



UCTC Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Stakeholder Public Outreach Sessions: March 31st – April 1st, 2015

On Tuesday, March 31st and Wednesday, April 1, 2015, the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) will host a series of focused discussions on a variety of topics related to Ulster County’s transportation system. This outreach process is being conducted in an effort to inform our [Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan](#), scheduled for completion in the summer of 2015. You are cordially invited to join us as we begin to solicit input for the development of this important planning document.

Discussions are designed to provide in-depth focus on transportation needs of specific users and constituent groups, which will assist UCTC in highlighting priorities for future investment. Each stakeholder group meeting will last approximately 1-2 hours and will be guided by a tailored list of questions to participants while allowing for flexibility to solicit new ideas. Six separate sessions have been developed to focus on the following themes:

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| 1. Non-Motorized Transportation | 4. Education |
| 2. Environmental Conservation | 5. Business, Tourism, and Freight |
| 3. Public Transit and Human Service Transportation | 6. Transportation Safety |

UCTC staff is inviting key members of the public to attend sessions that appeal to their personal or professional backgrounds, interests and areas of specialization; however, invitees may attend any sessions that appeal to them. Invitations may be forwarded to other colleagues or friends who you feel may be interested in participating. In the spring of 2015, UCTC will be hosting a series of public meetings to solicit wider input on the plan; all members of the public will be encouraged to participate.

Location

All sessions will be held at the 2nd floor conference room at Ulster County Area Transit facilities located at 1 Danny Cir, Kingston, NY 12401.

Interested participants are asked to register in advance; participants are welcome to attend any of the sessions listed below.

Registration

Registration is easy! Just visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uctc-2040-lrtp-stakeholder-meeting-registration-16111801833> and register by entering your name and email selecting the session(s) that you plan on attending and address.

Can't attend a session that interests you? Email your thoughts on our sample questions (or other transportation issues) to uctc@co.ulster.ny.us and they will be logged in our meeting records.

Schedule for Tuesday, March 31st

9:00AM – 10:30AM: NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

REFER TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS BELOW

Q: “Non-motorized transportation” is often referred to as a single mode, but we understand that the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and assistive-device users can be very different. How can UCTC best capture the range of needs?

Q: Are walking and cycling viable in your community? Are there safety concerns associated with either mode?

Q: How can existing transportation infrastructure and service more seamlessly integrate with walking and cycling options? How does that evolve over 25 years?

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11:00 – 12:30: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

REFER TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS BELOW

Q: Sustainability is important to Ulster County. How do you see transportation contributing to or detracting from creating a sustainable place?

Q: How can land use and transportation decisions be better coordinated to achieve environmental goals over the next 25 years?

Q: What do you think are the best ways to reduce the environmental impact of personal transportation? Encouraging alternate fuel vehicles like electric vehicles, promoting public transportation and non-motorized transportation, or other strategies?

2:00 – 3:30: PUBLIC TRANSIT AND HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION

REFER TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS BELOW

Q: How well do existing public and human service transportation services meet the needs of residents of Ulster County?

Q: Are there specific, unmet needs in the county and regional transit network? How might these change over the next 25 years?

Q: If additional funding resources were available, what services would you prioritize?

Schedule for Wednesday, April 1st

9:00 – 10:30: EDUCATION

REFER TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS BELOW

Q: What changes do you envision over the next 25 years for your institution in terms of student body size, changes to school location, and related transportation needs?

Q: Do barriers exist to education that can be addressed through improved transportation?

Q: Do sufficient multi-modal options exist for access to education facilities? Can students safely walk or bike to school if they choose to?

Q: Can public transportation play a bigger role in providing access to education?

11:00 – 12:30: BUSINESS, TOURISM AND GOODS MOVEMENT

REFER TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS BELOW

Q: How well does the transportation network in Ulster County meet the needs of local businesses and visitors?

Q: What transportation factors (e.g., travel times, congestion, access) most directly impact the business and tourism community?

Q: Can public transportation play a bigger role in providing access to jobs, education, and healthcare?

Q: How can transportation investment best support economic development over the next 25 years?

Q: Are there restrictions that prevent the efficient movement of goods within and through Ulster County?

Q: How can Ulster County balance the need for goods movement with quality of life and safety concerns? Are there specific concerns with respect to urban goods delivery?

Q: How do you see freight movement in Ulster County changing over the next 25 years?

2:00 – 3:30: TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

REFER TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS BELOW

Q: What are the most pressing safety needs in Ulster County across the “4E’s” of traffic safety?

Q: Are provisions being made for the county’s most vulnerable users of the transportation network?

Q: Where are safety improvements most needed in Ulster County? Does using a data-driven process to identify safety problems miss some problems?

Q: Do you think changing demographics will alter safety concerns and needs over the next 25 years?

This public outreach process is being conducted by UCTC in collaboration with our project consultants.

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