be expected to provide evidence of project progress on any open awards.**

### **Application Process**

Application forms and instructions are available for each funding category. Municipalities with candidate projects that meet FHWA and UCTC project eligibility criteria must complete and submit applications (one application per project proposal) by close of business **January 25, 2018**.

Applications should include cover letter signed by the chief elected official or equivalent and contain basic details of the proposal, including project description, costs, and a brief statement of need. Affirmations must also be provided indicating that the applicant understands the 20% local match requirement as well as other key scheduling components. All awardees will be required to enter into a State-Local Agreement (SLA) as detailed in Chapter 4 of the NYSDOT Procedures for Locally-Administered Federal Aid Projects manual and be expected to obligate funds for construction in the calendar year from which they are drawn from. The applicant will be expected to work with NYSDOT Region 8 staff through execution of the SLA; assistance from UCTC will be provided as needed.

**Detailed application instructions and forms can be found online at**  
<http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation-improvement-plan/tip-call-for-projects>  
**Applications and cover letter signed by the Chief Elected Official should be emailed to**  
[uctc@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:uctc@co.ulster.ny.us) **by 5:00pm on January 25, 2018.**

### **Project Evaluation Process**

A subcommittee of the UCTC Technical Committee will be formed to review submissions and screen them for basic eligibility and consistency with the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Applications will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- **Cost/Benefit Ratio:** Quantifiable project benefits divided by the annualized cost of the project; information will be subject to verification by the UCTC TIP Subcommittee.
- **Regional Benefit:** As described here, the UCTC TIP Subcommittee will consider NYSDOT’s “Preservation First” framework when considering regional benefit of project proposals. This strategy focuses on preventive, corrective and demand work using Asset Management principles and data driven decision making. The highest priority is to preserve the functionality of the existing highway system in a manner that provides a regional benefit to all users of the system.
- **Project Delivery:** Ability of the project sponsor to deliver the project on schedule. Past awardees will also be expected to provide evidence of project progress on open awards.

Additional criteria for selection of bridge projects are provided in the Program Overview document.

Questions pertaining to the application process may be submitted to UCTC staff prior to the deadline:

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