

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript

March 24, 2020

Meeting held via freeconferencecall.com at 10:00 am

0:00:00.000,0:00:05.040

BS: roll call just after 10 a.m. I'll go down the list of attendees and if

0:00:05.040,0:00:11.000

there's anyone whose name I don't call they can chime in then. Thank you.

0:00:20.900,0:00:27.380

DD: Sandra are you still there? SJ: Yeah I'm here. I'm sorry let me get closer. here we go I'm still here.

0:00:27.390,0:00:33.140

DD: That's better. Are you seeing any guidance from the state relative to

0:00:33.140,0:00:38.100

funding or TIP amendments or anything of that nature?

0:00:38.100,0:00:43.280

SJ: As far as all the capital program stuff goes we are open for business.

0:00:43.280,0:00:50.780

We're doing everything my entire team is extremely successfully

0:00:50.789,0:00:57.780

working from home. So is mid-hudson

0:00:57.780,0:01:03.180

south and it sounds like you guys are still running. Also our maintenance operations

0:01:03.180,0:01:08.640

and our construction operations are fully engaged. Now they're doing lots of

0:01:08.640,0:01:18.680

things differently you know to stay safe but no, we're open for business.

0:01:19.340,0:01:21.500

DD: Okay. You haven't heard anything with respect to funding though?

0:01:21.500,0:01:24.800

No issues relative to the use of state dedicated funds

0:01:24.800,0:01:29.520  
or anything of that nature? Too  
early for that. I know the budget hasn't passed.

0:01:30.220,0:01:34.740  
SJ: No I don't have any specifics on that but as far as my work goes and

0:01:34.740,0:01:37.400  
our teams work, it is business as usual.

0:01:37.580,0:01:38.960  
DD: Okay all right.

0:01:38.960,0:01:44.640  
DD: I know we are seeing some of the details come out of the

0:01:44.640,0:01:50.140  
proposed stimulus bill and apparently  
there's some infrastructure

0:01:50.140,0:01:54.960  
money being released with that as well  
as transit funding for that.

0:01:54.960,0:01:58.160  
SJ: Yeah, I can't speak to any of that sorry.

0:01:58.200,0:02:00.460  
DD: That's all right.

0:02:01.440,0:02:05.039  
JM: Good morning. John Morrow Town of Ulster on the line.

0:02:05.040,0:02:07.060  
DD: Thanks John appreciate you joining us.

0:02:07.060,0:02:10.270  
we're going to be starting just  
around 10 o'clock. About three minutes

0:02:10.270,0:02:15.640  
from now we'll do a roll call  
and if we miss anybody then we'd ask you

0:02:15.640,0:02:20.660  
to chime in rather than have everybody  
call themselves out.

0:02:21.080,0:02:23.700  
JM: Okay.

0:02:31.440,0:02:35.010

DD: So one of the things that was on the director's call just so everybody knows

0:02:35.010,0:02:42.600

one of the things that was on the director's call the other day was relative --

0:02:42.600,0:02:47.180

BS: Do you want to wait for the meeting to explain that?

0:02:47.200,0:02:50.540

DD: Yeah, I will. Thanks Brian.

0:02:59.400,0:03:01.660

LP: Hello. Lizy Philip

0:03:01.780,0:03:04.260

BS: Good morning. Good morning Lizy.

0:03:04.500,0:03:05.780

LP: Hi, good morning.

0:03:25.720,0:03:29.400

BS: We're going to get started in just about two minutes.

0:03:29.400,0:03:32.140

LP: Okay

0:04:04.620,0:04:10.200

BS: Do you want to get the door.

0:04:46.880,0:04:49.260

AW: Alex Wade

0:04:49.260,0:04:53.286

BS: Morning Alex.

0:04:53.286,0:04:55.760

AW: It worked.

0:04:55.780,0:05:00.960

BS: We haven't started yet though.

0:05:02.240,0:05:05.760

AW: The recording said you had.

0:05:09.040,0:05:10.980

BS: Whenever you're ready Dennis we can call --

0:05:10.980,0:05:16.520

DD: So good morning everyone. Thank you very much for joining us on this

0:05:16.640,0:05:20.520

remote conference call information we'll try to make this as painless as possible.

0:05:20.520,0:05:26.800

I would ask anybody that's on the phone make sure you do not, do not put

0:05:26.800,0:05:33.100

your phone on hold. If you need to step away then I would ask you just to

0:05:33.100,0:05:37.240

mute your speaker and or rejoin us rather than try to put your phone on

0:05:37.240,0:05:42.940

hold it creates difficulties for us relative to the music or whatever you have when you

0:05:42.940,0:05:47.050

put your phone on hold so please do not do that. So I'm going to ask Brian

0:05:47.050,0:05:51.740

to do a rundown of who's on the phone. If we miss anybody I ask people to chime in.

