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ULSTER COUNTY SEEKING INPUT ON POTENTIAL UCAT FACILITY EXPANSION

Public asked to weigh-in on document that evaluates potential options for an expanded maintenance and storage facility for UCAT's fleet

Kingston, NY – February 2, 2021 The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) invites the public to join us at 6:00pm on February 11 for a virtual public meeting to discuss the draft Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) Transit Fleet Garage/Maintenance Facility Site Selection and Concept Plan.

UCAT recently (2019) expanded service in the City of Kingston acquiring six (6) transit vehicle from the City bringing its current fleet total to 46 – 35 devoted to fixed route service, 7 to paratransit service, and 4 for support service. The vehicles range in age from 1 to 13 years and in size from 26-foot cutaway vans to 40-foot transit coaches. The fleet includes gas, diesel, and diesel-electric hybrid vehicles; three new all-electric buses will be added to the fleet in 2021.

The existing UCAT garage along with UCAT's administrative offices are located on Golden Hill in the City of Kingston on lands owned by Ulster County. The facility was constructed in 2005 and improved over the years and is in excellent condition. The garage is capable of housing between 14-18 vehicles indoors with the remainder of vehicles parked outside or housed off-site. The fleet has clearly outgrown its garage space and UCAT has requested that UCTC conduct a site alternative analysis and develop a concept plan and associated cost information to assist it in estimating its capital and storage needs. Ongoing planning and preparation for future bus fleet electrification will also play an important role in the needs associated with the design of any new transit garage/maintenance facility.

Passero Associates of Rochester, NY has been hired to assist the UCTC and UCAT to determine the best location on County-owned property to serve its transit program over the next 10-20 years. Funding has not been identified for the implementation of this project at this time.

A Virtual Public Meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 11th, 2021. During this meeting project staff and consultants will provide an overview of the project and accept public comment.

Written comments may be submitted via email to Brian Slack at uctc@co.ulster.ny.us and will be accepted until February 26, 2021.

Registration information and the draft plan are available on the project website:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/transportation-council/maintenance-storage-selection>



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