

# ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Policy Committee Meeting

## Meeting Summary

March 6, 2007  
Ulster County Community College  
Stone Ridge, NY

### Members

<b>Present:</b>	Joel B. Brink**	Town of Ulster
	Stephen Finkle**	City of Kingston
	Greg Helsmoortel <sup>+</sup>	Town of Saugerties
	Jack Hohman**	NYS Thruway Authority
	Cindy Lanzetta**	Town of Marlborough
	Nadine Lemmon**	Town of Gardiner
	Richard Peters**	NYS DOT Region 8
	Hector Rodriguez**	UC Legislature
	Michael Shultis*	Town of Hurley
	John Valk, Jr. *	Town of Shawangunk

### Staff

<b>Present:</b>	Marianne Davis	UC Planning Department
	Dennis Doyle	UC Planning Department
	Jean Gunsch	NYMTC – MHSTCC
	Bill Tobin	UCTC

### Others

<b>Present:</b>	Mircea Catona	UC Department of Public Works
	Linda Cook	Town of Hurley
	Pam Duke	Town of Rochester
	Gil Hales	Town of Saugerties
	Nancy Hammond	Town of Lloyd
	Toni Hokanson	Town of New Paltz
	Mary Howard	UC Area Transit
	Peter Liepmann	UC Legislature
	Joshua Rinaldi	Daily Freeman
	Cynthia Ruiz	UC Area Transit
	Mark Sargent	Creighton Manning Engineering
	Charles Schaller	UC Traffic Safety Board
	Phil Serafino	NYS Thruway Authority
	Robert Shepard	Town of Lloyd
	Heather Sporn	NYS DOT

\*Permanent Voting Member

\*Current Voting Member (Until June 4, 2007)

\*\*Voting Proxy

<sup>+</sup>Non Voting Advisory Member

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rodriguez at 10:03 a.m. Ms. Davis called role and announced that a quorum had been achieved. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

### CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Doyle asked for approval of the October 3, 2006 meeting summary.

**A motion was made to approve the Minutes by Mr. Brink, which was seconded by Mr. Shultis. All were in favor.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Doyle and Mr. Tobin went through the announcements listed on the Agenda.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **FFY 2008-2012 TIP Update**

Mr. Peters stated the available funding would be addressed and went over the handout. There was a discussion on implementing projects from studies that have been completed and what would be involved. Mr. Tobin stated there was a need to identify the two projects in Kingston. Mr. Finkle stated the two projects (waterfront and uptown) were referred to NYSDOT and received a Federal Earmark. He asked how to position the projects to appear on the TIP to be ready for the design process. Mr. Peters stated the department would double check with Federal Highway then work with staff to put them on the TIP.

Mr. Finkle stated the Abeel Street project was moving forward and he thanked the council for their help and concern. Mr. Doyle stated we would put together a draft TIP to be reviewed by the TIP Subcommittee and Technical Committee.

Ms. Lemmon inquired about Route 299 in New Paltz and asked why it was not in process for several years and why it could not be done sooner as it is a Scenic Byway. Mr. Peters stated it was not a state road. There are Scenic Byway funds, but they are not in DOT's control – Federal Highway will request applications for projects during solicitation. Mr. Doyle stated that we could ask the TIP Subcommittee to make a recommendation to the Council. Mr. Tobin suggested placing an expiration date on Federal funds if they are not acted upon. Mr. Doyle stated that two competing studies are being done on Route 299. Mr. Peters said four-foot shoulders were not recommended; they should be six-foot wide minimum for safety reasons. Mr. Doyle asked about Federal STP Urban Funds. Mr. Peters said STP Urban funds could be substituted for Federal STP Flex funds. Mr. Doyle asked what was in the bank (for STP Large Urban funds) at the Ulster County level. Mr. Peters answered approximately \$1 Million. Mr. Doyle asked Mr. Peters to have the issue addressed. Mr. Tobin stated staff would work with Mr. Peters and Ms. Gunsch on the TIP list and get it out in about two weeks.

