

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

SUNY Ulster College

Clinton Hall, Howard St. John Conference Room

Cottkill Road, Stone Ridge, NY

1. Policy Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of the September 23, 2014 Policy Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

5. New Business

- a) **Resolution 2015-01: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.** Resolution 2015-01 was originally approved by the UCTC Technical Committee on November 25, 2014 as Resolution 2014-11. The resolution establishes PIN 878049, programming federal Transportation Enhancement Program funds for the City of Kingston to construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities on the Broadway Corridor from Broadway at St. James Street to Foxhall Avenue. Streetscape improvements and enhancements will include facilities such as sidewalks, curbing, bike lanes, pedestrian bumpouts, lighting, benches and trees. The total project cost is \$3.250m, utilizing a local share of \$1.249m. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the resolution was made available for 15 day public notice and comment period; one public comment was received and is included in the packet materials for Committee member review.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-01, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- b) **Resolution 2015-02: Approval of the Final Draft UCTC 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).** The final draft was approved by the UCTC Technical Committee on 2/11/15 and made available for 15 day public comment. No comments were received. The final draft 2015/16 UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles and adds 4 new projects for future programming and development. The UCTC 2015/16 UPWP will be adopted under Resolution 2015-02.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-02, review any public comments, and consider adoption (15 minutes).

- c) **Resolution 2015-03: Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds for Various Transit Projects.** Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) have been reserved and are available for future programming through either competitive solicitation or as determined beneficial for the TMA by the 3 MPOs. A total of \$2,911,480 in FFY2012 funds are available.

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These funds will expire at the end of this FFY and transit agencies will need to include the funding in their FTA applications by the end of March. Resolution 2015-03 details the proposed use of these funds, distributing \$720,000 to UCAT for equipment purchases, \$500,000 to Metro-North RR for operation of the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry in 2015 and 2016, and \$1,691,480 for Dutchess County Transit to partially cover bus replacement for 15 medium-duty buses to be replaced with 15 heavy-duty buses in 2016. Each MPO in the TMA has reached full agreement on these distributions and each will pass identical resolutions in support before distributions can be made final.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-03, review any public comments, and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- d) **Resolution 2015-04: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley.** Resolution 2015-04 identifies FFY 2013 FTA Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. For areas with populations of 200,000 and more, the formula is based on a combination of bus revenue vehicle miles, bus passenger miles, fixed guideway revenue vehicle miles, and fixed guideway route miles as well as population and population density. Eligible activities include planning, engineering design and evaluation of transit projects and other technical transportation-related studies; capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as replacement of buses, overhaul of buses, rebuilding of buses, crime prevention and security equipment and construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software. All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs. The full FFY2013 allocation is \$20,132,733; distribution of those funds is detailed in Attachment 1. Each MPO in the TMA has reached full agreement on these distributions and each will pass identical resolutions in support before distributions can be made final.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-04, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- e) **Resolution 2015-05: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley.** Resolution 2015-04 identifies FFY 2014 FTA Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. The full FFY2014 allocation is \$20,367,724; distribution of those funds is detailed in Attachment 1. Each MPO in the TMA has reached full agreement on these distributions and each will pass identical resolutions in support before distributions can be made final.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-05, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- f) **Resolution 2015-06: Apportionment of FFY2013 FTA Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA.** The FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facility Program provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to

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construct bus-related facilities. Resolution 2015-06 identifies FTA Section 5339 funds apportioned to the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) for FFY2013 and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. This distribution is in-line with a proposed methodology agreed upon by Ulster County Transportation Council, Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council staff in full consultation with state and federal agencies. Each MPO has reached full agreement on these distributions and each will pass identical resolutions in support before distributions can be made final.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-06, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- g) Resolution 2015-07: Apportionment of FFY2014 FTA Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA.** Resolution 2015-07 identifies FTA Section 5339 funds apportioned to the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) for FFY2014 and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. This distribution is in-line with a methodology agreed upon by Ulster County Transportation Council, Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council staff in full consultation with state and federal agencies. Each MPO has reached full agreement on these distributions and each will pass identical resolutions in support before distributions can be made final.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-07, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- h) Resolution 2015-08: Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds for Various Transit Projects:** Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) have been reserved and are available for future programming through either competitive solicitation or as determined beneficial for the TMA by the 3 MPOs. A total of \$3,405,712 in FFY2013 funds are available. Resolution 2015-08 details the proposed use of a portion of these funds, distributing \$1,757,044 to Dutchess County Transit to partially cover bus replacement for 15 medium-duty buses to be replaced with 15 heavy-duty buses in 2016. Each MPO has reached full agreement on these distributions and each will pass identical resolutions in support before distributions can be made final.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-08, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- i) Resolution 2015-09: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Add New Projects.** Resolution 2015-09 creates PIN 8463.17, Route 213 Over Rondout Creek (Eddyville) Bridge MBC. This NYSDOT project will utilize \$5.227 in Federal STP Flex and State Dedicated Funds to perform work on the Route 2013 Bridge over the Rondout Creek. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the resolution was made available for 15 day public notice and comment period; no public comments were received.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-09, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

