

RESOLUTION 2021-06

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds for Regional Transit Projects

WHEREAS, the Ulster Transportation Council (UCTC), Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Dutchess County Transportation Council (UCTC) have been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning processes for their respective counties of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the Ulster County Transportation Council are authorized by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 112-141, December 4, 2015); and

WHEREAS, Section 5307/5340 formula funds have been apportioned by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) for Federal Fiscal Years 2015 (FFY 2015), 2016 (FFY 2016), 2017 (FFY 2017), 2018 (FFY 2018), 2019 (FFY 2019), and 2020 (FFY 2020); and

WHEREAS, the UCTC, OCTC and DCTC (“the TMA Transportation Councils”) share responsibility for transportation planning and programming within the TMA; and

WHEREAS, the TMA Transportation Councils have considered the planning factors under 23 USC 135 (d)(1)(A-J) in reaching consensus in the methodology supporting the sub-allocation of the FFY 2015, FFY 2016, FFY 2017, FFY 2018, FFY 2019, and FFY 2020 Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Formula funds apportioned to UZA89 for the transit services within the three counties, and regional transit services as provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and inter-county bus services; and

WHEREAS, “the preservation of the existing transportation system” and “enhancing the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people” and the State’s goals of the “Mobility, Reliability and Safety” are reflected in the methodology; and

WHEREAS, the TMA Transportation Councils adopted a methodology for the distribution of Section 5307/5340 formula funding, which states that the TMA Transportation Councils may cooperatively agree to allocate, with or without competition, the unallocated funds in order to address identified regional transit needs based upon the guiding principles of the respective Metropolitan Transportation Plans, federal planning factors, and other plans and policies of the TMA Transportation Councils; and

WHEREAS, in response to a call issued jointly by the TMA Transportation Councils for projects on March 8, 2021, five applications were received and reviewed; and

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WHEREAS, applications submitted by Dutchess County Public Transit (DCPT), Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) were deemed to be eligible and recommended for funding; and

WHEREAS, the applications by the Town of East Fishkill and the Newburgh Transportation Advisory Committee/Beacon Greenway Trail Committee were deemed eligible for funding, but not pass the screening criteria; and

WHEREAS, the TMA Transportation Councils desire to promote transit sustainability and state of good repair by the three designated recipients within Ulster, Orange and Dutchess Counties; and

WHEREAS, the three TMA Transportation Councils wish to allocate un-programmed FFY 2015, FFY 2016, FFY 2017, FFY 2018, and FFY 2019 Section 5307/5340 formula funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Transportation Council approves the proposed distribution of FFY 2015, FFY 2016, FFY 2017, FFY 2018 and FFY 2019 FTA Section 5307/5340 formula funds as specified in Attachment 1.

CERTIFICATE, the undersigned, duly qualified Secretary of the Ulster County Transportation Council, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a vote on August 24, 2021.

Date

By _____
Lance MacMillan, P.E., Secretary,
Ulster County Transportation Council



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ATTACHMENT 1

**Allocation of Unallocated FTA Section 5307/5340 Formula Funds in the
Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area**

Unallocated 5307/5340 Funding

Unallocated 5307/5340 Funding Available for TMA Programming

FFY 2015	\$915,041
FFY 2016	\$2,840,974
FFY 2017	\$2,295,821
FFY 2018	\$2,806,986
FFY 2019	\$3,749,459
FFY 2020	\$3,213,930

Total Available for Programming\$15,822,211

**Distribution of Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area Section 5307 Funds
Reserved for Regional Transit Needs**

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Award</i>
Facility Rehabilitation	Dutchess County Public Transit	\$4,428,000
Harmon to Poughkeepsie Signal Improvement	Metropolitan Transportation Authority	\$4,180,281
Electric Bus and Storage Facility	Ulster County Area Transit	\$4,000,000

Total Distribution.....\$12,608,281

Unallocated 5307/5340 Funding Remaining for Future TMA Programming

FFY 2020	\$3,213,930
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Total Remaining for Future Programming.....\$3,213,930

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ATTACHMENT 1 (Continued)

**Narrative Summary of Projects Proposed for Funding with Mid-Hudson Valley
Transportation Management Area Section 5307/5340 Funds Reserved for Cooperatively
Addressing Regional Transit Needs**

1. Dutchess County Public Transit – Facility Rehabilitation

Dutchess County Public Transit (DCPT) submitted a total grant request of \$4.428 million, which included various preventative maintenance, repairs, and improvements for rehabilitation of the DCPT bus facility. The project proposes the following steps to maintain the facility in a state of good repair: replace HVAC system; renovate interior rooms; install epoxy garage floors; replace sewer piping; pave additional parking; replace garage door frames; remove old AC ducts; build storage garage; and replace entry glass and doors. The TMA approved the total grant request.

Project Costs and Schedule:

	Estimated Costs		Date
	5307 Funds	\$4.428 m	
Project Total	Match Funds	\$1.107 m	December 2024
	Total Cost	\$5.535 m	

Source of matching funds: Dutchess County, New York State

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2. Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Harmon to Poughkeepsie Signal Improvement

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority submitted a total grant request of \$15 million for the Railroad Force Account phase of a \$198 million signal and communications improvement project on Metro-North's Hudson line. The existing wayside signal/communications and related infrastructure located in the project area has reached the end of its useful life. The project proposes a multiphase replacement of the signal, signal power, and communications infrastructure for the Metro-North's Hudson line between Croton Harmon and Poughkeepsie. It includes construction of new signal and communications express and local cable system, and new communications signal equipment locations. The TMA approved partial funding for the grant request in the amount of \$4,180,281.

Project Costs and Schedule:

	Estimated Costs		Date
Construction	Total	\$146,784,267	
Construction Inspection	Total	\$6,926,761	
Miscellaneous*	Total	\$4,157,808	
Railroad Force Account**	5307 Funds	\$4,180,281	
	Other Funds	\$35,803,328	
	Total	\$39,983,609	
Project Total	Total Cost	\$197,852,445	October 2027

Source of matching funds: MTA Non-Federal Aid

*Most common phase type for transit projects, involves the purchase and acquisition of rolling stock and associated equipment, though it can include work on stations, parking, and maintenance/storage facilities. Also includes maintenance work, operating assistance, and preventative maintenance work.

** Work performed by railroad forces or railroad's contractor. This work may involve planking (road crossing surfaces), track adjustments, installation of warning devices, relocation of existing warning devices, wire line adjustments, and flagging for train operations.

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Ulster County Area Transit Electric Bus and Storage Facility

Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) submitted a total grant request of \$5 million, which included the purchase of electric buses and design work for a new bus storage facility. The project proposed the purchase of three battery electric buses, depot chargers, and remote charging units. It also proposed initial design work for a new bus storage facility to house additional electric buses and a growing fleet. The project aligns with Ulster County's overall fleet electrification initiatives and goals for greenhouse gas emission reductions, codified in the *Ulster County Green Fleet Policy* and *Ulster County Government Operations Climate Action Plan*. The TMA approved the total grant request.

Project Costs and Schedule:

	Estimated Costs	Date
	5307 Funds \$4.000 m	
Project Total	Match Funds \$1.000 m	January 2023
	Total Cost \$5.000 m	

Source of matching funds: Ulster County, New York State