0:05:51.740,0:05:57.160

BS: Sure. Here in the office obviously me and Dennis Doyle and we have David

0:05:57.160,0:06:04.590

Staas at an undisclosed location in the UCTC offices. We've got Tom Wilkins,

0:06:04.590,0:06:10.900

Glen Gidaly,  
Amy Mackenzie, Andrew Emmerich, Fred

0:06:10.900,0:06:21.260

Mastroianni, Herb Litts, John Philip, Sandra Johnson, John Schultheis. So who did I miss?

0:06:21.260,0:06:23.540

And of course Lizy Phillip.

0:06:23.540,0:06:28.960

LP: Yeah it is not John Philip it is his phone. I'm using John Philip's phone.

0:06:29.720,0:06:31.720  
BS: Got it. Thank you Lizy.

0:06:32.040,0:06:34.620  
Anybody else that I may have missed?

0:06:34.980,0:06:35.760  
AW: Alex Wade

0:06:36.580,0:06:38.880  
DD: Thanks Alex

0:06:39.560,0:06:41.380  
JM: John Morrow Town of Ulster

0:06:41.380,0:06:42.620  
BS: John Morrow

0:06:42.700,0:06:44.880  
DD: Thank you John.

0:06:45.240,0:06:46.100  
BS: Great.

0:06:46.180,0:06:49.720  
DD: Anybody else? So with that,

0:06:49.720,0:06:54.780  
Call the meeting to order.  
I'm not going to ask for citizens comments.

0:06:54.780,0:06:59.730  
We're going to skip that item on  
the agenda. So, approval the January 28

0:06:59.730,0:07:03.420  
2020 Technical Committee meeting summary.  
Do I have a motion for that?

0:07:04.360,0:07:05.740  
JM: John Morrow

0:07:05.740,0:07:07.040  
TW: So moved.

0:07:07.040,0:07:10.400  
DD: I have John Morrow as a mover. Who's the second?

0:07:11.780,0:07:12.580  
AW: Second.

0:07:12.700,0:07:14.780

TW: I'll second Dennis.

0:07:14.780,0:07:19.940

DD: Alright. Okay, some ground rules, that's my fault I apologize. Please

0:07:19.950,0:07:23.700

announce your name when you when you  
vote or make a second on a motion so

0:07:23.700,0:07:26.800

that we have that for the record.  
Who was the second?

0:07:27.360,0:07:29.360

BS: Tom and then Alex.

0:07:29.360,0:07:33.760

DD: So I have John and did I hear Tom Wilkin as a second?

0:07:33.760,0:07:35.166

BS: That's correct.

0:07:35.166,0:07:36.720

DD: Okay all in favor?

0:07:36.720,0:07:40.340

Let me do it this way. Any opposed?

0:07:40.970,0:07:44.430

Hearing none, the minutes are passed.  
Thank you.

0:07:44.430,0:07:46.120

DD: Who just joined?

0:07:46.120,0:07:48.540

BS: Kristen Wilson.

0:07:48.560,0:07:51.060

DD: Kristen just joined?

0:07:51.060,0:07:52.660

KW: Yes, this is Kristen.

0:07:52.680,0:07:54.500

DD: Thank You Kristen.

0:07:55.380,0:07:57.620

DD: So communications and  
announcements Brian?

0:07:58.280,0:08:04.500

BS: Yeah, I have one communication from New York State Department of Transportation

0:08:04.500,0:08:10.560

Ron Epstein, Executive Deputy Commissioner and CFO just indicating that as we've

0:08:10.560,0:08:18.960

discussed at previous meetings the DOT will, at the advice of the FTA, be

0:08:18.960,0:08:25.830

putting out a request for proposals regarding the use of urbanized area

0:08:25.830,0:08:30.930

formula program funds and routes in our region.

0:08:30.930,0:08:35.700

It's just informing us that we will have ample opportunity to comment on that RFP.

0:08:35.700,0:08:40.890

We've provided detailed information on this at our two previous meetings. So

0:08:40.890,0:08:48.270

that RFP is not been issued yet at this time and as soon as it is or prior to it

0:08:48.270,0:08:51.980

being issued, we will be given the opportunity to comment. The other

0:08:51.980,0:08:58.470

correspondence I had digitally was acceptance by the FTA

0:08:58.470,0:09:06.720

of New York States UPWPs so all of the 14 MPOs across New York State

0:09:06.720,0:09:10.260

our UPWPs have been approved.

0:09:10.260,0:09:11.970

DD: If that's on the FTA side, what about on the FHWA side?

0:09:11.970,0:09:14.940

BS: I believe it's essentially speaking for both sides.

0:09:14.940,0:09:17.160

DD: Okay. So we have our we have

0:09:17.160,0:09:22.760  
an approved UPWP. Okay and for the record the

0:09:22.760,0:09:29.430  
reference to the RFP has to do with  
the funding for Trailways that we spoke

0:09:29.430,0:09:34.560  
about at the previous meetings if people  
didn't make that connection. Anything else Brian?

0:09:34.660,0:09:41.260  
BS: No, not at this time but maybe you could go over some open meeting issues?

