

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**February 28, 2018
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER

(Joint Rosendale/Marbletown Town Hall -- Former Rosendale Elementary School)
1915 Lucas Avenue
Cottkill, NY 12419
Room M-15

- 1. Policy Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Roll Call (10:00am)**
- 2. Call for Citizen Comments**
- 3. Approval of the September 19, 2017 Policy Committee meeting summary**
- 4. Communications and Announcements**
- 5. New Business**

- a) **UCTC Resolution 2017-13: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document Narrative to Revise Table 1: TIP Amendment and Modification Procedures to Clarify Amendment Process with Regard to New Projects as Shown in Attachment 1.** Resolution was approved at the November 14th UCTC Technical Committee with no public comments received. December Policy Committee meeting was canceled; Resolution was tabled to be presented at the February 28 Policy Committee meeting.

UCTC TIP Amendment and Modification procedures are outlined in the TIP narrative section of the document under Table 1. As presently written, new projects to be added to the TIP require UCTC Technical Committee review and approval, 15 day public notice and comment period, and final review and approval by the UCTC Policy Committee before they can be approved by staff. This process is intended to provide a level of detailed oversight and transparency regarding the use of federal, state and local funds on transportation projects. Under specific circumstances, certain TIP actions that are presently required to have a full Amendment may not warrant such a detailed level of scrutiny. Those instances include: a) Assignment of new projects that are already included on an approved TIP/STIP, such as block program funds that are later assigned to specific projects and schedules; b) Multi-county funds that are later assigned to a specific project, location, budget and schedule; and c) Projects requested to be added to the TIP for illustrative purposes only. In light of these instances, it is proposed that the UCTC TIP Amendment and Modification Procedures be amended to allow UCTC staff to program such changes administratively. Under UCTC Operating Procedures, amendments to the TIP, including those to the narrative section of the document, must be recommended by the UCTC Technical Committee and are subject to 15 day public review and comment period prior to final consideration by the UCTC Policy Committee.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2017-13 and any public comments received during the 15 day public review period and consider adoption (10 minutes).

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- b) **UCTC Resolution 2018-01: Approval of the SFY 2018/19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**. The Draft UCTC State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018/19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is near completion and will be provided to members for review prior to the January 31 Technical Committee meeting. Staff will present the draft program and request input and comment. The draft 2018/19 UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles, revises two previously programmed projects, and adds 4 new projects for future programming and development. Barring the need for any significant revision, staff recommends that the Draft UCTC 2018/19 UPWP be approved by the Technical Committee and made available for 15 day public review and comment period prior to UCTC Policy Committee review. Any public comments received during the comment period will be presented to the Policy Committee prior to consideration.

Detailed comments were provided by the NYSDOT Planning Bureau; all comments have been addressed (Comment and response sheet to be circulated to members for their information).

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2018-01 and any public comments received during the 15 day public review period and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- c) **UCTC Resolution 2018-02: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Amend NYSDOT PIN 880862: Wurts Street/Dock Street Rehabilitation Project Costs and Schedule as Shown in Attachment 1.** At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is proposed, as a result of a need for schedule and cost changes to NYSDOT PIN 880862. The Amendment adds over \$23 million in state and federal funds to the project and advances the project's construction schedule by 2 years. Cost changes to projects on an approved TIP that exceed either 25% of the phase or \$500,000 require a TIP Amendment. Similarly, project phases that are moved onto the first 4 years of an approved TIP also require a TIP Amendment. The requested changes meet both of these conditions. No offset has been identified due to status as an Assembly List Project. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval. Any public comments received during the comment period will be presented to the Policy Committee prior to consideration.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2018-02 and any public comments received during the 15 day public review period and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- d) **UCTC Resolution 2018-03: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT PIN 812219: Route 212 Paving Town of Woodstock as Shown in Attachment 1.** At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is proposed in order to program a new paving project in the Towns of Woodstock and Saugerties. The project as currently described will place between 1 inch and 1.5 inches of new hot-mix asphalt on NYS Rte 212 from Route 375 in Woodstock to Route 32 in the Town of Saugerties. Federal funds in the amount of \$800,000 have been offset from a NYSDOT Multi-County PIN 881404 for this purpose; the required 20% match will utilize State Dedicated Funds. No further details regarding project phases or schedules are available at this time. PIN 812219 is a new addition to the 2017 – 2021 TIP and therefore requires a TIP Amendment. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, Amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval. Any public

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Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2018-03 and any public comments received during the 15 day public review period and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- e) **UCTC Resolution 2018-04: Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds for Regional Transit Projects.** Draft Resolution 2018-04 seeks to allow a temporary loan Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 funds allocated to the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Large Urban Area, also known as UZA 89 to Ulster County Area Transit. FFY 2017 5307/5340 funds apportioned to the TMA under the current federal transportation legislation are not yet available for programming due to the lack of agreement between New York and New Jersey on the amounts to be allocated to each state, given that the UZA 89 boundary crosses state lines. As such, Ulster County Area Transit has requested a loan from this presently unallocated reserve of 5307/5340 funds due to the impasse between the states in the amount of \$457,578, which is necessary to support its FFY 2018 FTA grant applications. The three TMA Transportation Councils have reserved a portion of FFY 2014-2016 Section 5307 funds, previously allocated to the TMA as a whole, for future sub-allocations; there is presently \$7,823,593 in unallocated funds available for transit purposes. Under Draft Resolution 2018-04, Ulster County's allocation of UZA 89 FFY 2017 5307/5340 funds will be reduced by \$457,578 upon their availability to be allocated, and that this amount will be returned to the unallocated funding pool as established within the TMA for future allocation according to its approved methodology.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2018-04 and consider adoption (10 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- a) **FFY 2017 Annual Obligation Report:** Federal regulations require an annual listing of transportation projects, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, which Federal transportation funds have been obligated in the preceding year; minor revisions have been made to the 2017 report which is now final.
- b) **NYSDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Call for Local Projects.** The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) call for pedestrian safety projects included in the Statewide Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) is open. The local call for pedestrian safety projects includes \$40,000,000 in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for systemic pedestrian safety projects on local and county urban roads and streets. Visit <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/oss/highway/psap> for more info.. **Applications must be submitted by March 09, 2018.** Eligible projects must be on a public road, off the state touring route system, on a local or county owned or maintained road and located within a designated 2010 federal adjusted urban area.
- c) **UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs.** The 2017 – 2021 TIP included two “block program” PINs utilizing surplus allocations of STP FLEX and STBG Off-System Bridge funds. Funds in FFYs 17 & 18 were distributed last year. UCTC plans to make funds in FFYs 19 & 20 available to eligible Ulster County municipalities through direct solicitation to the MPO. Deadline for applications was January 25, 2018. UCTC staff will briefly summarize applications received and the process for programming funds on the TIP.

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Estimated Federal Funds Available for Distribution (in millions of dollars)

PIN	FFY2018	FFY2019
8T0714: Bridges	\$1.205	\$1.125
8T0715: Paving	\$0.706	\$0.675

d) Newly-Elected Voting Members. The following municipalities have new representatives on the UCTC Policy Committee:

- NYSDOT: Cathy Calhoun, Acting Commissioner; Lance MacMillan, Action Region 8 Director
- Town of Esopus: Shannon Harris, Supervisor
- Town of Hurley: John Perry, Supervisor
- Town of Saugerties: Fred Costello Jr., Supervisor
- Town of Wawarsing: Terry Houck, Supervisor
- Town of Marbletown (continuing in its role as the '7as1' rural member representative): Rich Parete, Supervisor

7. Adjournment.