

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary
September 27, 2018
Rondout Municipal Center, Cottekill, NY

Members Present:

John Schultheis	City of Kingston
Laura Petit	Ulster County Legislature/Town of Esopus
John Dittus	Town of Hurley
Rich Parete	Town of Marbletown
Howard Baker	Town of Marlborough
Neil Bettez	Town of New Paltz
Fred Costello	Town of Saugerties
Vernon Benjamin	Town of Saugerties
Ed Pine	Ulster County DPW
Herb Litts	Ulster County Legislature
Carol Hargrove	Ulster County Area Transit
Dianne Beitel	Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
Sandra Jobson	NYS Dept of Transportation
Amy Mackenzie	NYS Dept of Transportation
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Mark Boungard	Adirondack Trailways
Barry Hecht	Adirondack Trailways

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. Slack.

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments received.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No communications were received.

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Slack provided information from the previous NYSMPO Directors meeting regarding the TIP funding guidance. Fund will remain flat compared to previous years and official guidance is pending. UCTC staff will provide guidance to project sponsors as the TIP update process progresses. Members will be asked to participate on a TIP subcommittee at a future point to aid in programming.

Mr. Doyle stressed to members the importance of programming projects at appropriate funding levels.

Remaining old business will be discussed later in the meeting.

No further discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 12, 2018 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 6/12/18 meeting of the UCTC Policy Committee. Laura Petit made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Neil Bettez.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 24, 2018 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 7/24/18 meeting of the UCTC Policy Committee. Fred Costello made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Fred Costello.

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

NEW BUSINESS

UCTC Resolution 2018-16: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT Rail Crossing Safety Upgrade Projects Under PINs 893244, 893245, 893295, and 893296 as Shown in

Attachment 1. NYSDOT has requested to add various project PINs to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program four rail crossing upgrades using Highway Safety Improvement Program Rail funds. These projects utilize Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP. Resolution 2018-16 programs PIN 8893244: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Grant Avenue, Town of Ulster; PIN 893245: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Leggs Mill Road, Town of Ulster; PIN 893295: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Glasco Turnpike, Town of Saugerties; PIN 893296: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Peoples Road, Town of Saugerties. 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 Ed Pine.

Fred Costello had provided written comments to NYSDOT thanking them for the improvements but stressing that there were other priorities in Saugerties with regards to rail crossing improvements.

Mr. Doyle explained that the locations are selected at the state level based on what CSX is willing to do, what NYSDOT selects, and the ability of CSX to implement the project with their schedule.

Sandra Jobson asked for Greg Hart to reach out to the Town of Saugerties to take a closer look at the needs for other rail crossings in the Town.

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

UCTC Resolution 2018-17: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add a New Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Award for the City of Kingston under PIN 876207 as Shown in Attachment 1. The City of Kingston and NYSDOT has requested to add project PIN 876207 to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program pedestrian safety improvements at various locations in the City of Kingston awarded under the NYSDOT 2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) call for projects. Each location for improvement was proposed by the City with extensive input and review from UCTC and NYSDOT. This project utilizes Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP; under PSAP, no local match is required; award utilizes 100% federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.

No public comments were received in regard to this action.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by John Schultheis; second by Fred Costello.

Brian explained that the City of Kingston was the sole municipal applicant in Ulster county for PSAP/HSIP funds.

Lizy Philip asked if toll credits were going to be used to help fund the project.

Mr. Doyle thanked the Thruway Authority for their funds to help with project funding.

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

Resolution 2018-18: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area. This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). This action is a routine occurrence that takes place after the FTA apportions 5307 funds to the TMA (UZA 89) and NY and NJ come to an agreement on a fair and rational sub-regional allocation. FTA Section 5307 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning

Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Dutchess Transportation Council (DCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and DCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2018, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive an allocation of \$589,763. Private commuter bus carriers in Ulster County (ADK Trailways) will receive \$2,455,047.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Laura Petit; second by Howard Baker.

Mr. Slack explained that at the last UCTC Policy Committee meeting, 2017 funds were programmed and that this resolution was for 2018 funds which were announced shortly thereafter.

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

Resolution 2018-19: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area. Resolution 2018-19 seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from federal authorizations to the TMA (UZA 89) under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council (PDCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation, prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and PDCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2018, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive a total of \$443,626.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Howard Baker; second by Fred Costello.

Laura Petit asked for a description of the funding and if any of this funding included the VW funding.

Mr. Doyle explained how the funding is generated, categories of funding, allocation of funding, and how funding is programmed. VW funding is not included in this source or action.

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

Resolution 2018-20: Distribution of the FFY 2017 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Small Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area. This resolution seeks approval for the apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds to the two designated recipients in Ulster County: City of Kingston (Kingston Citibus) and Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit). For FFY 2017, \$197,122.96 is available to DRs in the Kingston Urbanized Area. The

two DRs have agreed that 100% of the funds will be allocated to Ulster County for various capital purposes.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Fred Costello; second by Howard Baker.

Mr. Slack explained that unlike the previous resolution which programmed funds for UZA 89, the funds in this resolution are for the Kingston Urbanized Area.

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

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

2019 UPWP Call for Planning Projects. Call for projects is now open; deadline December 7. Visit <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation-council/unified-planning-work-program> for application and instructions. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to staff with ideas to aid in the application process. Projects are limited to planning activities.

UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs. Staff will provide members with a summary of recent TIP administrative modifications under these two block PINs. Funds were distributed to previously awarded projects as well as a new repaving project for Wilbur Ave. STP off system bridge funds are still available and will be distributed once BRIDGE NY is announced

CMP and Regional Transit Plans Update. These projects are ongoing. Regional transit plan has been titled “Mid Hudson Connect” and can be viewed online at <https://www.connectmidhudson.com/>

2019 Meeting Schedule: UCTC staff proposes scheduling standing meetings on the third Thursday of every month beginning January 2019. Sandra Jobson commented that NYMTC holds their meetings at the proposed time. UCTC will look to establishing another time.

UCTC PROJECT UPDATES

Presentation on the Ulster County Road Safety Assessment Project. Initiated in 2017, this effort sought to examine road segments and intersections in Ulster County known to experience high crash rates. The goal of the study was to develop low cost solutions that could potentially mitigate crash rates at selected locations. Objects included examining roadway characteristics, preparing a crash history profile, and developing short, medium and long term engineering solutions, enforcement activities and safety education that could mitigate the situation. Roadway segments examined included Rte 299 in the Town of New Paltz; Rte 32 in the Town of Saugerties and Rte. 212 in Woodstock. VHB Engineering was contracted to assist UCTC staff in the execution of the work and were closely assisted by UCTC staff, local stakeholder advisory groups, and NYSDOT Safety engineers. VHB and UCTC staff will provide an overview of project approach, findings, and next steps.

Mr. Staas gave a brief overview of the project and introduced Chris Liberti and Wendy Holsberger of VHB to present findings from the project.

MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 12:00 pm. -DS