

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**April 28, 2020
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

REMOTE MEETING

In response to COVID-19 restrictions, the UCTC Policy Committee meeting will be held via videoconference/conference call open to the public instead of an in-person meeting.

VIDEOCONFERENCE/CALL-IN INFORMATION

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

Access code: 969-627-751#

International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/969-627-751>

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 February 25, 2020 Policy Committee meeting summary**
- 4. Communications and Announcements**
- 5. New Business**

a) UCTC Resolution 2020-03: Distribution of the FFY 2019 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area.

The Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more that is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Funding is made available to designated recipients that are public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds. Governors, responsible local officials and publicly owned operators of transit services shall designate a recipient to apply for, receive, and dispense funds for urbanized areas pursuant to 49USCA5307(a)(2). The governor or governor's designee acts as the designated recipient for urbanized areas between 50,000 and 200,000.

As shown in Attachment 1 **of Draft Resolution 2020-03, \$1,017,213** in FTA 5307/5340 funds were apportioned to publicly-owned operators of transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area in **FFY 2019**.

Ulster County, operator of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT), is the only publicly owned transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area. As such, Draft Resolution 2020-03 allocated 100% of available funds to Ulster County.

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Eligible activities include: planning, engineering, design and evaluation of transit projects and other technical transportation-related studies; capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as replacement, overhaul and rebuilding of buses, crime prevention and security equipment and construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software. In addition, associated transit improvements and certain expenses associated with mobility management programs are eligible under the program. All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs.

For urbanized areas with populations less than 200,000, operating assistance is an eligible expense.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2020-03 and consider approval. (20 minutes).

b) UCTC Resolution 2020-04: Distribution of the FFY 2020 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area.

Draft Resolution **2020-04** provides for the distribution of **FFY2020** FTA 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments as described under Section 5(a).

As shown in Attachment 1 of **Draft Resolution 2020-04**, **\$1,039,654** in FTA 5307/5340 funds were apportioned to publicly-owned operators of transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area in **FFY 2020**.

Ulster County, operator of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT), is the only publicly owned transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area. As such, Draft Resolution 2020-04 allocated 100% of available funds to Ulster County.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2020-04 and consider approval. (20 minutes).

c) UCTC Resolution 2020-05: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Modify Costs to NYSDOT PIN 881451 as Shown in Attachment 1.

At the request of New York State Department of Transportation Region 8, Draft Resolution 2020-05 seeks to amend UCTC PIN 881451 (Culvert replacements in multiple counties) as shown in Attachment 1 in order **to increase project costs**. UCTC Operating Procedures stipulate that any changes to UCTC project costs that exceed 25% of the total phase or \$500,000 must be subject to a full TIP amendment with 15 day public review and comment period. The proposed amendment seeks to add \$0.800m in National Highway Performance Program funds to the construction phase of the project.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2020-05 and any public comments submitted and consider approval. (20 minutes).

d) UCTC Resolution 2020-06: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Modify Costs to NYSDOT PIN 872070 as Shown in Attachment 1.

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At the request of New York State Department of Transportation Region 8, Draft Resolution 2020-06 seeks to **add new project** PIN 872070 (Pavement striping, 2020-2022 in multiple counties) as shown in Attachment 1. UCTC Operating Procedures stipulate that the additional or removal of a project PIN to the UCTC TIP must be subject to a full TIP amendment with 15 day public review and comment period. The proposed amendment is being addressed by all affected Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2020-06 and any public comments submitted and consider approval. (20 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- CARES Act transit funding
- Project updates

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on May 26, 2020; please check the UCTC website for meeting instructions.