

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
July 26, 2022

Meeting held in person and via zoom at 10:00 am

Due to a technical error, the first 14 minutes of the meeting were not recorded. The recording resumed halfway through the Call for Citizen Comments portion of the agenda. Notes for the missing portion of the recording are provided in lieu of a transcript.

Members present:

John Morrow – Town of Ulster
Peter Humphries – Town of Hurley
Laura Petit – Town of Esopus
John Valk Jr. – Town of Shawangunk
Michael Baden – Town of Rochester

Non-voting participants:

Barbara Budik
Brenda Reuss
Cheryl Schneider
Chris Hannett
Herb Litts
Harriet Lewis
Peter Christiano
Phil Erner
Chris Cate

Members remote:

John Schultheis – City of Kingston
Sandra Jobson – NYSDOT
Leanne Thornton – Town of Saugerties
Tim Rogers – Village of New Paltz
James Quigley – Town of Ulster
Kristen Resnikoff – NYSTA

Staff:

Dennis Doyle
Brian Slack
David Staas

CALL TO ORDER

The Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:00am. Roll call was conducted by Mr. Slack.

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

Barbara Budik spoke regarding the safety issues associated with the public and private railroad crossings along King Highway in the Town of Saugerties. Trains frequently travel at high speeds and there are no gates at many of the crossings. Truck traffic has increased from industries in the area creating a greater risk for crashes at the rail crossings as well as along the roadway. Barbara requested that the UCTC evaluate the corridor and update traffic count data relevant to the TIP selection criteria and consider implementation of safety improvements.

Cheryl Schneider from Riders of Ulster Transit Alliance commented on the need to for increased bus routes, frequency and communication with the public.

Recording resumed at ~10:18 am, shortly after the beginning of Cheryl's comments.

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Cheryl Schneider: Huge.

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Cheryl Schneider: Sorry well thanks guys.

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UCTC: sorry about that I missed the beginning there.

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My mistake.

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Cheryl Schneider: But um it's a huge problem for more and more people i'm hearing stories every single day, a friend of mine, just yesterday had his truck breakdown couldn't get home.

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Cheryl Schneider: i'm from kingston because the buses don't run all the way out to.

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Cheryl Schneider: Other parts of the county you know at six o'clock at night, which is kind of ridiculous i've heard this from paratransit people to.

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Cheryl Schneider: um, but we have some overriding concerns and we would like to work more closely with people in the county um and I just want to say with some of them are and.

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Cheryl Schneider: I hope I I hope i've got most of them, we want to have increased routes, we have many county roads that never see a bus.

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Cheryl Schneider: The are we know there's buses running up and down the thoroughfares we want increased routes on more routes, we want increased length of service, we want more frequency of service.

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Cheryl Schneider: We need to actually also know when the buses are traveling where they're traveling where the stops are because the maps and the schedules are not up to date.

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Cheryl Schneider: Buses get canceled all the time and there's they don't there's no way to inform the general public or there's very sloppy and non arm.

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Cheryl Schneider: effective ways of informing the general public, we want to also talk about transit hubs and the you know the amenities.

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Cheryl Schneider: For people and having more bus shelters because there's a lot of places where there aren't any bus shelters and in the winter and and rainstorms and an extreme heat this becomes an issue for people.

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Cheryl Schneider: who are dependent upon public transit so hello, and thank you very much and I may be reaching out to some of you in the near future.