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- j) **Resolution 2015-10: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Add New Projects**. Resolution 2015-10 creates PIN 8761.21, Hudson Valley Rail Trail West (Phase 4). This Ulster County project will utilize FHWA Transportation Alternative Program funds to construct a trail that will begin at New Paltz Road and proceeds 0.5 miles on abandoned RR corridor, then along NYS Route 299 for approximately 0.74 miles and ends at South Street with a new trailhead, parking and signage in the Town of Lloyd. TAP funds require a 20% local match. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the resolution was made available for 15 day public notice and comment period; no public comments were received.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-10, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- k) **Draft Resolution 2015-11: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Modify Cost, Schedule and Project Description**. Resolution 2015-11 amends the UCTC TIP to include new project phases under UCAT PIN 8TRU64. The Amendment adds \$0.720m in federal 5307 funds for the purchase of 4 buses. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the resolution was made available for 15 day public notice and comment period; no public comments were received.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-11, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- l) **Resolution 2015-12: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Add New UCAT Transit Project**. Resolution 2015-12 amends the UCTC TIP to include new project UCAT PIN 8TRU84. The Amendment adds UCAT's 5339 allocation from the Mid-Hudson TMA for FFY13 and FFY14. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the resolution was made available for 15 day public notice and comment period; no public comments were received.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-12, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- m) **Resolution 2015-13: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Modify Cost, Schedule and Project Description**. Resolution 2015-13 amends the UCTC TIP to include new project phases under PIN 8TRU75. The Amendment adds \$5.417 in FTA 5307 funds attributable to Inter-County Commuter Bus Services in Ulster County (Adirondack Trailways) for FFYs 2013, 2014 and 2015. All funds have been programmed in FFY2015. FFY2016, 2017 & 2018 allocations are "block programmed" as estimates on the TIP to act as placeholders in anticipation of future allocations. Sub-allocations are limited to no more than the operator's vehicle maintenance expenses, as reported to the National Transit Database (NTD). In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the resolution was made available for 15 day public notice and comment period; no public comments were received.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-13, review any public comments, and consider adoption (5 minutes).

- n) **UCTC Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**: UCTC has begun a full update of its Long Range Transportation Plan. The Year 2040 LRTP will have a 25 year planning horizon and will

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examine all elements of the surface transportation system. Resource Systems Group, a transportation, planning and engineering consultant firm, has been hired to assist staff with the completion of this important MPO document and planning process. Steven Gayle, Professional Transportation Planner at RSG, will be on hand to present the financial planning component of the LRTP. Prior to joining RSG, Steven was the Executive Director of the Binghamton (NY) Metropolitan Transportation Study.

Recommended Action: Information and discussion only (30 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business (5 minutes)

- **UCTC FFY 2014 Obligation Report** was presented to the Technical Committee on 2/11/15 and is now available online
- **Update of UCTC Operating Procedures.** A first-draft of proposed modifications to the UCTC Operating Procedures was circulated at the September 23rd Tech/Policy meeting. Comments on this draft were provided by members at the November 24th Technical Committee meeting. Final revisions were made; the Final Draft UCTC Operating Procedures were approved by the Technical Committee at the February 11th meeting. The final draft has been made available for 45 day public review and comment period ending March 30, 2015; all comments received during this time will be made available prior to presentation to the Policy Committee at its May meeting.

7. Adjournment.

The next UCTC Technical Committee meeting will be held in April