0:09:41.420,0:09:44.600  
DD: Yeah, I was going to do  
that. So with respect to open meetings,

0:09:44.610,0:09:49.230  
some of the questions that have come up  
is is this sort of legal and the short

0:09:49.230,0:09:59.670  
answer is is that as it stands right now the governor has said to us through an executive order  
that has

0:09:59.670,0:10:04.590  
essentially waived the open meeting  
requirement and indicated that we can

0:10:04.590,0:10:10.920  
conduct business remotely as long as we  
allow the public to listen in on those

0:10:10.920,0:10:16.440  
meetings. There is some question as to  
whether or not the rules and regulations

0:10:16.440,0:10:21.300  
of the operating procedures provide for  
this but given where we are in this

0:10:21.300,0:10:26.250  
particular crisis,  
it's a risk I think we're willing to

0:10:26.250,0:10:32.400  
take and that's the the general sense of  
that has been around the state on an MPO



0:10:32.400,0:10:38.490  
directors call we had this Friday  
or last Friday with respect to moving

0:10:38.490,0:10:41.700  
forward with this type of meeting. So  
everybody should be aware of that fact

0:10:41.700,0:10:45.091  
that we believe we're on at least ---  
grounds

0:10:45.091,0:10:49.160  
to have meetings and conduct business in this fashion.

0:10:49.360,0:10:53.500  
So with that I'll move on  
to the agenda. Does anybody have any questions?

0:11:01.300,0:11:04.740  
DD: Okay hearing no questions I'd  
ask everybody if you're on a

0:11:04.740,0:11:10.080  
speakerphone to please mute. You can  
certainly chime in when you want to.

0:11:10.460,0:11:15.020  
So on new businesses, Draft  
UCTC Resolution 2020-03,

0:11:15.020,0:11:19.339  
it's the distribution of federal fiscal year  
2019 Federal Transit Administration

0:11:19.340,0:11:23.140  
section 5307/5340 urbanized area apportionment

0:11:23.140,0:11:27.120  
attributable to the Kingston urbanized area.

0:11:27.120,0:11:30.500  
Can I have a motion for  
discussion purposes?

0:11:32.340,0:11:33.960  
DD: Somebody please.

0:11:34.280,0:11:34.900  
DD: Motion for discussion?--

0:11:35.020,0:11:37.180

FC: Fred Costello, Town of Saugerties. So moved.

0:11:37.180,0:11:39.520

DD: Thank You Fred much appreciated.

0:11:39.780,0:11:41.320

Do I have a second?

0:11:41.560,0:11:43.136

JM: John Morrow. Second.

0:11:43.136,0:11:45.280

DD: John Morrow from Town of Ulster.

0:11:45.280,0:11:47.960

Thank you John. Brian?

0:11:47.960,0:11:54.200

BS: Sure. Thank  
you Tom. This resolution 2020-3

0:11:54.200,0:12:02.870

addresses FTA funds attributable to the  
Kingston urbanized area section 5307

0:12:02.870,0:12:13.180

funds in the amount of \$1,017,213 as shown in attachment 1.

0:12:13.190,0:12:19.310

In years prior these funds would be  
split between Ulster County and the City

0:12:19.310,0:12:24.730

of Kingston given that they were the two  
owners of public transit systems and

0:12:24.730,0:12:30.320

today obviously we have just Ulster  
County as being the only operator of a

0:12:30.320,0:12:35.779

public transit system. Therefore Ulster  
County is entitled to 100 percent of

0:12:35.780,0:12:39.940

those funds for use for the Ulster  
County Area Transit system.

0:12:41.720,0:12:47.520

DD: So this resolution would apportion that to Ulster  
County and put it on the TIP?

0:12:48.260,0:12:54.560  
BS: The funding is not put on  
the TIP until specific projects are

0:12:54.560,0:12:58.820  
identified by UCAT. It makes the  
funding available to UCAT for use in

0:12:58.820,0:13:00.520  
future grants.

0:13:00.520,0:13:10.959  
DD: Okay. Any questions?  
Hearing none, any opposed? Any abstentions?

0:13:11.980,0:13:18.600  
DD: So carried. Thank you. Item D on the agenda:

0:13:18.600,0:13:23.350  
It's draft UCTC resolution 2020-04:

0:13:23.350,0:13:28.180  
the distribution of federal fiscal year  
2020 Federal Transit Administration 5307

0:13:28.180,0:13:33.580  
5340 urbanized area apportionment  
attributable to the Kingston urbanized area.

0:13:33.580,0:13:36.640  
This is 2020.

0:13:38.560,0:13:41.245  
DD: Do I have a motion?

0:13:41.245,0:13:42.640  
FC: Saugerties, so moved.

0:13:42.980,0:13:45.260  
DD: Thank you. Do I have a second?

0:13:46.580,0:13:51.702  
LT: Second. Leanne Thornton Saugerties.

