

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Council Meeting August 28, 2003

Minutes

The meeting was held in the Ulster County Office Building 6th floor Legislature Chambers. Mr. Herbert Hekler, Director of the Planning Department called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

- i. Introductory comments by Mr. Hekler, Director/Ulster County Planning Department, explaining the expansion of MPO to include communities in Southern Ulster as voted at the June 4th Council meeting of the Ulster County Transportation Council.
- ii. Introduction of members and visitors.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Albert Meyer, Steve Finkle, Frederick Wadnola, Phillip Terpening, Jeremy Wilber, John Hayes, Jill Ross-Schmeltz - NYS Thruway Authority, Richard Peters – NYSDOT.

Members Absent: Gregory Helsmoortel, Robert Yerick, Robert Shepard, Lawrence Cavazza, Don Wilen, Jeff Kaplan.

Staff: Herbert Hekler, Dennis Doyle, Robert Leibowitz, Jean Shanahan.

Guests: Cynthia Ruiz, Sandy Cozza, Wally Cook, Michele Bager, Barbara Santoro.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received from the public.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Unified Planning Work Program

Dennis Doyle, Deputy Director, Ulster County Planning Board discussed the highlights in the UPWP and its authorizing resolution.

Mr. Finkle asked if the projects in place on the STIP (Statewide TIP) for the next three years were firm.

Ms. Shanahan (NYSDOT) responded that there would be some opportunities for change.

Mr. Peters (NYSDOT) explained the TIP process.

Resolution 2003-04 adopting the 2003-04 Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion: Mr. Steve Finkle, Alternate for Mayor Sottile

Second: Ms. Jill Ross-Schmeltz, NYS Thruway Authority

Vote: 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Abstentions: None

The resolution carried.

b) Urban Area Boundary

Mr. Doyle gave a brief overview of the process by which the Urbanized Areas that make up the UCTC were established. A map of proposed “smoothed” boundaries was presented. An official description was also submitted for approval by the Council.

The establishment of all of Ulster County as the UCTC Planning Area was also discussed. Additional discussion included the requirement to adopt Urban Area Boundaries, as well as implications regarding funding and functional classification.

Resolution 2003-05 Adopting the UCTC Urbanized Area Boundary.

Moved: Mr. Frederick Wadnola, Supervisor

Second: Mr. Jeremy Wilber, Supervisor

Vote: 8 Yeas 0 Nays

Abstentions: None

The resolution carried.

c) Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Doyle gave an overview of topics to be addressed long-term.

Copies of the Ulster County Comprehensive Plan were released to the Council. Chuck Manning from CME gave a brief presentation on the Plan’s content and the process by which it was prepared.

Mr. Doyle explained the importance of the Plan and the requirement for the Council to adopt a long-range Transportation Plan. He urged the Council to become familiar with the Plan and that hopefully it will form the core of any Plan the Council adopts.

d) ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Finkle

Second: Mr. Wadnola

Vote: 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Abstentions: None

The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.