

DRAFT RESOLUTION 2020-15
ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR ULSTER COUNTY COMMUTER BUS CARRIER'S SHARE OF FFY 2019 FTA SECTION
5307 TMA FORMULA FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
(CDTA), ALBANY, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council (PDCTC), Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) have been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning processes for their respective counties; 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 formula funds have been apportioned by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 (FFY 2019); and,

WHEREAS, the three TMA Transportation Councils share responsibility for transportation planning and programming within the TMA; and,

WHEREAS, the three 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 2019 Section 5307 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" priority results areas are reflected in the methodology; and

WHEREAS, the TMA and the State, as a policy goal, recognize the commuter bus contribution to the UZA and wish to ensure continued and enhanced commuter bus services at a reasonable cost to the consumer, and

WHEREAS, actual project selection for the inter-county commuter bus operators will be determined through the respective Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) processes, and may include any mix of eligible FTA capital activities; and

WHEREAS, the FTA has allocated Section 5307 TMA formula funds to the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA and the Capital District TMA that are attributable to the operations



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of Ulster County commuter bus carriers which provide services in both Capital District and Mid-Hudson Valley TMAs; and

WHEREAS, the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) is a Designated Recipient of FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds for Capital District TMA; and

WHEREAS, CDTA is willing and able to provide administrative oversight for the UCTC's share of the commuter bus carrier's FFY 2019 FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds attributable to Ulster County's commuter bus carrier services utilizing capital costs of contracting (maintenance, operation and depreciation of contracted capital assets used in transit service) funding formulas provided in the federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution 2019-15 UCTC agreed to the distribution of FFY 2019 Section 5307 Capital Funds in the amount of \$2,669,008 for the purposes of Commuter Bus Service in Ulster County and the TMA; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the UCTC to transfer the administrative and management responsibilities of Ulster County commuter bus carrier's share of FFY 2019 FTA 5307 TMA formula funds to CDTA totaling the amount of \$2,669,008 attributable to Ulster County commuter bus carrier services and capital costs of contracting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Transportation Council agrees to transfer FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds in the amount of \$2,669,008 with administrative and management responsibilities to CDTA for use by Ulster County commuter bus carriers Adirondack Trailways for services provided in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA/UZA 89 in accordance with the funding allocated for FFY 2019 and in keeping with the purposes specified in UCTC's adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UCTC reserves the right to conduct and receive the necessary audits and assurances to verify compliance with federal requirements and that the use of funds is consistent with the purposes identified on the UCTC's TIP and the methodology adopted for the allocation.

CERTIFICATE, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting 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 September 22, 2020.

Date

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