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UCTC: Sure there's another comment yeah there's a comment from filler.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Well, good morning Ulster county transportation Council thanks for having me.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): I know some of you here i've been to a couple of these meetings at least parts of them and regret that I can't stay for the whole time but I did want to come and introduce myself.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): I have a role in the county government, as you may know, as a legislator for district six part of the city of kingston and i've had the good fortune to.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): be chosen to help facilitate a transportation working group in the legislature that falls under the public works committee, so I look forward to working with you ctc and invite you.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): To send representatives as well to that working group, our next meeting will be at the end of the next public works committee meeting on Monday evening.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): August 8 that committee starts its meeting at 6pm.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): And then just a little bit more about some of the the reason that I am interested in working on transportation.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): i've been a lifelong public transit user I do share a private car as well.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): But in terms of public transit, I do believe that we, as as cheryl commented need to prioritize equity.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): which looks like enabling more people who can't get where they need to go to do so and using public dollars to accomplish that I have concerns about the safety on our roads, especially for folks who are not in their own private vehicles.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Pedestrians folks in wheelchairs pushing strollers cyclists.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): And folks with.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Other different mobility, such as seniors school children.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): And now i've actually been involved in the writers group that cheryl mentioned, since its inception in 2019 as well, I also have some ideas I see we have representatives from the thruway authority and State do T and I have.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): have been in conversation with the three authority starting 20 years ago about additional ways that that might become an economic opportunity for communities.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Maybe it's time to start thinking about having homes and businesses along the right of way options for alternative travel maybe putting more buses on there.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): And incentivizing different uses of that space and then, as far as Department of Transportation.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): On the state level i've reached out to our state legislators and would look forward to a conversation about how we could perhaps have a state.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Passenger bus system like they have in New Jersey or Rhode island that could cover the many state highways that come through our county so that the county could focus on.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Putting transit on its own, roads, like also cheryl had mentioned so with that i'm, thank you for your time and i'll head out when I when I need to.

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UCTC: Your legislator any other citizens comments.

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UCTC: listening.

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UCTC: Today, I am here also speak about public transportation i'm i'm getting emails now there's an outcry and recognizing how hot, it has been.

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UCTC: For more about climate emergency resignation some declare, and we need clarity on an emergency back in 2019 and Ulster county has been about it was one of the first counties to.

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UCTC: receive it's brown certification, but also with our climate action steps, one of the major ones is transportation and I think we all saw like included hidden from us vehicles on the road that they you know there's been some small in cities that I just want for decades.

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UCTC: Along with that and we're also having an influx of people who are coming here where they don't have the impulse, or they can't afford vehicles so so what i'm asking is is more focus on our transportation infrastructure, meaning vehicles, meaning advertising for public buses.

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UCTC: Meaning more electric vehicles and electric buses, which means we need more ev charging stations, you know remotely not just.

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UCTC: locations, there are grants available one is happening to on Friday.

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UCTC: which would help patients infrastructure costs and there's also one of my service without were municipality, some have economically and environmentally distressed areas.

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UCTC: can get free me charging stations so, so this is going to be looking at that we actually have to it so first one being organized, which will make a little more sense the other one.

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UCTC: Quite figure out where to put one finger any other hours to charge but i'm hoping to county mobile than some of those opportunities, not only will this help the environment, but it will also help individuals who are economically challenged.

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can't afford it, the Info you know, which means it probably also can burn air conditioning, etc, I think this would be a way to really meet some of our immediate needs to build workflows here and Ulster county something else i'm tourism, and you know just made me.

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UCTC: A better place more inviting place, thank you, thank you legislative.

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UCTC: Any other additional comments.

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UCTC: hearing on move on to Item three on the agenda approval February 22 2022 policy committee meeting summary, we have a motion for discussion purposes so green bay and do I have a second Thank you Mr bullock have a motion and a second any discussion.

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UCTC: Hearing none.

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UCTC: Any oppose I know we have a number of people on the board would stop us and doing a lot of the year.

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UCTC: Any opposed.

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UCTC: Any extensions.

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UCTC: So Paris.

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UCTC: In.

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UCTC: Your locations and announcements grind you only communications and announcements that I have right now I just like to draw your attention to agenda item six under other old business.

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UCTC: As has been mentioned in some of the system comments, there are several new federal transportation programs are slowly being rolled out by the US Department of Transportation.

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UCTC: The ones that we're aware of are shown here if you go to the electronic version of your agenda Those are all linked to the main pages of those programs so we're.

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UCTC: Keeping aware of the status of those programs and informing our Members who are what projects may be eligible, as they as they arise, we can discuss those in greater detail at the conclusion of the meeting.

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UCTC: Those are all the communications, I have this new communication is announcements from Council members and whatnot on the bridge New York voicemail bridge replacement for channel Rochester and we receive and others to proceed we're on VOD and.

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UCTC: expected be awarding contracts, a while, or the opportunity don't contract this.

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UCTC: Great that's great congratulations.

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UCTC: And the board of the Board selected each year I would be.

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Great.

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UCTC: And the other Council comments.