0:13:51.702,0:13:54.460  
DD: Thank you Leanne. Bryan?

0:13:54.460,0:14:00.640  
BS: Sure. This is the same type of funding  
attributable to the Kingston urbanized

0:14:00.640,0:14:07.990

area however the federal fiscal year is 2020. The funding amount available for

0:14:07.990,0:14:18.880  
distribution is \$1,039,654 in 5307 funds and once again the only eligible designated recipient for

0:14:18.880,0:14:25.510  
these funds would be Ulster County and Ulster County Area Transit so 100% of

0:14:25.510,0:14:30.240  
those funds would be made available to Ulster County for future transit purposes.

0:14:30.440,0:14:37.740  
DD: Any discussion?

0:14:37.740,0:14:38.660  
DD: Did I hear somebody?

0:14:40.380,0:14:42.040  
BS: I think that was just background noise.

0:14:42.240,0:14:46.020  
DD: Okay. Hearing none, all in favor-- I'm sorry. Any opposed?

0:14:47.720,0:14:50.320  
DD: Any abstentions?

0:14:52.640,0:14:55.280  
DD: So carried.

0:14:55.800,0:15:01.440  
Item C on the agenda: Draft UCTC resolution 2020-05

0:15:01.580,0:15:06.640  
Amendment to the UCTC federal fiscal year 2020-2024 Transportation

0:15:06.640,0:15:13.920  
Improvement Program to modify the cost of NYSDOT Pin 881451

0:15:13.920,0:15:19.600  
as shown as attachment one and that is for --- Somebody help me here.

0:15:19.600,0:15:23.740  
BS: Culvert replacements on state highways at multiple locations.

0:15:23.780,0:15:24.280

DD: Thank you

0:15:24.280,0:15:28.560

DD: Do I have a motion for discussion purposes?

0:15:30.100,0:15:32.730

JM: John morrow motion that for discussion.

0:15:32.730,0:15:35.740

DD: Thank you so much John. Do I have a second?

0:15:37.460,0:15:39.280

LT: Second.

0:15:39.600,0:15:41.060

DD: Please identify.

0:15:41.300,0:15:42.693

LT: Leanne Thornton

0:15:42.700,0:15:45.140

DD: Thank you Leanne much appreciated.

0:15:45.440,0:15:48.040

DD: We have a motion in a second. Brian?

0:15:48.860,0:15:51.120

BS: Yes, this was submitted to us by New

0:15:51.120,0:15:56.340

York State DOT. It is essentially it's similar to a multi-county pin there's

0:15:56.350,0:16:01.930

projects throughout the region for culvert replacements. The reason why this

0:16:01.930,0:16:05.890

requires a resolution and TIP amendment is because of the cost

0:16:05.890,0:16:11.200

increase. The amount of dollars that the department is proposing to add to the

0:16:11.200,0:16:19.240

project triggers a full TIP amendment therefore after technical committee

0:16:19.240,0:16:25.120  
approval it will need to go to 15-day  
public notice and comment period and

0:16:25.120,0:16:30.130  
then final approval will be required by  
the UCTC policy committee before its

0:16:30.130,0:16:36.370  
TIP active. I'm wondering if Sandra or  
Amy at the DOT have any further

0:16:36.370,0:16:39.480  
comments on this project?

0:16:39.480,0:16:41.700  
SJ: No, none.  
Thank you.

0:16:42.000,0:16:43.360  
DD: Thank you Sandra.

0:16:43.540,0:16:46.840  
DD: Any other comments or discussion?--

0:16:46.840,0:16:50.700  
HL: Do we know what the value is that they're adding to the TIP?

0:16:51.420,0:16:54.140  
BS: Yeah, it's shown in  
attachment 1.

0:16:54.140,0:16:56.380  
DD: It's about \$1,000,000

0:16:56.380,0:17:01.200  
BS: Yeah. Across two project phases.

0:17:01.500,0:17:02.940  
BS/DD: Thank you.

0:17:02.940,0:17:06.660  
SJ: Brian it's Sandra again. I don't think the

0:17:06.660,0:17:09.400  
folks on the call might have the  
attachments because when I jumped into

0:17:09.400,0:17:13.720  
the agenda, it was only the agenda no  
attachments. That's probably why they're

0:17:13.720,0:17:15.640  
asking the question.

0:17:15.640,0:17:16.740  
DD: Thanks Sandra.

0:17:16.920,0:17:18.660  
DS: I just noticed the From - To appears to

0:17:18.670,0:17:23.230  
be missing from the resolution so I  
brought it up separately I think that

0:17:23.230,0:17:24.695  
should be on the screen now.

0:17:24.700,0:17:27.310  
DD: Is everybody  
seeing it on the screen? Try it one more

0:17:27.310,0:17:29.440  
time. Thank you.

0:17:29.260,0:17:32.140  
Yes It is on the screen

0:17:33.000,0:17:34.120  
DD: So you see the difference it's

0:17:34.120,0:17:40.280  
about \$2.358m to \$3.348m is the change

0:17:42.400,0:17:47.660  
DD: Any other questions or concerns?

