

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**  
**Joint Technical and Policy Committee Meeting**

**Draft Meeting Summary**

November 29, 2012

SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY

(Please note that due to a recorder malfunction, the 11/29/12 meeting summary is slightly abbreviated.)

Members Present:

Anne Noonan	Adirondack Trailways
Kristen Wilson	Cornell Cooperative Extension
Kathy Nolan	Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee
Joel Brink	Town of Ulster
Richard Peters	NYS Dept of Transportation
Bill Gorton	NYS Dept of Transportation
Sue Ronga	Ulster County DPW
Kristen Resnikoff	NYS Thruway Authority
Ralph Swenson	City of Kingston
Tom Polk	Kingston Complete Streets Advisory Council
Robert DiBella	Ulster County Area Transit
Edward Pine	Ulster County DPW
Andrwe Emrich	Ulster County DPW
David Bolles	Ulster County DPW
Clyde Russell	Town of Hurley
Alan Adin	City of Kingston
Curt Lavalla	Village of New Paltz
Patrick McCaroll	NYS Thruway Authority
Jeanne Walsh	Town of Rosendale
Mary Sheeley	Village of Ellenville
Carolyn Ryan	NYS Dept. of Transportation
Alex Wade	Village of Saugerties
Herb Litts	Town of Lloyd
Jack Hohman	NYS Thruway Authority

Staff:

Dennis Doyle	U.C. Planning Board/UCTC Staff
Brian Slack	UCTC Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Technical Committee portion of the meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:00am. Roll call was conducted by Mr. Slack. Mr. Doyle explained that agenda items under the Technical Committee portion of the meeting would be covered first and then, after a brief break, we will convene the Policy Committee. Discussion on items was encouraged during both sessions.

## CALL FOR CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Doyle asked if there were any citizen comments. Kathy Nolan, Chair of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee submitted the following statement on behalf of the UC Trails Advisory Committee:

Almost five years ago, the Ulster County Legislature created a Trails Advisory Committee to guide and assist trail creation and maintenance across the county as a means to enhance our health and quality of life while also providing solid and sustainable economic gains for a wide range of businesses, including those geared toward food, lodging, recreational clothing and equipment, and other tourism attractions.

The county's proposed budget for next year includes a vision for the creation of a world-class trail network in Ulster County, based on completing a system of multi-use off-road trails from the Walkway Over the Hudson to Kingston and Linking Kingston out to the Ashokan Reservoir and beyond. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee voted unanimously to "support the vision for a world-class, county-wide, unified trail network as articulated by County Executive Mike Hein in his proposed budget for Ulster County in 2013." We ask you to contact your local representatives to voice your support for this exciting vision.

Kathy Nolan, Chair  
Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee

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Next, Mr. Herbert Litts III of the Town of Lloyd inquired as to the status of responses/outcomes to NYSDOT's "Beyond Preservation" request forms. Mr. Rich Peters responded that they were awaiting answer from the main office of NYSDOT and that those responses should be submitted to local sponsors shortly. Mr. Doyle briefly referenced a recent meeting held between UCTC, NYSDOT Local Projects Unit and Town of Lloyd officials to discuss ways for moving projects forward. He remarked that the meeting was positive and appreciated NYSDOT's cooperation and assistance.

No further citizen comments were submitted.

## APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15, 2012 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 8/15/12 meeting of the UCTC Tech Committee. Mr. Joel Brink made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Mrs. Susan Ronga. **No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Slack circulated 7 pieces of correspondence as detailed in the agenda. Mr. Emrich provided background on South Putt Corners Road noting that the consultant has provided Ulster County DPW with more detailed information as necessary. Regarding the 11/16/12 UCTC Letter of Intent to local sponsors, Mr. Doyle noted that local project sponsors should be aware that Marcheselli funds are no longer guaranteed to local sponsors for projects identified as “Beyond Preservation” by NYSDOT. With regard to the 11/1/12 letter from Rich Parin, Chair of the NYS Association of MPOs affirming MPP Funds Distribution Formula Funds, Mr. Doyle noted that UCTC stands to lose approximately \$350,000 in funds in 2014 which could directly affect UCAT service. Ulster County does have an ability access other rural funding sources and NYSDOT Transit staff have emphasized their interested in ensuring continued service and operation of UCAT routes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Draft Resolution 2012-14: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.**

Pursuant to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), formula funding has been provided for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs under 49 U.S.C. Section 5316 and 5317 respectively, whereby funding is apportioned first to the TMA and then sub-allocated by collective action of the three MPOs. A competitive process was developed and administered by the MPOs; three applications were reviewed (one from Orange County; two from Dutchess County) and two awards were issued as detailed below:

**Allocation of Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area  
FFY 2011 and 2012 FTA Section 5316 (JARC) and 5317 (New Freedom) Funds**

<b>Project (Applicant)</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Apportionment</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>
Orange County Employment and Training Administration JARC Program (Orange County Workforce Investment Board)	Orange County	\$355,482	FTA Section 5316 (JARC)
Northeast Dutchess Transit (NDT) (North East Community Center)	Dutchess County	\$225,273	FTA Section 5317 (New Freedom)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$580,755</b>	

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion; motion made by Susan Ronga; second by Mary Sheeley. No discussion. **All in favor, none opposed – MOTION CARRIED.** Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

**Draft Resolution 2012-15: Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway Overlook Rehabilitation Project (PIN 881215).** The New York State Department of

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has a requested to add the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byways Rehabilitation project to the FFY 2011-2015 TIP as detailed below utilizing Scenic Byway discretionary funds (requiring no UCTC offset). The National Scenic Byways Program is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Established in Title 23, Section 162 of the United States Code under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and reauthorized and expanded significantly in 1998 under TEA-21 and again under SAFETEA-LU in 2005, the program is a grass-roots collaborative effort established to help recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States.