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UCTC: Communications announcements.

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UCTC: Here, another new business item five a UCC resolution 20.2 dashboard for the amendment of using tcs federal fiscal year.

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UCTC: The patient improvement program to mend the tabloid clean number 875-758-0881 the shown an attachment whatever emotions, with the second purposes.

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UCTC: DEMO Thank you miss tomorrow, they have a second second like they might have a second, both in the second discussion Brian yes, this resolution is in regard to a need to amend the current 2022 2024 transportation proven Program.

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UCTC: The town of Lloyd indicated a need for additional funds for their projects due to high bids coming in, I.

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UCTC: above what was programmed on the tip we were able to identify additional funds through an offset of a project that they've been pushed back to federal fiscal year 24.

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UCTC: And those funds would make this project code for Tilson APP and I believe those those bids or out so that the project is able to move forward.

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UCTC: With the safety alignment project until some it is considered to be a major amendment to the chip, which is an.

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UCTC: excess of \$500,000 in federal funds, with a total additional funding is 2.2 million that was required, therefore, a resolution, along with 15 day public comment required there were no public comments received.

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UCTC: Any comments section on the Council.

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UCTC: We went on the phone.

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UCTC: A commotion do Moshe jack rory very emotional second so we're just we're ready to be exactly we have emotion I second that emotion in a second no comments no additional discussion.

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UCTC: Any opposed Thank you turn.

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UCTC: Any opposed any extensions.

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UCTC: hearing on so carried.

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UCTC: down.

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UCTC: When he was.

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UCTC: On a plane when.

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UCTC: Item be used to TC resolution 2025 a member Community TC federal fiscal year 20 2024 reputation improvement program tip to add Ulster county area transit pins number 8011 and he you 012 with shown an attachment, and whoever motion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: So much, thank you, this was, we have a second second like baby, I have a motion second job Brian discussion for discussion, please sure I.

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UCTC: You can't and the development of their latest transportation management grant to the FDA identified two projects that needed to be added to your transportation bruner Program.

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UCTC: The first is for the purchase of 235 foot gutter electric buses for the you can't delete this is part of their ongoing Greens fleet modernization, to add all electric vehicles to the fleet.

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UCTC: And the second is to purchase up to eight alike battery electric vehicles for the UK athlete that would.

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UCTC: Be support vehicles or otherwise vehicles able to provide paratransit those also would be fully battery electric up to a vehicles So these are going into their annual grant the funding is of course federal funding at least 80% being utilized to provide.

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UCTC: funding to these projects, because they are new projects any new addition to the transportation improvement program again requires a resolution, along with 15 days public comment period during that comment period, no public comments were submitted.

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UCTC: Thank you, Brian so we're trying to get a little bit more information on those eight support vehicle, so we know exactly what they're proposing the birth of.

0:15:11.700,0:15:13.020

UCTC: Any any discussion.

0:15:14.790,0:15:21.840

UCTC: And questions I actually was a it was a vehicles, what is the primary purpose and.

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UCTC: it's do you want to know God it's my understanding and lauren Johnson, the Director of Public transit can provide more information at another time, if necessary, that these vehicles will provide paratransit service you cat is required to provide paratransit two.

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UCTC: routes basically 1.5 miles on either side of all the fixed routes so Paris is intended for essentially medicaid recipients.

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UCTC: theatre wounds.

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Please.

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UCTC: disable bridge right perfect perfect good I don't feed into additional into another room or third the third so right and there may be more what we're trying to determine is the other support vehicles may actually be able to support for honor assistance during the break down.

0:16:16.710,0:16:17.040

Thank you.

0:16:18.780,0:16:20.190

UCTC: Any other comments or questions.

0:16:23.580,0:16:25.590

UCTC: Hearing none any opposed.

0:16:31.650,0:16:32.520

UCTC: Any extension.

0:16:36.330,0:16:37.290

UCTC: So Carrie Thank you.

0:16:41.580,0:16:56.550

UCTC: I see you ctc resolution 2042 dash three or six distribution of federal transit funding for the American rescue plan act arpa the MID Hudson valley transportation management area don't have a resolution to have a motion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: Only Thank you Mr Walker I have a second Thank you Mr Morrow every emotion second Ryan.

