

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting
(Special Session of the UCTC Policy Committee to Follow Immediately After)**

A G E N D A

**July 21, 2020
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

VIDEOCONFERENCE/CALL-IN INFORMATION

Dial-in number (US): (712) 775-7031

Access code: 969-627-751#

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Online meeting ID: 969-627-751

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/969-627-751>

1. Technical Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of the June 16, 2020 Technical Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

5. New Business

- a) **Draft UCTC Resolution 2020-10: Authorize the Transfer of Administrative and Management Responsibilities for Ulster County Commuter Bus Carrier's Supplemental Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Transit Funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), Albany, New York.**

Draft UCTC Resolution 2020-10 seeks approval for the transfer of administrative responsibilities for Ulster County's allocation of FFY 2020 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) supplemental Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) for the purpose of Inter-County Commuter Bus Services.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law, providing emergency assistance to individuals, families, and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act included \$25 billion in federal funding to help the nation's public transportation systems respond to the pandemic. On April 2, 2020, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released its formula derived apportionments for FTA Section 5307, 5337, and 5340 CARES Act funding to urbanized areas: UZA 89 was apportioned a **total of \$83,440,191. Inter-county Commuter Bus Services** operating in Ulster County are eligible to receive **\$12,247,041** through this distribution.

Using a methodology developed by NYSDOT, and with the three MPOs having considered the planning factors under 23 USC 135 (d)(1)(A-J), consensus on the sub-allocation of the FFY 2020 CARES Act Section 5307/5340 and 5337 funding apportioned to UZA89 was reached on June 16, 2020 and authorized **under UCTC Resolution 2020-07**. These funds will support transit services within the three counties, and regional transit services as provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and inter-county bus

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operators. The agreed upon sub-allocation recognizes the commuter bus contribution made to UZA 89. Though actual project selection for the inter-county commuter bus operators will be determined through the respective MPO processes, we expect NYSDOT to exercise accountability on CARES funded expenditures for private commuter carriers.

A joint letter of agreement was drafted by the MHVTMA MPOs outlining the details of this sub-allocation of CARES funding in UZA 89 prior to resolution development; that letter will be circulated to Technical Committee members.

The transfer will move administrative responsibilities from Ulster County to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) in Albany, NY through the FTA policy referred to as “capital cost of contracting”. This action helps streamline the administrative and management processes for NYSDOT, the fund recipient, CDTA and UCTC.

A brief FAQ sheet explaining the FTA’s Capital Cost of Contracting policy has been provided in the Technical Committee agenda packet.

Recommended Action: Discuss Draft Resolution 2020-10 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee. (20 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- a) UCTC 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update

Technical Committee Adjourns; Policy Committee meeting will begin immediately following

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[refer to Technical Committee agenda for description]

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2020-10 and consider approval. (20 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

7. Adjourn