0:17:47.660,0:17:50.880  
DD: Hearing none,  
Any opposed?

0:17:52.400,0:17:54.480  
DD: Any abstentions?

0:17:55.420,0:17:57.720  
DD: So carried. Thank you.

0:17:57.720,0:18:00.310  
BS: Sorry for that glitch folks.

0:18:00.310,0:18:03.620  
DD: So we are on item D on the agenda.

0:18:03.720,0:18:06.140

This is draft resolution 2020-06. It's an

0:18:06.140,0:18:11.440  
amendment to the UCTC federal fiscal  
year 2020-2024 Transportation

0:18:11.440,0:18:17.600  
Improvement Program to modify the cost  
of NYSDOT PIN 872070

0:18:17.600,0:18:22.540  
shown as attachment one.  
David could you bring that up on

0:18:22.540,0:18:25.160  
the screen so that you can see the  
attachment?

0:18:26.840,0:18:29.980  
Do I have a motion for discussion purposes?

0:18:34.840,0:18:37.720  
DD: Do I have a motion  
for discussion purposes?

0:18:38.280,0:18:41.660  
AW: Alex Wade. I move.

0:18:41.660,0:18:44.480  
DD: Thank you Alex. Do I have a  
second?

0:18:44.480,0:18:46.560  
KW: Second. This is Kristen

0:18:46.570,0:18:50.917  
DD: Thank You Kristen I have a motion and a second. Brian?

0:18:50.917,0:18:52.940  
BS: Yeah, apparently there was a

0:18:52.940,0:18:58.640  
glitch with when we were moving our  
documents from word to PDF for the

0:18:58.640,0:19:04.309  
project description not to show up.  
David's going to attempt to bring it on

0:19:04.309,0:19:08.799  
to the screen now because I don't see it  
as well. I do have it on my printed



0:19:08.799,0:19:13.640  
materials in front of me from the packet  
just to provide an explanation.

0:19:13.640,0:19:19.669  
This is a multi-county pin for the New  
York State Thruway Authority. It involves

0:19:19.669,0:19:26.720  
multiple MPOs across New York State. It  
is a new project PIN. Our project -- our TIP

0:19:26.720,0:19:33.320  
amendment procedures require us to do a  
full amendment for any addition or

0:19:33.320,0:19:40.909  
removal of a PIN from the UCTC TIP.  
Therefore, because it's a new PIN, we're

0:19:40.909,0:19:47.600  
doing a full amendment and this will  
also require a 15-day public notice and

0:19:47.600,0:19:49.360  
comment period.

0:19:49.360,0:19:52.280  
DD: So if you could read the description of that amendment, Brian so

0:19:52.280,0:19:53.485  
that they have it.

0:19:53.485,0:19:58.529  
BS: Right - yeah sure it's the agency is the New York State -- There we go.

0:19:58.529,0:20:03.359  
Thank you David. -- agency is the New York  
State Thruway Authority. The project

0:20:03.359,0:20:07.109  
description is New York State Thruway  
Authority Albany and Syracuse divisions

0:20:07.109,0:20:15.690  
pavements striping 2020 through 2022 on  
I-87 and I-90 in Albany, Cayuga, Greene,

0:20:15.690,0:20:21.600  
Ulster, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery,  
Oneida, Onondaga, and Schenectady counties.

0:20:21.600,0:20:30.989

And again, each MPO affected by this multi-county PIN will be asked to do a

0:20:30.989,0:20:34.294

similar amendment to their own respective TIPs.

0:20:34.294,0:20:35.489

DD: And the fund source Brian?

0:20:35.489,0:20:40.499

BS: Funding source is National Highway Performance Program with

0:20:40.500,0:20:44.580

matching funds from the state dedicated fund program for a total project cost of

0:20:44.580,0:20:47.180

\$1,220,000

0:20:47.180,0:20:48.444

DD: Thank you.

0:20:48.444,0:20:50.070

BS: Across three years.

0:20:50.070,0:20:54.940

DD: Yep. Thank you. Any discussion?

0:20:57.920,0:21:02.540

DD: Hearing none: Any opposed?

0:21:07.720,0:21:11.000

DD: Any abstentions?

0:21:11.000,0:21:16.500

DD: So carried. We're on number six of the agenda item is other

0:21:16.500,0:21:19.280

old business. Brian?

