

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary
February 26, 2019
Rondout Municipal Center, Cottekill, NY

Members Present:

Alan Adin	City of Kingston
Shannon Harris	Town of Esopus
John Dittus	Town of Hurley
Rich Parete	Town of Marbletown
Al Lanzetta	Town of Marlborough
Neil Bettez	Town of New Paltz
Vernon Benjamin	Town of Saugerties
Joel Brink	Town of Ulster
Andrew Emrich	Ulster County DPW
Edward Pine	Ulster County DPW
Don Quesnell	Ulster County DPW
Herb Litts	Ulster County Legislature
Kathy Nolan	Ulster County Legislature
Diane Beitzl	Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
Dan Coots	NYS Dept of Transportation
Amy Mackenzie	NYS Dept of Transportation
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Glenn Gidaly	Barton and Loguidice
Nick Mercurio	Public

Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:05am. Roll call was conducted by Mr. Slack.

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments received.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2018 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 10/27/18 meeting of the UCTC Policy Committee. Joel Brink made a motion to approve the minutes; second by John Dittus.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed - Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slack stated that there were no formal communications received and asked to add UCTC Resolution 2019-03 to the agenda for consideration as an agreement relating to the resolution was recently reached.

No further communications or announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

UCTC Resolution 2019-01: Approval of the SFY 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Draft UCTC State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was made available for review in January. The draft 2019/20 UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles, revises several projects included on the previous program, and adds 6 new projects for future programming and development.

At the January 29 meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee, UCTC staff recommended reducing the draft FHWA program by approximately \$250,000 in order to increase the un-programmed balance to approximately \$350,000.

During the public comment period, one additional project need was identified by the City of Kingston; as such, additional resources were allocated to Task 44.22.05: Americans with Disabilities Act Coordination and Compliance for the purpose of inventorying area sidewalk and roadway infrastructure in order to ensure compliance with ADA requirements. Additional comments received were positive and in support of the UPWP.

The Final Draft SFY 2019 UPWP programs a total of \$949,452 in FHWA PL funds and \$75,000 in FTA 5303 funds for planning projects and operations in SFY19. The UCTC FHWA un-programmed balance is \$300,143; the UCTC FTA un-programmed balance is \$32,869. The total UCTC program budget including all necessary state and local matches is \$1,243,087.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Ed Pine; second by Rich Parete.

Mr. Slack thanked members and the public for their comments. The Ulster County signage inventory project and the New Paltz interchange study were removed from the UPWP since the program was last presented to the Technical Committee. Further details regarding the various projects were discussed. No further comments were received from NYSDOT.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

Resolution 2019-02: Amendment to the UCTC 2017 – 2021 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program. At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), Ulster County Department of Public Works, and the Town of Woodstock, an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is proposed, as a

result of awards through the 2018 BridgeNY program. As a result of the 2018 BridgeNY call for projects, on November 13th, 2018, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$262 million in awards to repair and replace 165 local bridges and culverts in 95 communities across NYS. Two awards were within Ulster County: Rehabilitation of the bridge carrying County Route 18 over the Shawangunk Kill Creek, Town of Shawangunk (Ulster County DPW); and Replacement of the bridge carrying Mink Hollow Road over Beaver Kill, Town of Woodstock (Town of Woodstock). Additional project details are shown in Attachment 1 of Resolution 2019-02.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Al Lanzetta; second by Joel Brink.

Mr. Slack noted that the TIP amendment has been revised since it was presented to the Technical Committee as the Town of Woodstock has voluntarily removed their awards. The revised resolution is presented before the Policy Committee.

Mr. Doyle commented that the Town of Woodstock indicated that there was a savings in time and funds by undertaking the project outside of the federal aid process.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

Resolution 2019-03: Distribution of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area: This resolution seeks approval for the distribution of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 formula funds to the two designated recipients in Ulster County: City of Kingston (Kingston Citibus) and Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit). \$987,851 in funds will be split evenly between the two providers. If the integration proceeds and unspent funds remain, they will be transferred to UCAT.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Shannon Harris; second by Al Lanzetta.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

UCTC 2020 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update. The TIP is routinely updated every 2-3 years in order to bring the program in-line with updated fiscal planning targets. UCTC has been tasked by NYSDOT Region 8 to review its local highway program based on compliance with fiscal constraint. The local portion of the regional TIP must be constrained in order for the statewide “roll-up” of the STIP to meet federal fiscal constraint requirements. A Subcommittee to the UCTC Technical Committee has been formed and completed its initial review of existing projects and provided UCTC staff with recommendations for revisions.

Mr. Slack briefly presented the TIP update and budgets to members. UCTC is still awaiting the State portion of the program.

Dan Coats indicated that the state program is currently undergoing internal review.

Meetings have been schedule with project sponsors to ensure that schedules and funding amounts match current project needs.

Mr. Doyle urged project sponsors with phases programmed in 2019 to obligate funds as there will be a rescission of federal funds programmed but not obligated. Projects may lose funding as they may not be able to roll 2019 funds into 2020.

No further discussion.

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

Connect Mid Hudson Transit Plan. Project is under active work in the data collection phase with a recently completed transit rider survey. Results are being presented to individual transit agencies.

Connecting Kingston Wayfinding Plan. Project is nearing completion, expected end date is in May following a 6-month contract extension.

Kingston Signal Warrant Analysis. Project is currently awaiting traffic count collection. Counts will occur before construction season and after the snow melts. Federal Highway Administration staff have expressed interest in the study.

Ellenville Wayfinding Plan. Currently undergoing procurement process.

Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Opportunity Study. Currently undergoing contract approval process.

Supervisor Harris indicated that progress is being made on the Wurts Street Bridge and a meeting with impacted municipal leaders will be taking place shortly.

MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 10:50 am. -DS