0:17:05.220,0:17:06.150

UCTC: Yes, thank you.

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UCTC: So the if you've reviewed the summary in the agenda, these funds are made available through the 2021 American rescue plan X supplemental public transportation of portions an allocation.

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UCTC: And they were recently.

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UCTC: provided to the transportation management area, which includes orange county transportation Council dutchess county transportation Council and Ulster county transportation Council.

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UCTC: The formulas we're agreed upon by your State do T and the three transportation Councils and are now here shown and resolution 22.

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UCTC: dash six on attachment one page three you'll note that Ulster county through formula is set to receive \$1.3 million for us and it's system and as important.

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UCTC: Is the unallocated amount of money shown at the bottom of attachment one of \$28.4 million we have talked routinely about the unallocated fund balance, I think it deserves a.

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UCTC: Little more discussion today, given the amount that's shown here I don't remember the unallocated balance going over \$10 million in total.

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UCTC: If it has it hasn't been much more than \$10 million, so this one I allocated bows came about because of the immediate barriers and in in the formula that the three empty owes us to distribute transmit ponds.

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UCTC: fortunes are are distributed to the immediate area, namely an ostrich pounding it would need a computer every week fairways the other movie parent orange county would be coached USA and then there's a motor carrier and.

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UCTC: In Dutchess county and I forgot the name of that Community area, and so what the council's been with the council's are doing let's put it that way.

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UCTC: is reserving funding to those comedic carriers, because if anyone remembers back when coach started here which cares at distribution for transit within the region.

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UCTC: And so we're looking at the drawdown of those transit funds to those commuter carriers before we allocate additional funds we're also looking at how those are both lines within the news.

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UCTC: The allocation to based on what they call maintenance needs.

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UCTC: that's how the allocations were arrived at so that's the reserves, right now, what we're looking at essentially the current amount of funding that's available to the Community carriers to make sure that that service continues.

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UCTC: And I would say the substantial portion of that is reserved for orange county in coach USA.

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UCTC: generates a substantial portion of them have the funding that comes into the region and then another portion of that will be user betrayal is.

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UCTC: Sure, always has another distinction and that we're in the process of going through a request for proposals.

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UCTC: So that they are eligible to receive transit fun, so that it made it is unallocated now, but it has an allocated has a place to go, depending on what the what the MPs find out with respect to the use of that funding.

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UCTC: That was originally words here zach back in 2021 right 1.3 million.

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UCTC: For maintenance yeah all the formula formula distributes it that way, it can be used it's used for any for any purpose, once the npr is once it runs to the npr the mpl will then have a conversation with you, Pat, for us, youth, but it's distributed it's alligators on a maintenance basis.

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UCTC: Right, and so the use of that \$28 million would require action by the town's will call you back.

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UCTC: And that's, by the way, just so everyone knows this is uga.

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UCTC: In 89 and the methodology that we use the same methodology that they use to.

0:21:02.430,0:21:14.250

UCTC: apportion those funds in uga one which is the New York City metropolitan areas that we're using it's not a formula we came up with buyers it's been used it at a much larger level within the region.

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UCTC: Any questions.

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UCTC: comments.

0:21:23.130,0:21:24.150

UCTC: Here any non.

0:21:25.500,0:21:26.280

UCTC: Any opposed.

0:21:30.270,0:21:31.470

UCTC: Any extensions.

0:21:33.300,0:21:33.960

UCTC: So Karen.

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UCTC: Item de resolution music TC resolution 20 dash 22 years old, seven distribution of federal transit funding for the coronavirus response and relief.

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UCTC: supplemental appropriations act otherwise known as Teresa in the mid Hudson valley transportation management area that emotion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: So moved by a number of emotional Mr big do I have a second second like Mr boring have emotional second Brian discussion.

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UCTC: Right, this is a very similar fun source and process, as was outlining under Resolution six on like to draw your attention to attachment one.

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UCTC: That shows the distribution of funding through formula with Ulster county and its designated recipient also kind of area transit scheduled to receive \$79,835 through this resolution and appropriation.

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UCTC: And also, again, there is an unallocated amount of 1.7 million that will go into the unallocated balance and that again would be reserved for those barriers.

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UCTC: Any comments.

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UCTC: questions.

