

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary
February 28, 2018
Rondout Municipal Center, Cottekill, NY

Members Present:

Alan Adin	City of Kingston
Ralph Swenson	City of Kingston
Kristen Wilson	City of Kingston
Shannon Harris	Town of Esopus
Mike Cafaldo	Town of Esopus
Marybeth Majestic	Town of Gardiner
John Dittus	Town of Hurley
Rich Parete	Town of Marbletown
Al Lanzetta	Town of Marlborough
Howard Baker	Town of Marlborough
Neil Bettez	Town of New Paltz
Fred Costello	Town of Saugerties
Vernon Benjamin	Town of Saugerties
Joel Brink	Town of Ulster
Tim Rogers	Village of New Paltz
Ed Pine	Ulster County DPW
Andrew Emrich	Ulster County DPW
Herb Litts	Ulster County Legislature
Dianne Beitzl	Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
Lance MacMillan	NYS Dept of Transportation
Sandra Jobson	NYS Dept of Transportation
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Alicia Maschuck	Adirondack Trailways

Public:

Bob Brundage	Hurley Preservation Commission
Jim Decker	Hurley Preservation Commission

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 10:00am. Roll call was conducted by Mr. Doyle.

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Decker of the Hurley Preservation Commission Provided comments raising concerns over the current detour route for the Route 209 Bridge replacement. Copies of a detailed listing of concerns and questions were circulated to members.

Mr. Slack indicated that copies would be provided to NYSDOT and Ulster County DPW.

Joel Brink asked for clarity as to the nature of the travel restrictions as part of the work. Mr. Doyle responded that the bridge would be closed to all traffic and the detour would route traffic through the Town of Hurley.

No further citizen comments received.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 9/19/17 meeting of the UCTC Policy Committee. Joel Brink made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Fred Costello.

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Communications or announcements at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

UCTC Resolution 2017-13: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document Narrative to Revise Table 1: TIP Amendment and Modification Procedures to Clarify Amendment Process with Regard to New Projects. Resolution was approved at the November 14th UCTC Technical Committee with no public comments received. December Policy Committee meeting was canceled; Resolution was tabled to be presented at the February 28 Policy Committee meeting.

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

Mr. Slack explained that this resolution would modify the TIP in some instances to allow for actions to be taken administratively instead of coming before the committee for approval. Those instances include: a) Assignment of new projects that are already included on an approved TIP/STIP, such as block program funds that are later assigned to specific projects and schedules; b) Multi-county funds that are later assigned to a specific project, location, budget and schedule; and c) Projects requested to be added to the TIP for illustrative purposes only.

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

UCTC Resolution 2018-01: Approval of the SFY 2018/19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The draft 2018/19 UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles, revises two previously programmed projects, and adds 4 new projects for future programming and development. After a recommendation for approval from the UCTC Technical Committee, the draft UPWP was made available for 15 day public review and comment period.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Kristen Wilson; second by Joel Brink.

Mr. Slack stated that a single public comment was received during the comment period from Supervisor Fred Costello specific to the Road Safety Audit (RSA) project.

Supervisor Costello reiterated his comments and stressed the importance of the intersection at the southbound thruway ramp in the Town of Saugerties on Route 32 and the need for improvements to improve the safety and function of the area.

UCTC intends to continue performing RSAs in the future as time and budget allows.

Detailed technical comments were provided by the NYSDOT Planning Bureau; all comments have been addressed (Comment and response sheet to be circulated to members for their information).

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

UCTC Resolution 2018-02: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Amend NYSDOT PIN 880862: Wurts Street/Dock Street Rehabilitation Project Costs and Schedule as Shown in Attachment 1.

At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is proposed, as a result of a need for schedule and cost changes to NYSDOT PIN 880862. The Amendment adds over \$23 million in state and federal funds to the project and advances the project's construction schedule by 2 years. Cost changes to projects on an approved TIP that exceed either 25% of the phase or \$500,000 require a TIP Amendment. Similarly, project phases that are moved onto the first 4 years of an approved TIP also require a TIP Amendment. The requested changes meet both of these conditions. No offset has been identified due to status as an Assembly List Project. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Fred Costello; second by Kristen Wilson.

