

NOTICE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is currently conducting the quadrennial Federal Certification Review of the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC). We are very interested in hearing from you on how the Transportation Planning Process is being conducted in the Mid-Hudson Valley Region.

The U.S. Department of Transportation requires every Metropolitan area with a population over 50,000 to have a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to qualify for receipt of federal highway and transit funds. UCTC is the designated MPO responsible for transportation planning in Ulster County cooperatively with Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) and Dutchess County Transportation Council (OCTC) which form the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA).

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in accordance with 23 USC 134 (k)(5)(A)(i) and 49 USC 5303 (k) (5)(A)(i)(e) must certify that the metropolitan planning process conducted by UCTC is being carried out in accordance with applicable provisions of Federal law not less often than once every four years.

The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the required planning activities of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 are being satisfactorily implemented by the UCTC and the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA. FHWA and FTA are accepting written comments from the public on UCTC's implementation of the federal transportation planning process through October 23, 2017.

On the back of this notice are questions to respond to on your perspective of how the MPO Transportation Planning Process is being implemented and opportunities to participate in this process. You may also provide an open written response. As a Policy Board Member and/or Planning Committee Member you can either mail or email the form back to FHWA/FTA or bring it with you to the on-site certification review which will take place September 20th - 22nd, 2017, and submit it in-person.

Thank you in advance for your comments. We look forward to meeting with you on Thursday, September 21st, 2017.

Comments may be sent to:

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1. From your perspective how well do you understand the UCTC transportation planning process?

2. From your perspective how well is the UCTC transportation planning process working to effectively improve transportation in the Region?

3. Are there opportunities for you to provide input on transportation issues and plans, such as the long range transportation plan and other studies and issues?

4. Are there opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, incomes, races, to provide equal access and opportunity for input in the transportation planning process?

5. What are some things that work well?

6. What areas do you think can be improved?
