



Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

June 6, 2022 Meeting Summary

Approved August 1, 2022

Members In Attendance:

Tom Polk, Bicycle Program Dir, Kingston/Ulster YMCA
Lou Klepner, Town of Saugerties, pending appointee

Members In Attendance Remotely

Egidio Tinti, City of Kingston Chief of Police
Steven Rice
Giovanna Russo, MHV School Transp, Supervisors Assoc.

Advisory Members

Brian Slack, Coordinator
Diane Beitzl, Ulster County Safety (remote)
David Staas, Ulster County Transportation Council

Guests

John Grossbohlín, City of Kingston resident
Phil Earner, Ulster County Legislature Dist. 6

Absent

Eric Kight (excused)
David Corrigan (excused)
J.P. Gramoglia
Brendan Masterson
Rosemary Quinn
Brandon Schiller
Joseph Sinagra

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Public Comments

John Grossbohlín raised the issue of housing development at Golden Hill; he stressed that he feels the intersection of Golden Hill and State Rte 32 should be required to have a traffic signal if this development is constructed. The posted speed limit is 30mph which requires increased enforcement and sight distance is limited.

Slack and P. Earner indicated that the City and County Planning Boards will likely address the issue.

III. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2022

Motion made by L. Klepner; Second by T. Polk

IV. Old Business (Open Items)

a. 2023 GTSC Grant Submissions

Slack circulated and reviewed 2023 grant proposals that were approved and submitted by the Chair of the UC TSB for consideration by the Governor's Traffic Safety Board.

b. 2022 School Bus Driver of the Year Award

Slack thanked the TSB members for their support and assistance with the event and circulated an article from Hudson Valley One detailing the ceremony and awardees.

c. Status of Membership & Appointments

Slack indicated that 10 of 12 TSB membership appointment have been filled; Sgt. Brunner of the NYS Police has retired; therefore his vacancy will be filled. Ulster County Executive staff have recommended Steven Rice and Rosemary Quinn to fill the 2 vacancies.

d. 2022 TSB Workplan



Slack indicated that this agenda item will be put under New Business

e. Website Content

Slack took input regarding website content; he indicated that he would like to work on developing a Speed Resource Page given the number of requests that he receives. Subjects such as “how to request a speed reduction on a local road” or “how to request a speed feedback trailer” could be possible items for inclusion. Klepner indicated that the NYSDOT process can be a complicated one and a ‘flow chart’ might be helpful for explaining the process to the public. Staas recommended possibly seeking a grant so that the TSB has its own feedback trailer. Slack is open to suggestions for the resource page.

II. New Business

a. NYS Institute of Traffic Safety Management and Research Data – R. Quinn

R. Quinn was not in attendance; item deferred.

b. 2022 TSB Workplan

L. Klepner indicated interest in assisting the development of a workplan with TSB members and offered some possible suggestions as to its content. Traffic data and mapping resources are among some of the most interesting possibilities. This will be a standing item going forward until it is complete. L. Klepner; T. Polk; D. Staas each volunteered to assist in the process.

c. Appointment of Vice Chairperson.

The Ulster County Charter rules regarding the TSB indicated that a Vice Chairperson can be named; the role of the Vice Chairperson is to act in the absence of the Chair. Slack requested volunteers to submit their interest.

d. Safe Streets for All.

D. Staas gave a brief overview of this new Federal FHWA program. Information on the program can be found online at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. Staas indicated that local sponsors interested in applying must have a valid road safety plan in place to be eligible to apply; planning funds are available to assist in the development of such a plan. UCTC did complete a county-wide crash analysis; Staas is researching whether this plan meets the requirements of the program and could it be used by municipalities for applications. Implementation funding is also available to address ‘problem areas.’ Klepner inquired if the County could apply on behalf of municipalities due to local resource constraints; Slack indicated that this would not be likely as local roads are not the responsibility of the county. Staas indicated that the subject of ‘roadway departure’ would also be addressed through a new federal program in the months to come. Staas indicated that the [county-wide crash study](#) conducted by UCTC in 2021 could be used as a resource for municipalities. Klepner indicated that municipalities might not have the capability or resources to submit an application.

III. Other Business

None

IV. Member Updates, News & Announcements

Diane Beitzl noted that there have been 4 crashes involving UCAT buses lately; UCAT buses were not at fault.

T. Polk announced upcoming bike repair/safety clinic scheduled for 6/11



Slack provided several brief UCTC project updates, including a corridor study for 9W Town of Ulster, RR Safety study in City of Kingston

V. Adjourn

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