0:21:19.280,0:21:21.630

BS: Yeah sure I already provided members with an update

0:21:21.630,0:21:27.600

regarding the commuter carrier services the RFP -- That's a slight typo in the

0:21:27.600,0:21:32.160  
agenda. The RFP has not been issued but we did receive as I mentioned at the

0:21:32.160,0:21:37.679  
beginning we did receive correspondence from NYSDOT saying that prior to the

0:21:37.679,0:21:43.860  
issuance of an RFP, we will be provided that draft and be allowed to comment. So

0:21:43.860,0:21:48.840  
we'll keep you posted there. Otherwise project updates: I can just provide a

0:21:48.840,0:21:54.270  
couple brief updates, the Kingston wayfinding study that had been going on

0:21:54.270,0:21:58.620  
for approximately the past 18 months has been completed successfully and that

0:21:58.620,0:22:03.960  
project has been closed. So I thank everyone for their assistance regarding

0:22:03.960,0:22:08.570  
that project particularly staff from the City of Kingston grants department and

0:22:08.570,0:22:13.880  
engineering and DPW. They really provided a lot of very valuable input and time

0:22:13.880,0:22:18.320  
for that effort and all those project deliverables are on the project website

0:22:18.320,0:22:25.050  
at UCTC. The Ellenville wayfinding project that is also being

0:22:25.050,0:22:32.880  
conducted by Merje graphic consultants out of Philadelphia is very much underway

0:22:32.880,0:22:38.090  
and we're about 50% completed on that project. We did hold a public meeting

0:22:38.090,0:22:43.980  
earlier in February. It was very well  
attended. We had two sessions and each

0:22:43.980,0:22:50.820  
session had roughly 15 to 20 people in  
attendance and then we from ---

0:22:50.820,0:22:55.710  
--- Creighton Manning and have submitted  
our final comments we have no major

0:22:55.710,0:23:01.340  
issues with their findings and they're  
presently conducting final revisions and

0:23:01.350,0:23:06.860  
will provide us those final deliverables  
within the next several weeks. At that

0:23:06.870,0:23:12.870  
point the project will effectively be  
closed so and, David do you want to

0:23:12.870,0:23:17.900  
provide a brief update on the crash  
analysis?

0:23:25.640,0:23:34.550  
DS: The CMP page is now available with  
the current CMP document. We're going to

0:23:34.550,0:23:39.260  
be diving into kind of a micro level  
analysis for some of the top locations

0:23:39.260,0:23:43.370  
and right now we're just kind of trying  
to figure out how that looks you know

0:23:43.370,0:23:47.990  
wether or not it is a one pager  
followed up by more detailed appendices

0:23:47.990,0:23:53.030  
but that work is currently going on. We're really going to take a deep dive and look at

0:23:53.030,0:23:58.370  
like daily trends that you see  
at specific locations and like I said you

0:23:58.370,0:24:04.160  
know the work that we have done is now  
available on the county website under

0:24:04.160,0:24:07.600  
the CMP page for the TMA.

0:24:07.600,0:24:17.040  
SJ: Just real quick  
um can you guys send a link out to that page?

0:24:17.040,0:24:18.200  
DS: Yeah, of course.

0:24:18.200,0:24:19.291  
SJ: Thank you.

0:24:19.291,0:24:23.030  
JW: Excuse me. I just want to announce that I joined

0:24:23.030,0:24:25.145  
the meeting late. It's Jeanne Walsh.

0:24:25.145,0:24:25.890  
BS: Hi Jeanne.

0:24:25.890,0:24:26.390  
DD: Hi Jeanne. Thank you so much

0:24:26.390,0:24:33.620  
BS: And we'll do one final we'll do one final roll call before we end the call to make

0:24:33.620,0:24:34.945  
sure we have everybody.

0:24:34.945,0:24:37.940  
DD: So you want to  
talk a little bit about the Long Range

0:24:37.940,0:24:39.010  
Transportation Plan?

0:24:39.010,0:24:41.900  
BS: Yes, finally  
the long-range transportation plan is

0:24:41.900,0:24:48.920  
underway we're doing a minor update of  
the long-range plan. The last plan update

0:24:48.920,0:24:54.200  
was completed in 2015 and we are required to update the

0:24:54.200,0:25:00.020  
plan every five years therefore we need  
an updated plan completed by the end of

0:25:00.020,0:25:05.710  
this year. The majority of work is being  
done in-house by David and myself and

0:25:05.710,0:25:11.150  
we're running through the document and  
updating charts and figures where we

0:25:11.180,0:25:15.650  
have new data to update it. The general  
format and framework of the existing

0:25:15.650,0:25:20.920  
document will not change significantly  
but we will add to it, again where we

0:25:20.920,0:25:25.680  
have useful data, completed projects, and  
other metrics available.

0:25:25.800,0:25:29.340  
DD: So you have a performance section you're going to add--

0:25:29.340,0:25:30.360  
BS: That's right.

0:25:30.360,0:25:31.860  
DD: -- and a resiliency section right?