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UCTC: or a group that i'm.

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UCTC: Hearing none any opposed.

0:23:06.270,0:23:07.590

UCTC: Any extensions.

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UCTC: So caring for revenue open.

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UCTC: Item he usually PC resolution 2022 dash away adoption, the Ulster county transportation Council new ctc federal fiscal year 2023 2027 transportation improvement program I have a motion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: So we're migrating the motion for discussion for Mr date and do I have a second.

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UCTC: Mr block there's a sudden I have emotion and the second Brian Burke discussion all right, thank you.

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UCTC: You may have seen when we sent out a notice from the agenda packet we included a link to the uc TC YouTube site that included a video of our public meeting that provided the.

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UCTC: full presentation of this year's 2023 transportation proven program update this has been.

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UCTC: A pretty significant undertaking yet Thank you there's at least three copies that I have printed copies here available for review this is the final draft there were very few changes made between the initial first draft, and this final draft, I received a fresh.

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UCTC: Report from New York State do T which updated all the projects, I received that yesterday, so the printed copies here include the latest.

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UCTC: Report on all those projects which are shown on page 35 of the document.

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UCTC: So a few.

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UCTC: points of notes all public participation requirements have been satisfied in the development of the stress mutation goober Program.

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UCTC: We, as I mentioned, included a public meeting that was held on July.

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UCTC: What day was it was well, thank you, on July 12 at the Ulster county legislative chambers and the video of that presentation is available for viewing.

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UCTC: And we also made the transportation preferred program available for 15 day public review and comment, we receive no comments this year on this transportation through the Program.

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UCTC: copy of the advertisement is shown in Appendix B that shows the public notice it was given, along with the distribution to our mailing list, which includes I laugh count over 700 individuals.

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UCTC: The document also in.

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UCTC: conformance with federal requirements includes an anticipated effects narrative which explains in detail how this transportation group program and the projects included in it.

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UCTC: are in line with federal performance management requirements which became a federal requirements in 2015 I believe actually it was 2013 I think under the map 21 act so that that section is a relatively new component of transportation improvement programs.

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UCTC: We also include on page 29 a fiscal constraint table, which is potentially one of the most important components on the transportation approval program it basically documents how this how the projects within this hip.

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UCTC: meet.

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UCTC: Are fiscally constrained in that they conform to federal dollars made available to us.

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UCTC: And our within that budget essentially.

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UCTC: And the financial plan, this is that that table is included is is a federal department of a tip.

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UCTC: And finally, in turn, in in conformance and federal requirements we have an appendix a an MP oh self certification, so this is roughly five pages.

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UCTC: of documentation that explain how this metropolitan planning organization conforms to all federal requirements of a metropolitan planning organization and if you review appendix a you'll see how we have met all those elements in detail.

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UCTC: So we have developed a transportation proof improvement program in cooperation with me or State do T all of our local sponsors that are included with projects on the tip as well as our transit providers also county area transit.

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UCTC: we're very pleased with the effort is complete, at this point, and if you have any questions we're happy to try to answer.

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UCTC: Any questions or comments and again i'm not doing a full presentation of a tip that was done during the technical committee meeting and as well during the public meeting, if you did have questions.

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UCTC: And yeah and the presentations on the website.

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UCTC: Any questions or comments and Council members just one thing to add one, one thing is, is that the typical also has to be consistent with the county's long with the long range transportation, but that's, the first thing the other thing just in terms of total federal dollars.

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UCTC: fh who otherwise known as there's highway dollars or are 37.5 million over the period for the for the adopted tip.

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UCTC: and transit dollars or FDA money is 33.1 million that's what's program but with a template in within the MPs planning here, the total amount is actually one 103 million those that tells her logan's i'm sorry i'm sorry yeah that's correct hundred million.

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UCTC: Any questions any comments.

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UCTC: Hearing none.

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UCTC: All all opposed.

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And we've been.

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UCTC: Hearing done any extensions you.

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UCTC: Know extensions know oppose so Carrie Thank you very much, no number six.

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UCTC: that's a lot of work Item number six other old business.

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UCTC: Yes, I wanted to identified some of the new federal programs that we continue to keep our eyes on the first is a carbon reduction Program.

