

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**November 22, 2022
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Location: Rosendale Town Hall • Room M1

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1. Policy Committee Call to Order – Roll Call & Introductions (10:00am)

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of July 26, 2022 Policy Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

- *2022 BridgeNY Call for Projects*

5. New Business

a) UCTC Resolution 2022-17: Distribution of the FFY 2022 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 **Resolution 2022-17, \$1,299,525** in FTA 5307/5340 funds were apportioned to publicly-owned operators of transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area in **FFY 2022**.

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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 2022-17 allocated 100% of available funds to Ulster County.

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 Resolution 2022-17 and consider adoption. (20 minutes).

b) Resolution 2022-18: Support New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Targets for Safety Performance Measures.

Draft Resolution 2022-18 updates Safety Performance Measures based on new targets adopted by NYSDOT for 2023; original 2018 targets were approved by UCTC under Resolution 2017-12 and updated for each subsequent Federal fiscal year under the following UCTC Resolutions: 2019-09, 2019-19, 2020-17, and 2021-07.

Safety Performance Management (Safety PM) is part of the overall Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program, which FHWA defines as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decision to achieve national performance goals. The Safety PM Final Rule supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), as it establishes safety performance measure requirements for the purpose of carrying out the HSIP and to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The Safety PM Final Rule establishes five performance measures as the five-year rolling averages to include:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

The Safety PM Final Rule also establishes the process for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish and report their safety targets, and the process that FHWA will use to assess whether State DOTs have met or made significant progress toward meeting their safety targets. NYSDOT has closely coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 14 MPOs in NYS through the NYS Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Through that process, NYSDOT has requested all MPOs to adopt the NYSDOT targets to establish uniformity during the initial reporting period.

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Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2022-18 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

c) Resolution 2022-19: Amendment to the SFY 2022/23 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend Existing Planning Projects.

UCTC staff are requesting two amendments to the SFY 2022/23 Unified Planning Work Program to adjust costs and descriptions of the following two projects:

44.24.02: City of Kingston Rail Safety Program – Part Consultant Study

As shown in Attachment 1, the resolution seeks to amend project costs by increasing funding available for consultant procurement from \$69,500 to \$158,215 in FHWA PL planning funds based on a competitive and qualifications-based solicitation as required by federal procurement standards.

As shown in Attachment 2, the resolution seeks to revise the project description to change the scope of the effort from a focus solely on microtransit to a focus on county-wide route optimization and scheduling, including microtransit and routing challenges posed by battery electric bus fleet modernization. The amendment further seeks to amend project costs by increasing funding available for consultant procurement from \$46,000 to \$142,375 in FTA §5303 planning funds based on an independent cost estimate of similar projects throughout New York State.

Funds will be drawn from existing UCTC fund balances as shown below (Attachment 3):

	Existing Program	As Revised
FHWA Unprogrammed Balance	\$302,918	\$204,061
FTA Unprogrammed Balance	\$79,255	\$0

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2022-19 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- UPWP Call for Projects is Open – Deadline Dec. 9
- USDOT Notices of Funding Opportunity
 - <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
- Ulster County Traffic Safety Board meets December 5
- Project Updates

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 10am.