### **FTA Section 5307 TMA Project Application Update**

Ms. Gunsch stated the recommendations were out and it must be approved by the three county MPOs (Transportation Management Area). Mr. Doyle stated two projects were submitted by Ulster County; a shuttle service for UCAT, which has been recommended for funding and a multimodal center in the Village of Ellenville, which was not recommended for funding but was recommended for a study. Ms. Ruiz said that Metro North, Ulster County and DOT are all supportive of a UCAT shuttle service utilizing capital funding. The shuttle will use our buses between existing Ulster County park and rides and the MetroNorth station. Metro North will subsidize part of the bus ticket. Ms. Gunsch stated that Orange County will have an Executive Council Meeting on March 13.

The FTA Section 5307 TMA funding recommendations were distributed as follows:

Results of the Competitive FTA Section 5307 TMA Funding Solicitation						
TMA Staff Recommended Awards March 5, 2007						
App #	Project Name	Sponsor	Project Cost	5307 Amount Requested	5307 Amount Recommended	Notes
1	Transit Hub	City of Poughkeepsie	1.860	0.878	0.878	
2	Cutaway Buses for Metro-North Commuter Bus	Ulster County	0.195	0.156	Up to 0.560	DOT, MTA, MNR support letter to follow
3	Village of Ellenville Multi-Modal Center	Ulster County for Village of Ellenville	1.030	0.830	0.000	Prior STP application required transportation study before funding
4	Kiryas Joel Parking Facility	Orange County for Village of Kiryas Joel	0.850	0.390	0.172	Since only 22% of project is transit related, the Federal share (80%) of 25% of \$850K is recommended
5	Monroe Bus Corp – Bus Storage Facility Improvements	Orange County for Monroe Bus	0.341 (Phase 1)	0.273	0.123	Current zoning limits applicant to 10 buses (41.7% of request) thus Federal share (80%) of 45% of \$341K is recommended
			0.305 (Phase 2)	0.244	(0.244)*	*Phase 2 is recommended upon merging with KJ facility since lots are adjoining
6	City of Newburgh/City of Beacon Extended Ferry Transit Service	Orange County for City of Newburgh	0.220	0.088	0.088	
7	Facility Modernization – Newburgh Transportation Center	Orange County	0.780	0.630	0.480	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5.581</b>	<b>3.489</b>	<b>2.545</b>	
	Total available from FFY 2005				1.716	
	Total available from FFY 2006				1.297	
	<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>				<b>3.013</b>	
	Balance Remaining				0.468	

Mr. Tobin stated that the UCTC needs to bring forth action but did not have a resolution since the above results were released yesterday. Mr. Doyle asked if anyone on the Council had any concerns. No comments received. Mr. Doyle then stated a mail ballot would be circulated in the coming weeks.

**Draft Final SFY 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the Draft Final 2007-2008 UPWP as recommended by staff to include the medications forwarded by the Technical Committee. Seconded by Mr. Shepard. All were in favor. Discussion followed.

Mr. Tobin stated a document that was included in the agenda packet shows changes such as increased funding for additional staff support and additional funding for the City of Kingston Stockade Area Transportation Plan. He added that the primary theme of the UCTC UPWP in the coming SFY is to “finish what we started”.

**FFY 2006-2010 TIP Amendment: Transportation Enhancements**

Mr. Finkle made a motion to adopt the TIP Amendment for Transportation Enhancements. Seconded by Ms. Lemmon. All were in favor. The following TIP amendments for Transportation Enhancements were presented for adoption:

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 FFY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
 PROJECT LISTING AFTER PROJECT AMENDMENT UCTC06-05