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UCTC: And we're starting to receive information and guidance on the carbon reduction program of note is that for the first time in a long time metropolitan funding organizations in New York, will have our own allocation of dollars or use of distribution within Ulster county.

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UCTC: I don't believe it's a significant amount of funding for the kingston urbanized area so.

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UCTC: These dollars are generated based on census areas and urbanized areas, so the kingston urbanized area I believe it's somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000.

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UCTC: So it's not a significant amount of money and and as we move forward all of the MPs across New York state, as well as their State do T will have seen.

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UCTC: US these dollars in conformance with a State carbon reduction program that plan rather that plan is being developed as we speak, will probably probably be 12 to 18 months away.

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UCTC: But we are able to utilize those funds I think later this year after we receive our allocation through notification.

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UCTC: The transportation management area that we're a part of as well, will receive somewhere in the vicinity of I forget the exact amount, but it's several hundred thousand dollars, so there will we are generating funds that can be used toward carbon reduction projects.

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UCTC: I haven't reviewed the specific projects that are eligible of this time, but it does include planning and it does include construction of facilities that would help reduce our dependence on the carbon based fuel sources, so I would I would presume include the construction of.

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UCTC: ev charging facilities online a variety of other types of projects that will continue to look at this program if you follow the link, you can read about the.

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UCTC: program and the requirements of states and NPs that will be working toward in the coming months so that's that's a good a good program to keep an eye on.

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UCTC: Safe streets thrall programs David you have anything to add on this after we went through and take a look at the self certification requirements for comprehensive safety plan.

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UCTC: Basically there's two there's two ways the funding for this program can be used, one is for construction the others for establishment of a comprehensive safety, safety plan.

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UCTC: which you would need to do and prioritization of projects.

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UCTC: We were hoping that our county road safety plan that we had completed in the past couple of years would be sufficient to meet the self certification requirements, but there's a few components that are missing from in there.

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UCTC: That we really want to have a strong application for their construction of the projects and identification and prioritization of projects.

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UCTC: We should go back and revisit the the road safety plan and add in some of those key components, mostly surrounding project prioritization I believe there's an outreach work that we're looking to to improve upon and there's a couple other key components in there that we would want to.

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UCTC: Make sure that we had covered in order to help with an application for construction.

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UCTC: We could apply underneath this program to get those components, there is an 80% 8020 split on that funding 8% federal 20% local or we could utilize our unified planning work program funds.

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UCTC: which has a higher URL you know lower local match so we'll be looking to will be looking at doing that I think with up w coupons if we're looking to pursue these funds in the future.

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UCTC: Then reconnecting communities opportunity right this a nice to that program as well, there was a webinar that was held, I believe, two weeks ago it was day after that pesky little tornado hit us, so I missed it.

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UCTC: Because I didn't have power for the few days.

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UCTC: But it the reconnecting Community communities opportunity is a significant federal funding source that is intended to address.

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UCTC: for lack of a better word mistakes that may have been made in decades past and the construction of transportation facilities that may have disconnected or cut through our communities and.

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UCTC: Primarily urbanized areas really good example is the one where their system and efficiency right there at basically every major city in New York state has at least one example buffalo Rochester Syracuse Albany.

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UCTC: While they have very effective and impressive interstate systems, some of those systems really came at the cost of local communities, it cut right through communities.

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UCTC: and divided neighborhoods so that's the intent of this new federal program with funding I believe there's a project minimum of \$5 million.

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UCTC: We didn't draw receive kingston attention to this project, I do not know if they attended the webinar or if they intend on applying it is what I would consider to be a heavy lift for a municipality to apply you really have to.

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UCTC: have your ducks in the row the application in and of itself takes a lot of effort in organizational capacity and then, if you're lucky enough to receive the grant it takes a significant amount of effort and capacity to manage it to succession to successful completion.

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UCTC: So I did want to make people aware though that is an opportunity to say no, it does specifically mentioned very so yeah you're begging opportunities with respect to.

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UCTC: Its organization comes comes to mind and we've mentioned this one again.

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UCTC: i'd next near State do T hell that hosted a webinar last week on the national electric vehicle infrastructure programmed in every Program.

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UCTC: This link should link to the simulcasts of the webinar and what I attended, and it was interesting to learn about the program and short essentially will be New York state is required to have.

