



# ULSTER COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

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County Executive

**Eric Kight**  
Chairperson

## Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

**January 6, 2025 Minutes**

Location: Ulster County Legislative Chambers

Approved March 3, 2025

<b><u>Members In Attendance:</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Eric Kight, NYCDEP, Chair	Egido Tinti, City of Kingston Chief of Police
Giovanna Russo, MHV School Transp. Supervisors Assoc	Brendan Masterson, Ulster County DPW Commissioner
David Corrigan NYSDOT, Vice Chair	Joseph Sinagra, NYS Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Board
Brian Slack, Coordinator of Traffic Safety (Board Member Ex Officio)	Lou Klepner, Chair, Town of Saugerties Transportation Advisory Committee
Rosemary Quinn, Upstate Regional Rep, Families for Safe Streets/NYS Safe Streets Coalition/City of Kingston resident	Tom Polk, Bicycle Program Dir, Kingston/Ulster YMCA
Sgt. Robert Vedder, Ulster County Sheriff's Dept	
James Andrew Seyfarth, Town of Ulster Police Department	Marc Cassidy, Town of Rosendale
Steven Rice, Trails Adv. Committee	
<b><u>Advisory Members</u></b>	
Eric Paulding, Ulster County District Attorney's Office Accident Investigation Team	
<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
Carol Brown, High Falls Howard Cohen, Woodstock Complete Streets	
Tanya Garment, City of Kingston	

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

## **II. Approval of the October 7, 2024 and December 2, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve both meeting minutes by David Corrigan; second by Eric Kight. All in favor; motion carried.

## **III. Public Comments**

Mr. Cohen mentioned that the Woodstock Complete Streets Committee is collecting police reports among Woodstock local roads; they'd also like to collect speeding tickets. He spoke regarding the need to acquire crash reports for state and county roads. Mr. Slack indicated that he could provide that information through the CLEAR system. Ticketing information can be found through ITSMR. Mr Slack also reminded the public about the Ulster County Serious Injury and Fatal crashes for the period 2018 through 2023.

Tanya Garment spoke about the December 27, 2024 pedestrian fatality at Broadway and Orchard St in Kingston. She raised issues and concerns with how the crash information is reported and compiled. The location of the fatality occurred near the site of a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project sponsored by NYSDOT and the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program. She concluded that grant funded implementation projects require continued monitoring to assure effectiveness.

Ms. Carol Brown, resident of High Falls, presented her thoughts and concerns on the topic of bicycle and traffic safety. Those were also submitted in writing to the TSB.

#### **IV. Member Updates**

*TSB members are asked to provide brief updates regarding traffic safety issues of concern, including maintenance needs, events, departmental news or other relevant topics.*

*Mr. Kight had no updates for NYC reservoir roadways.*

*Mr. Seyfarth had no updates for Town of Ulster*

*Mr. Slack indicated that the UCTC did not receive a recent USDOT Safe Streets for All planning grant; UCTC will consider resubmission in 2025; USDOT staff explained during a debrief that the grant program was oversubscribed by a 3:1 margin; they also indicated that UCTC's crash rate was significantly lower than those counties that were awarded funds. The Rte 9W Mobility Plan Draft Report is complete; public comment period has been completed; final report will be posted by 2/1/25. A public information meeting regarding results of the Kingston Rail Road Safety study will be held December 18<sup>th</sup>; that project is also now complete. Slack also announced that the update of UCTC Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program are both now underway; UCTC may have financial resources available for release in 2025 for local bridge, highway, nonmotorized and safety projects. The UCTC TIP will need to be completed by June 2025.*

*No updates from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. He did inquire if the bridge on Port Ben Rd would be scheduled for replacement; this location is not scheduled to be replaced at this time.*

*NYSDOT. Mr. Corrigan indicated that NYSDOT is trying to keep up with deteriorating pavement conditions on state roads like 9W and 28; unfortunately patching seems to be the only approach at this time given the lack of funding for full repaving. He urged the public to notify NYSDOT in the event potholes are found.*

*Mr. Rice had no updates.*

*Ms. Quinn mentioned the World Day of Remembrance in November that coincided with a film developed locally about traffic violence; the film is called "The Speed of Silence." The Vision Zero Network recently published a good report on equity and traffic safety that focuses on efficacy of camera enforcement. Rose will share the report with Mr. Slack for circulation to all members.*

#### **V. Old Business (Open Items)**

- a. Ulster County Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy.
  - i. Mr. Slack instructed an intern to prepare a position paper on Vision Zero and the Ulster County Bike/Ped Policy. He will forward those materials to the County Executive's Office and possibly the Ulster County Legislature as a recommendation. Slack provided a printed copy to Rose for review and will forward to members of the TSB on request.
- b. Education and Outreach Activities.
  - i. Slack mentioned the winter driver safety social media notice that was issued in early December.
- c. Reappointments.

- i. 2 new members were approved by the Legislature in December; 2 vacancies remain as of April 1 (Polk/Rice). Any interested individuals should be brought to Slack's attention and he will forward to the County Executive.
- d. Support for Villages Seeking Reductions in Speed Limits – R. Quinn
  - i. Ms. Quinn will forward digital version to Slack for posting on the TSB website. No action.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Election of Officers
  - a. Position of Secretary. Slack nominated himself; Second by Corrigan. All in favor/none opposed. Carried.
  - b. Position of Vice Chair: Slack nominated Dave Corrigan; second by Seyfarth. All in favor/none opposed. Carried.
  - c. Position of Chair: D. Corrigan nominated Erik Kight; second by Rice. All in favor/none opposed. Carried.
- b. 2025 Annual Report
  - a. Annual Report due around March 2025. No further updates. Previous reports are on the TSB webpage.
- c. 2024 GTSC Traffic Safety Awards
  - a. Listing of 2024 grants circulated. The grant awarded to UCCC for traffic program educator is being held pending hiring of staff; the college has not been able to find staff to implement the grant. Slack will reach out to Chris Marx, Director of the program, to see if there might be alternatives to ensuring the program continues.
- d. ArcGIS Online GTSC Crash Viewer
  - a. Resource is available to all members with a .gov email address.
- e. [NYSDOT Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan](#)
  - a. Resource made available to members

## **VII. Adjourn**