



ULSTER COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

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Jen Metzger
County Executive

Eric Kight
Chairperson

Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

May 6, 2024 Minutes

Location: Ulster County Legislative Chambers

Approved June 3, 2024

Members In Attendance:	Absent
David Corrigan NYSDOT, Vice Chair	Eric Kight, NYCDEP, Chair
Brendan Masterson, Ulster County DPW Commissioner	Giovanna Russo, MHV School Transp. Supervisors Assoc
Brian Slack, Coordinator of Traffic Safety (Board Member Ex Officio)	
Joseph Sinagra, NYS Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Board	
Egido Tinti, City of Kingston Chief of Police	
Rosemary Quinn, Upstate Regional Rep, Families for Safe Streets/NYS Safe Streets Coalition/City of Kingston resident	
Steven Rice, Trails Adv. Committee	
Sgt. Robert Vedder, Ulster County Sherriff's Dept.	
Tom Polk, Bicycle Program Dir, Kingston/Ulster YMCA	
Lou Klepner, Town of Saugerties	
Advisory Members	
Eric Paulding, Ulster County District Attorney's Office Accident Investigation Team	
Guests	
David Staas, Senior Transportation Planner, UCTC	

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of the March 04, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Sinagra; Second by Sgt. Vedder. All in favor.

III. Public Comments

No public comments.

IV. Member Updates

Mr. Corrigan reported that NYSDOT would be seeking quotes for the repaving of Rte 208 between Edgewood Drive in New Paltz and Rte 44/55 in Gardiner; ideally, work would begin in July or August. The residency will also be focusing on drainage improvements using a VAC truck in many of the hamlets across Ulster County.

Commissioner Masterson noted that UC DPW will be focusing on 'freshening' rail trail crosswalk markings throughout the county.

Sgt. Vedder indicated that the Sheriff's Department GTSC grants have been submitted. At the request of Ulster County staff, Sheriff's Patrol has observed the new stop sign and Zandhoek Rd and has issued many violations.

Mr. Slack provided UCTC updates; NYMTC is hosting a brown bag lecture on the topic of Hoboken Vision Zero Action Plan taking place on 5/16. 9W Mobility Plan in the Town of Ulster should be complete this month and ready for public review. UCTC will submit an application for a planning grant to the Safe Streets for All federal grant program; the purpose will be to update the 2020 Road Safety Plan. Slack also attended the Ulster County Chiefs of Police meeting held the first Wednesday of every month and submitted his membership application; Slack will provide TSB updates during these meetings. Slack noted that Senator Charles Schumer was in Kingston to announce an effort to provide gap funds for the City's Flatbush/Foxhall streetscape project.

Mr. Sinagra had no updates.

Chief Tinti indicated that KPD is increasing VTL infraction enforcement and his officers are on bicycle performing at least some of that enforcement with a focus on the Midtown Linear Trail area and Broadway Corridor with a focus on crosswalk and other similar violations.

Mr. Klepner indicated that he assumed the position of Chair of the Saugerties Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Rice announced the upcoming May 8, Scenic Hudson sponsored a ride from the Kingston YMCA to the EST Brickyard. Gabby O'Shea is sponsoring Rides of Resilience on Saturday's at 11am in New Paltz at the River to Ridge Trail in New Paltz; annual International Ride of Silence will take place Wednesday May 15th beginning nearby the O&W Connector Trail on Washington Ave. May is National Bike Month.

Ms. Quinn provided the update that City of Kingston will be pursuing Pilot Community status to use automated ticketing for excessive speeds in school zones; this is presently only allowed on a limited basis by NYS Legislative authority in NYS. Ms. Quinn will be travelling to Washington, D.C. to speak directly to members of Congress regarding traffic violence as part of the National Day of Roadway Safety as sponsored by the National Safety Council.

Mr. Rice had no safety updates from the Trails Advisory Committee.

V. Old Business (Open Items)

- a. Ulster County Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy – Office of the County Executive
 - i. County staff continue to prepare a draft policy for consideration by the Legislature and County Executive.
- b. Public Awareness Campaign– Slack
 - i. RFP will be issued Thursday 5/16 by Ulster County Purchasing; scope of services to conduct an Ulster County Public Safety Campaign
- c. Public Safety Message – Slack
 - i. Mr. Kight will develop a second safety message to be broadcast on Radio Kingston
- d. 2024 School Bus Driver of the Year & Charlie Schaller Awards – All
 - i. A great ceremony was held on April 25th...congratulations to all awardees.
- e. GTSC 2025 Grants
 - i. Cycle closed May 1; those grant applications will be shared with TSB members once they are received.

VI. New Business

- a. NYS Safe Streets Legislative Package – Rosemary Quinn
 - i. Ms. Quinn provided an update on Families for Safe Streets and Transportation Alternatives has put forward in 2024.

For information purposes only; no action.

- b. NYS Strategic Highway Safety Plan – includes a Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment
 - i. <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/strategic-plan>

- ii. City of Kingston identified as a high priority area in the VRUA; a brief video presentation of the assessment criteria will be provided

General discussion ensued after viewing the video. For information purposes only; no action.

VII. Other Business

No Other Business

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Polk; second by Mr. Sinagra. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm; next meeting tentatively scheduled for 6/3/24.