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UCTC: electric vehicle charging facilities, I believe that a minimum of every 50 miles on the interstate highway system and New York State do to staff, including carolyn Ryan, who sat at this table in previous years.

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UCTC: outline the process by which they identified the locations where they'll be.

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UCTC: including those facilities and there'll be a minimum, I believe, for individual bays and facility and each facility will have to have Ada.

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UCTC: Americans with Disabilities Act requirements associated with them as well, so if you're interested in the navy program please check out that webinar as well.

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UCTC: So these are the four programs that i'm presently aware of that falling under the new bipartisan infrastructure law or the infrastructure.

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UCTC: The IGA infrastructure investment and jobs Act, which is the larger bill um it's important to know we just passed a new transportation improvement program those funds were not made available as part of our tip of it so.

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UCTC: There are a lot of federal dollars that have yet to rules, not even assign these federal dollars, at this point in time for their expenditure, so we should expect to see.

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UCTC: More programs and more announcements coming in the months ago regarding the iga and build.

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UCTC: Any questions on legal question.

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UCTC: Moving on to the project safety words wrong, we tentatively have a meeting scheduled for August 1 i'm asking Members to provide.

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UCTC: agenda items at this time to potential items include taking a look at city kingston's new education and awareness campaign we be a road photo campaign that they're unavailing now.

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UCTC: As well as other.

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UCTC: Public outreach items that were considering taking up and we're working with that, to see if we can move that campaign on through some of the bosses within within the city of kingston right and I received quotes from time they signed for that, so we should be making progress to.

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UCTC: Project updates.

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UCTC: Project updates right now, we have two planning projects that the transportation Council has actually three underway.

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UCTC: The first is the transportation vulnerability assessment we have done a broad scan using the fh who vast assessment process this takes a look at our roads and bridges.

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UCTC: And how they may be susceptible to natural hazards, particularly as they are projected or forecasted to increase the two major hazards that we're looking at our excessive heat.

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UCTC: And access and flooding, and so we basically do a geographic information system analysis of how our roads and bridges might become increasingly susceptible to those hazards.

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UCTC: So it is a rather complicated process that we are very fortunate to have the assistance of painted systematics.

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UCTC: Working with us and in the months to come, actually more like likely weeks, we will be unveiling a art hub site that identifies.

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UCTC: The sites that members of the public can use an online mapping tool to see what facilities were identified and there is an explanatory.

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UCTC: Online presentation all the story map that basically provides very brief explanations of the process us to identify these locations.

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UCTC: We will be using that information to help to identify where our investments through the transportation improvement program and other government funding sources should be targeted in the future.

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UCTC: The other project is.

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UCTC: under development actually underway, we have a project to do a quarter management study for the nine w port or in the town of bolster essentially addressing the commercial strip of nine w in the town of bolster.

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UCTC: We have created many engineers under contract or assistance in that process, the kickoff meeting with the technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for mid August.

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UCTC: So we have not had the initial meeting but we'll be looking at a variety of issues affecting that corridor, including access management.

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UCTC: improving mobility for all users and crash analysis, there are several locations that have.

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UCTC: Access crashes larger than what one would expect on quarter of its of its type, it also at the intersection of 199 and nine w was identified as an area of excessive congestion.

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UCTC: Congestion management process, therefore, the MPs required to take a more detailed look at that intersection so we'll be looking at that as well.

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UCTC: The entire quarter will be modeled using the computer model, and we will be looking at origin and destination analysis as well it's going to be a very in depth study.

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UCTC: And you look forward to getting them and also timely because of the potential from development at the former IBM side, otherwise known tech city things in their heads rapid change in there, we need to make sure that before you have whatever they're proposing in.

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UCTC: The final study that is in development is a rail safety analysis for the city of kingston we've mentioned several times so that we're currently in contract negotiations.

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UCTC: To see if we can move that project forward, but that is to look at the surface at grade at grade crossings primarily within the city of kingston on the West shore railroad and looking at safety and other trespass issues.

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UCTC: In that study airing and in traffic bouncing traffic counts, we should, I mean we've had a few batches go out for this this year waiting on data from our contractor, I believe we had some one my vision count out that was requested that's a video count looking at.

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UCTC: Classification turning movements.