0:25:31.860,0:25:37.200  
BS: Right. There's some some new  
requirements under the the FAST act that

0:25:37.200,0:25:41.789  
requires us that have a performance  
management program in the document which

0:25:41.789,0:25:47.280  
is essentially completed by staff  
already. We'll also be adding a

0:25:47.280,0:25:53.820  
section on climate change and resiliency  
with some really basic metrics and also

0:25:53.820,0:26:01.140  
we have some very useful projects like

the CMP and the crash analysis that will

0:26:01.140,0:26:06.960  
provide really a more detailed  
evaluation of these topics than we've

0:26:06.960,0:26:11.100  
been able to provide in the past so  
those will essentially be supplements

0:26:11.100,0:26:18.179  
that will be included directly in the  
new document. The work again is being

0:26:18.179,0:26:24.299  
conducted largely in-house by David and  
myself and other staff as needed but the

0:26:24.299,0:26:29.340  
document this time around will be  
reformatted and we'll be hiring a

0:26:29.340,0:26:35.130  
graphic designer to assist us with that  
work. I'm working on the contract for

0:26:35.130,0:26:41.850  
that right now.  
We're also going to engage in, with a, to

0:26:41.850,0:26:47.610  
have consultant assistance from a  
planning agency to assist us with the

0:26:47.610,0:26:54.960  
public outreach portion of this project.  
Public outreach is a critical component

0:26:54.960,0:26:59.340  
of long-range plans.  
There needs to be a strong emphasis as

0:26:59.340,0:27:04.260  
dictated by the Federal Highway  
Administration. Given the situation that

0:27:04.260,0:27:10.500  
we're in with the virus, we do have  
a strong proposal that's been delivered

0:27:10.500,0:27:15.900  
to us but we're going to ask to

essentially revise that proposal to put

0:27:15.900,0:27:22.970  
more of an emphasis on remote meetings  
and other web-based participation

0:27:22.970,0:27:28.350  
products. What that might entail we're  
not sure yet at this point in time but

0:27:28.350,0:27:33.179  
we're confident that the agency that  
we're looking to work partner with will

0:27:33.180,0:27:36.480  
be able to provide us with those  
services.

0:27:36.480,0:27:39.720  
DD: It's an either/or contract.

0:27:39.860,0:27:43.740  
One of the things we have some concerns  
about is reaching

0:27:43.750,0:27:47.590  
environment justice communities so we  
need to think that through a little bit

0:27:47.590,0:27:49.940  
more to figure out how we're going to do that.

0:27:49.940,0:27:52.750  
So I just want  
to talk about just a couple more studies

0:27:52.750,0:27:57.190  
one has to do with a trail study that  
we were doing on the U&D

0:27:57.190,0:28:05.470  
corridor up in the towns of Shandaken and Olive that study it out for RFP we

0:28:05.470,0:28:10.750  
have recently extended as of last week  
we have extended the deadline to respond

0:28:10.750,0:28:18.520  
to that RFP by three weeks. So it's not  
due until the end of April as of now. The

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other study that's out there in the RFP that we've had responses to and we've

0:28:23.380,0:28:28.060  
conducted interviews with is a bus storage study it's for a bus storage

0:28:28.060,0:28:34.600  
facility feasibility study on for UCAT. We are in the process of choosing a

0:28:34.600,0:28:38.710  
consultant for that. We've had three strong proposals and three strong

0:28:38.710,0:28:44.350  
interviews so we have to get together with the with the committee remotely to

0:28:44.350,0:28:49.540  
choose a consultant we would anticipate an award letter I would say by the end

0:28:49.540,0:28:54.070  
of this month or early in April and given contractual situations at the

0:28:54.070,0:28:58.090  
county level right now it may take us another month to get them on board so

0:28:58.090,0:29:04.090  
perhaps in May while we would be able to get them on for for that work. We're also

0:29:04.090,0:29:07.570  
working on a bus electrification studying with the Department of

0:29:07.570,0:29:12.040  
Environment that's partly funded from the FTA that study is ongoing the

0:29:12.040,0:29:17.470  
engineering firm that was it hired to do that work is Creighton Manning. Am I

0:29:17.470,0:29:18.992  
missing anything folks?

0:29:18.992,0:29:21.970  
BS: The only other project is the Walkkill Valley

0:29:21.970,0:29:27.820  
Rail Trail community  
opportunity plan. We're going into the

0:29:27.820,0:29:32.590  
final stages of that project as well  
where our project consultants, we

0:29:32.590,0:29:36.790  
have a landscape architecture firm  
Weintraub Diaz, and they will be

0:29:36.790,0:29:42.250  
presenting the technical advisory  
committee with their draft concepts and

0:29:42.250,0:29:47.050  
vision for the corridor within the next  
several days we would hope. Maybe into

0:29:47.050,0:29:52.630  
next week given circumstances. And then  
we will be involving the public and that

0:29:52.630,0:29:56.690  
is another discussion that we'll need to  
have

0:29:56.690,0:30:01.980  
how best to involve the public given our  
circumstances that we find ourselves in

0:30:02.000,0:30:05.100  
right now.

0:30:05.100,0:30:09.360  
DD: Anything else? anything else?

0:30:09.360,0:30:11.200  
DS: I would say the sidewalk inventory.

0:30:11.202,0:30:12.100  
DD: Oh yes, thanks David

0:30:12.109,0:30:15.960  
BS: How about you take that David.