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AGENCY PIN WORKTYPE <AQ STATUS>	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND SOURCES & OBLIGATION DATE	TOTAL 5-YEAR PROGRAM in millions of dollars	PHASE	5-YEAR PROGRAM (FFY) Starting October 01, 2010						
					PRE FFY 2011	FFY 2011	FFY 2012	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015	POST FFY 2015
AQ CODE	COUNTY	TOTAL PROJECT COST									
<b>From</b>											
NYSDOT 881215 MISC <Exempt>	SHAWANGUNK MOUNTAINS SCENIC BYWAY OVERLOOK REHABILITATIONS: REHABILITATION OF THREE SCENIC OVERLOOKS INCLUDING: CURBING, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, ADA-COMPLIANT SPACES, SIDEWALKS, SIGNAGE & LANDSCAPING. RTS 44/55 & 52 TOWNS OF GARDINER, ROCHESTER AND WAWARSING										
AQC:N/A	ULSTER	TPC : \$0.6-\$1.5 M	TOTAL 5YR COST :	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
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**Ballot Comment:**

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion; motion made by Joel Brink; second by Herb Litts. Open for discussion. No discussion. **All in favor, none opposed – MOTION CARRIED.** Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ADJOURNED; BREAK FOR POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**POLICY COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Doyle called the UCTC Policy Committee to order at approximately 10:40.

**CALL FOR CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Doyle asked if there were any citizen comments. Kathy Nolan, Chair of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, requested that her comments provided during the Technical Committee portion of the meeting be entered into the minutes.

No further citizen comments were submitted.

## **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19 2012 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 9/19/12 meeting of the UCTC Policy Committee. Mrs. Susan Ronga made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Mrs. Mary Sheeley. **No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Draft Resolution 2012-14: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.** Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of Resolution 2012-14. Mrs. Mary Sheeley made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-14; second by Mr. Joel Brink. **No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

**Draft Resolution 2012-15: Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway Overlook Rehabilitation Project (PIN 881215).** Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of Resolution 2012-15. Mr. Herb Litts made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-15; second by Mr. Alex Wade. Open for discussion. Mr. Peters noted that plans for the work will be completed around November of 2013. **No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

**Call for Projects for the SFY 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** Mr. Doyle explained that UCTC will for the first time issue a call for projects for the upcoming 2013 UPWP. A member of the committee asked what criteria would be used to select projects. Mr. Doyle noted that projects should support the goals outlined in the the UCTC 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mrs. Supervisor Myers asked if there was any geographic limit to the locations of studies. Mr. Doyle responded that studies could be done as for Ulster County and the surrounding region as long as there was a discernable transportation focus and connection to the 2035 LRTP. Acting Region 8 NYSDOT Commissioner Bill Gorton offered a suggestion to UCTC staff that, to the degree possible, UCTC should consider looking into conducting studies on repetitive loss, asset management and infrastructure resiliency related to severe storm events and climate change. Discuss potential projects for the SFY 2013-2014 UPWP. Mr. Doyle along with several members of the Committee agreed.

No further discussion.

**Report by the TIP Subcommittee on Progress Regarding the Development of the UCTC 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update:** The UCTC is beginning to develop its 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program update. On October 23rd, the UCTC TIP Subcommittee met with our NYSDOT Regional Planning and Program Manager to discuss future estimated federal and state funding targets for MPOs in Region 8. Significant restructuring of the UCTC TIP will be required in order to maintain fiscal constraint during the 2014-2018 TIP cycle. Mr. Doyle encouraged members to reach out to MPO and Local Project Unit staff at NYSDOT to discuss methods

for reducing the scope of work or moving projects forward for those that have not progressed in a significant period of time. Mr. Gorton stressed the importance of local project sponsors to obligate project phases in an efficient and timely manner. It will no longer be acceptable for municipalities to sit on funds for 5-10 year periods of time given the significant demands of the highway system against the limited funding.

Supervisor Myers asked for an update regarding the Park and Ride Projects. Mr. Doyle noted that the park and ride projects are affected by FTA funds which are being flexed to the FHWA; those projects are not being addressed through this TIP update process. Nonetheless, Rich Peters noted that the other MPOs in the region are working hard to ensure that that transfer goes smoothly.

Mr. Peters provided a brief synopsis of federal funding allocations under MAP-21 and how those allocations may be put to use in Ulster County. Funding happens to be high at the moment for bridges that are not on the federal aid system and projects should be identified locally in order to take advantage of those funds.

No further discussion.

**Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds - FFY13/FFY14 Project Solicitation.** During the MAP-21 program period (FFY 13-14) NYSDOT will be using approximately \$42M from FFY 13 and \$43M from FFY 14 in available HSIP funds for centrally managed proposals to be selected statewide. This statewide solicitation will be used to support safety specific projects that direct safety funds where they are most needed by targeting locations, corridors, or areas demonstrating the highest benefit-cost ratios to reduce fatal and severe injury crashes. Funding will be awarded based on an evaluation of these projects to maximize investment in the most cost-effective safety projects. Successful proposals will be consistent with the strategies and emphasis areas identified in the NYS Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

The due date for HSIP applications is March 30, 2013. Guidance will be issued in advance. Mr. Slack noted that the UCTC website would be updated to provide this information to members when it becomes available.

No further discussion.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion to adjourn; motion made by Mary Sheeley; second by Susan Ronga.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at approximately 12:00.

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