Mr. Slack highlighted the details of the change and explained that a single public comment was received from Clark Richards requesting that lighting be fixed and that snow removal occur on the sidewalks.

Supervisor Shannon Harris asked for an overview of the timeline leading up to construction. Sandra Jobson explained that design will start in the summer and will identify which components will need to be address and then design documents will be put out to bid followed by construction in 2020. The surrounding communities will be contacted to provide input on the project and help to establish how the construction will take place.

Ed Pine clarified to ensure that these additional funds would not impact other projects.

Lance MacMillan further explained that the additional funds are needed as the scope of work required has expanded to match the increasing rate of decline of the structure.

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

UCTC Resolution 2018-03: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT PIN 812219: Route 212 Paving Town of Woodstock as Shown in Attachment 1. At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is proposed in order to program a new paving project in the Towns of Woodstock and Saugerties. The project as currently described will place between 1 inch and 1.5 inches of new hot-mix asphalt on NYS Rte 212 from Route 375 in Woodstock to Route 32 in the Town of Saugerties. Federal funds in the amount of \$800,000 have been offset from a NYSDOT Multi-County PIN 881404 for this purpose; the required 20% match will utilize State Dedicated Funds. No further details regarding project phases or schedules are available at this time. PIN 812219 is a new addition to the 2017 – 2021 TIP and therefore requires a TIP Amendment. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, Amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval. No public comments were received.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Ed Pine; second by Fred Costello.

Mr. Slack provided a brief explanation of the project.

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

UCTC Resolution 2018-04: Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds for Regional Transit Projects. Draft Resolution 2018-04 seeks to allow a temporary loan Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 funds allocated to the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Large Urban Area, also known as UZA 89 to Ulster County Area Transit. FFY 2017 5307/5340 funds apportioned to the TMA under the current federal transportation legislation are not yet available for programming due to the lack of agreement between New York and New Jersey on the amounts to be allocated to each state, given that the UZA 89 boundary crosses state lines. As such, Ulster County Area Transit has requested a loan from this presently unallocated reserve of 5307/5340 funds due to the impasse between the states in the amount of \$457,578, which is necessary to support its FFY

2018 FTA grant applications. The three TMA Transportation Councils have reserved a portion of FFY 2014-2016 Section 5307 funds, previously allocated to the TMA as a whole, for future sub-allocations; there is presently \$7,823,593 in unallocated funds available for transit purposes. Under Draft Resolution 2018-04, Ulster County's allocation of UZA 89 FFY 2017 5307/5340 funds will be reduced by \$457,578 upon their availability to be allocated, and that this amount will be returned to the unallocated funding pool as established within the TMA for future allocation according to its approved methodology.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Joel Brink; second by John Dittus.

Mr. Doyle went on to explain the issues associated with the allocation of funds from UZA 89 due to the recent inclusion of New Jersey and the need to negotiate the allocation amounts before funds can be distributed. While negotiations are taking place, these funds are unavailable to transit providers necessitating the need to program unallocated funds from the TMA and then repay those funds once negotiations are completed and funds become available. Similar resolutions will be passed at other TMA MPOs.

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

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

- FFY 2017 Annual Obligation Report.
 - Revised and finalized.
- BridgeNY
 - Members are encouraged to apply, view the NYSDOT webinar, and contact UCTC staff during the application process.
- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Call for Local Projects
 - Members are encouraged to apply.
 - Municipalities can combine applications to meet the minimum \$250m application amount.
- Mid Hudson TMA Certification Review Sept 20-21
 - Members are encouraged to attend.
- UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs.
 - Applications were received from the Town of Gardiner and the city of Kingston.
 - Part of the funds will be used as offsets for existing underfunded projects to help ensure timely project delivery.
 - Ulster County intends to transfer a previous award from Lucas Ave to Horsenden Rd and Use local funds for work on Lucas Ave.

John Dittus asked if any work was programmed for Route 28 and expressed frustration that \$33m was going to be spent on the Wurts St bridge while other needs exist.

Lance MacMillan stressed the importance of needs throughout the State across all facilities types and the limited nature of funding. Priorities are established and used to determine where work

take place. There is a need for local municipalities to use their voice to encourage additional infrastructure funds to fix the aging infrastructure.

Additionally, funds have been made available through competitive programs.

No further discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 11:20 am.

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