0:30:15.960,0:30:17.920  
DS: Yeah, sure.  
So you know we had our SUNY New Paltz

0:30:17.929,0:30:22.759

intern that was covering, doing the sidewalk inventory. We've done the

0:30:22.759,0:30:27.349

digitization for the majority of the populated areas, the densely

0:30:27.349,0:30:32.779

populated areas. It's got a fair amount of coverage on the

0:30:32.779,0:30:37.519

sidewalks. From there, our intern Greg Jewel, who was at one of the

0:30:37.519,0:30:44.059

prior meetings, he has been out doing data collection but with the whole you know

0:30:44.060,0:30:47.080

SUNY shutting down and all--

0:30:47.080,0:30:50.120

DD: Extended spring break?

0:30:50.120,0:30:51.280

DS: Yeah, he's

0:30:51.280,0:30:57.140

on spring break that's right. And we do have plans to do some of the

0:30:57.140,0:31:04.340

condition rating with staff in the office as you know time opens up for

0:31:04.340,0:31:09.940

certain people. I think Greg had about 80% of the City of Kingston done

0:31:09.940,0:31:16.879

and that's in a web map form. I had a call with ESRI who makes the mapping

0:31:16.879,0:31:23.330

software to look at how we can best share that data and make it available to other

0:31:23.330,0:31:28.399

organizations to do edits as well. So I'm going to be working on kind of rolling

0:31:28.399,0:31:33.649

that out if there are other municipalities that have you know ArcGIS

0:31:33.649,0:31:39.259  
and are interested in doing some data collection. We still have to hash

0:31:39.259,0:31:43.700  
that out and you know make sure we have a very clear methodology and probably do

0:31:43.700,0:31:48.260  
some training for municipalities that want to do it if they want to get their

0:31:48.260,0:31:52.160  
their work done sooner. That's where we are with that.

0:31:52.160,0:31:53.380  
BS: So just to

0:31:53.389,0:31:58.220  
reiterate, our intern has been unavailable the past week and a half

0:31:58.220,0:32:05.589  
because SUNY did extend spring break but then they'll be returning to classes

0:32:05.589,0:32:13.400  
remotely beginning in April. Given the nature of this work and the

0:32:13.400,0:32:19.040  
technology that we have you will be able to score those sidewalks remotely and

0:32:19.040,0:32:22.490  
report that information without even coming into the office and he's

0:32:22.490,0:32:28.309  
developed a really good rapport with David on that. So we hope to be able to deliver the full

0:32:28.309,0:32:33.530  
ADA assessment to the City of Kingston within the next few weeks after we do a

0:32:33.530,0:32:41.120  
QA/QC and we hope that will assist the city and their efforts on their bike and ped

0:32:41.120,0:32:45.890  
master plan and then going forward we  
can consider other municipalities as

0:32:45.890,0:32:48.240  
well.

0:32:49.360,0:32:54.200  
DD: Anything else David?

0:32:54.200,0:33:01.200  
DD: Anything from the council members? Comments?

0:33:02.380,0:33:06.740  
DD: Hearing none, thank you very much for joining we appreciate it. I remind you that the UCTC

0:33:06.740,0:33:11.870  
policy committee is scheduled for April  
28th same time and it may be on the same

0:33:11.870,0:33:17.750  
on the same in the same circumstances. So please check with us, the website and we'll send

0:33:17.750,0:33:21.650  
you updates via email in terms of  
how we're going to conduct that meeting.

0:33:21.650,0:33:25.420  
I want to thank you all for thank you  
all for today-- I'm sorry?

0:33:25.500,0:33:27.620  
BS: Yeah and let me just go over attendees one last time.

0:33:27.620,0:33:29.380  
DD: We're going to do attendees one last time. Thanks Brian

0:33:29.380,0:33:34.940  
BS: So I have on the phone  
Sandra Johnson, Andrew Emmerich, Jim

0:33:34.940,0:33:42.590  
Quigley, Glen Gidaly, Fred Mastroianni, Herb Litts, John Schultheis, Tom Wilkin, John

0:33:42.590,0:33:46.900  
Morrow, Lizy Philip, Alex Wade, Kristin Wilson,

0:33:46.900,0:33:54.490  
Jeanne Walsh, Leanne Thornton, and Fred  
Costello. Did I miss anyone?

0:33:57.250,0:34:02.870

BS: Hearing none, I think that that's a wrap.  
The meeting has been recorded and we

0:34:02.870,0:34:06.980  
will provide a transcript within a  
timely manner prior to our next

0:34:06.980,0:34:08.620  
technical committee meeting.

0:34:08.620,0:34:09.700  
GG: Thank you.

0:34:09.740,0:34:12.400  
JM: John Morrow. Motion to adjourn.

0:34:12.440,0:34:15.260  
DD: Thanks John. Thank you.

0:34:20.380,0:34:25.000  
DD: Thank you very much everyone.

**Meeting concluded at ~10:35am**

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