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UCTC: speed and volume, as well as our typical to counters that we see if you ever driving around and you see rubber tubes on the ground, those are traffic counts essentially they're going out there.

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UCTC: Right yeah waiting death, the contractor, which will then process and publishing will be online yeah we usually.

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UCTC: Put a shard data out to New York State do T and they have a great viewer and you know it's a nice central location, we supplement.

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UCTC: Their camp program with some of the accounts that we want to see on our local system and then, if we can push them over to there that they can publish them all and it's it's nice to theatre.

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UCTC: Online house one by my house was founded, but one of the model of the road we tried, as much as we can see how yeah we try as much as we can to coordinate your happens is that long.

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yeah.

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UCTC: Usually it's only three days we try to keep them pretty sure there they do we can.

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UCTC: double check.

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UCTC: Anything else David no other projects, you know the npr has I think capacity to try to take on one or two more projects this year planning projects.

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UCTC: I 100% of our capacities been devoted to I shouldn't say 100% but significant capacity has been devoted to developing the transportation improvement Program.

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UCTC: So thanks again to New York State do T and staff and all of our partners and getting that accomplished is a pretty big dilemma for us.

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UCTC: So going forward, I think we are seriously looking at an update on our website, I would really like to get that under way, we have some other updates to the long range plan that we need to develop, but another.

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UCTC: study I think is, we have the potential to take on other stuff would be been 4455 it's been a safe to say that's been programmed on the unified planning our programs for some time.

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UCTC: And it's certainly a priority, and also the updates are coordinated human services transportation is a requirement as well, so we need to get that addressed as well.

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UCTC: something's off 5310 funds that basically for elderly, disabled and we distribute those funds to essentially make sure that.

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UCTC: Transit services available for those individuals on our own disabled in general you're building the funding generally goes to nonprofits, although it can go and mobility management at different levels.

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UCTC: Current funding has it been awarded, yes, we announced the awards in the we have rated and ranked keyword said that I will not do not have been announced.

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UCTC: Yet, but they will, I think he rolled into the existing to in the past we've ordered funds to write those words affordable housing projects to make sure that those individuals that weren't always the same.

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UCTC: products that have transit you've also awarded to our advocates in a RC for similar reasons, and then there's awards throughout the region for others, that that take those and you have done.

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have done mobility management and tally well done rsvp findings in the past as well, based on the application.

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UCTC: And then finally before we adjourn just like to note we are scheduled to meet the technical committee skeleton to me on Tuesday August 23.

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UCTC: We will have additional transit funding resolutions that will be available to review, including section 5307 and 5339 funds available to be distributed to the gma so.

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Please.

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UCTC: Stay tuned I have a lot of advancements as well, every part of the update one would be at the county we receive as part of a.

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reputation alternatives program an award or \$3.9 million for a rail trail, that is in the power of shame bacon from finance essentially down the Bella babies area, we have now gotten our initial work with that and to be issuing request for proposals for design work on a virtual.

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UCTC: So we'll be back to the county legislature, with the necessary actions in order for us to enter into contracts, we didn't do that.

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So that's the best the first vengeance out there, and the second thing is as we're working diligently to try to make a.

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wedding for fall of a concern rail trail and finished, I think our one or what they call 186 reduces environmental review of that work and we're hopefully going to be able to go ahead and.

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Let that project that to kingston rail trail runs in Washington Ave as the town of Pearl connects into that will fail that runs along with your mom.

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We were fortunate enough to have a department, allow us to roll from those monies in additional monies for those words we were held on for a substantial amount of time by giving and receiving respect to a.

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new perspective on their own, or they're just trying to swapping in school that's good and slapper.

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corner that word has now been settled know.

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UCTC: it's only only w that's correct to jump and dissipate that we would be able to lead that charge very shortly.

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we're probably going to a number of.

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supplemental agreements that we have done.

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UCTC: Anything for the Council members and the announcements projects Council members.

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UCTC: During done we're adjourned.

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UCTC: Thank you.

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Herb Litts: You can take care, everybody be safe stay healthy.

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UCTC: That you like your your legs yeah.

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Cheryl Schneider: Thank you.

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UCTC: yeah i'll do the word.

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principle.

Meeting concluded at ~11:08 am