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LEAD AGENCY PIN/ALT ID	DESCRIPTION	FUND SOURCES	TOTAL 5-YEAR PROGRAM (\$-millions)	5-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (FFY) Starting October, 2005						
				Pre-FY 2006	1st Year FFY06	2nd Year FFY07	3rd Year FFY08	4th Year FFY09	5th Year FFY10	Post-FY 2010
WORK TYPE	COUNTY	FUND/OB DATE								
TOWN 878021 MOBIL <Exempt>	TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (TEP); GARDINER SIDEWALKS - ROUTE 44/55; WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL (WVRT) TO TOWN MEETING HALL. LEAD AGENCY FOR IMPLEMENTATION: TOWN OF GARDINER	LOC 02/2007 STPE 02/2007	0.089 M 0.356 M			0.089M 0.356M				
AQC: NR	ULSTER	TOTAL >>>>	0.445	0.000	0.000	0.445	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TOWN 878022 MOBIL <Exempt>	TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (TEP); HUDSON VALLEY RAIL TRAIL: TONY WILLIAMS PARK TO TOWN LINE. LEAD AGENCY FOR IMPLEMENTATION: TOWN OF LLOYD	LOC 02/2007 STPE 02/2007	0.386 M 1.544 M			0.386M 1.544M				
AQC: NR	ULSTER	TOTAL >>>>	1.930	0.000	0.000	1.930	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TOWN 878023 MOBIL <Exempt>	TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (TEP); WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL EXTENSION: BRIDGE OF DREAMS. LEAD AGENCY FOR IMPLEMENTATION: TOWN OF NEW PALTE	LOC 02/2007 STPE 02/2007	0.260 M 1.039 M			0.260M 1.039M				
AQC: NR	ULSTER	TOTAL >>>>	1.299	0.000	0.000	1.299	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Mr. Doyle added that Ulster County has been very successful in obtaining funds for local transportation enhancement projects.

**FFY 2006-2010 TIP Amendment: Saugerties Tissell Road Project**

Mr. Helmoortel made a motion to adopt the Amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Finkle. All were in favor. The Resolution approves \$1.75 million to be added to the design and construction costs of improving the Tissell Road West Shore railroad crossing in the Town of Saugerties.

**Resolution 2007-3 – FFY 2007 FTA Section 5307 City of Kingston/Ulster County Funding Agreement.** Resolution to maintain the FTA Section 5307 small urban funding allocation agreement in FFY 2007 with 45% going to the City of Kingston and 55% to Ulster County.

Motion to approve by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Ms. Lemmon. All were in favor.

**Resolution 2007-5 – FFY 2008 FTA Section 5307 City of Kingston/Ulster County Funding Agreement.** Resolution to CHANGE the FTA Section 5307 small urban funding allocation agreement in FFY 2008 with 50% going to the City of Kingston and 50% to Ulster County.

Motion to approve by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Ms. Lemmon. All were in favor.

**TIP Amendment – US 9W/Young Avenue Intersection Improvement: Town of Marlborough**

Ms. Lanzetta explained that the Marlboro school district would like to get a traffic signal by the elementary school at 9W. Mr. Peters stated he believes this would be NYSDOT's project as the department has been made responsible for traffic signals at school entrances. Mr. Peters stated he believed it would be NYSDOT as the lead agency though the school may be doing (paying for) the design. Motion to approve by Ms. Lanzetta, seconded by Mr. Shepard. All were in favor.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Ruiz stated UCAT has started working with CitiBus and private carriers reviewing schedules for public transportation throughout the county to realign programs for communities. They will be meeting federal requirements for their 2008 triennial review through this process as well. Ms. Howard is writing a Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan for UCAT, which will be in effect for 10 years. Ms. Ruiz stated she will be asking for public participation for this project.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if the plan would meet the requirements for Human Services Agencies obligations. Ms. Ruiz stated they have already taken the first step with their Medicaid Transportation Plan. Mr. Valk asked if the plan was to meet the needs for Ulster County or elsewhere as well. He also asked if Southern Ulster's issues were considered. Ms. Ruiz stated if the need was from Ulster County to somewhere else she would like to be notified and added that she was aware of southern Ulster.

Mr. Shultis brought up a concern for a light industrial road in Hurley. Mr. Shultis stated it was a dangerous intersection being the only access for truck traffic and he would like to see a safer access. He added that the railroad bridge should have about a foot added to it. Mr. Schaller stated that large trucks get hung up at the intersection by the Hickory Restaurant and agreed that the railroad bridge (on Basin & Reservoir) was too low. Mr. Schaller stated this was a County road. Mr. Shultis stated there have been water problems through Town of Kingston, Hurley and Olive that cut down on access and create safety issues.

Ms. Ruiz stated that bus shelters are in progress, she has requests on file. New requests are being taken and anyone interested or having questions should call her at 340-3335. Mr. Tobin asked if locations had been mapped. Ms. Ruiz stated that Ms. Howard could do that and added that it may change with new schedules.

Mr. Helsmoortel asked if there would be advertising space on bus shelters. Ms. Ruiz answered no.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

#### CITIZEN COMMENT

No Citizen comments received.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Valk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am, which was seconded by Mr. Shultis. All were in favor.