

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary
November 26, 2019
Rondout Municipal Center, Cottekill, NY

Members Present:

Alan Adin	City of Kingston
Fred Pizzuto	Town of Lloyd
Al Lanzetta	Town of Marlborough
Neil Bettez	Town of New Paltz
Tom Wilkin	Town of Plattekill
Mike Baden	Town of Rochester
Jeanne Walsh	Town of Rosendale
Vernon Benjamin	Town of Saugerties
Joel Brink	Town of Ulster
John Morrow	Town of Ulster
Sajaa Ahmed	UCAT
Ed Pine	Ulster County DPW
Kathy Nolan	Ulster County Legislature
Herb Litts	Ulster County Legislature
Sandra Jobson	NYS Dept of Transportation
Amy Mackenzie	NYS Dept of Transportation
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Shelly Johnston	Creighton Manning Engineering

Staff:

Dennis Doyle	U.C. Planning Board/UCTC Staff
Brian Slack	UCTC Staff
David Staas	UCTC Staff

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kathy Nolan thanked the council for her time spent working with the group as a County Legislator and looks forward to working with the council in other capacities in the coming year.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 27, 2019 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 8/27/19 meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by Joel Brink.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Staas informed the Council that Central Hudson will be hosting an electric vehicle summit on December 5th, in Lake Katrine. Meeting information will be circulated via email.

Sajaa Ahmed announced that UCAT has a public comment period open for changes in the fare structure for routes in the City of Kingston as the subsidized free fare will end with the start of the new year. The recommended fare is \$0.50 and an additional \$0.50 for transfers. This fare is lower than the \$1.00 fare charged previously by Citibus.

No further communications or announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft UCTC Resolution 2019-20: Endorsement of Safety Performance Targets Established by Ulster County Area Transit in its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5329(d), FTA must promulgate a rule to implement the statutory requirements for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP). Under the proposed rule, each operator of public transportation that receives Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 is required to develop and implement an Agency Safety Plan based on the principles of Safety Management Systems (SMS). Each transit operator is required to develop an Agency Safety Plan within one year after the effective date of a final rule. MPOs are required to set initial safety targets no more than 180 days after receipt of the transit safety plans from the providers, which include the providers' targets.

The PTASP rule requires the State or transit agency who drafted the safety plan to make its safety performance targets available to States and MPOs to aid in the planning process, and to coordinate with States and MPOs in the selection of State and MPO safety performance targets. MPOs will integrate transit agency performance targets and performance plans into their planning documents, including the TIP, by certain dates set in the FTA/FHWA planning rules. States will incorporate transit agency safety performance targets into their STIP. The safety performance targets will help States and MPOs to develop their investment priorities for upcoming transit projects within their jurisdictions for at least the upcoming four years. States, MPOs and transit agencies should coordinate with each other throughout this planning process.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Al Lanzetta; second by Tom Wilkin.

Mr. Slack provided a brief explanation that UCTC needs to endorse the safety performance targets established in the plan.

Sajaa Ahmed explained that the targets are final but the document is still undergoing changes as guidance continues to change. The plan addresses all safety incidents and is not just limited to crashes.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

Draft UCTC Resolution 2019-21: Distribution of the FFY 2019 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Small Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area. The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program (49 U.S.C. 5339) makes Federal resources available to States and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. A sub-program provides competitive grants for bus and bus facility projects that support low and zero-emission vehicles.

Draft Resolution 2019-21 seeks approval of the apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds to the designated recipient in Ulster County -- Ulster County Area Transit. For FFY 2019, \$340,649.91 is available.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by Mike Baden

Mr. Slack explained that these funds had previously been split between Kingston Citibus and UCAT. Funds will go in their entirety to UCAT as they are now the sole designated recipient in the Kingston Urbanized area.

Vernon Benjamin thanked the council for the inclusion of language regarding climate change in the resolution.

Supervisor Walsh emphasized the importance of low cost transportation for low cost transportation for seniors. UCAT will follow up with the supervisor.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

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Other/Old Business

- December UCTC Policy Committee Meeting
 - Meeting will be scheduled for December 19th
- CSX Crossing at Boices Lane
 - Sandra Jobson indicated that NYSDOT is confirming the funding amount available prior to beginning the IPP.
 - Dennis Doyle asked Sandra Jobson for follow up information regarding the CSX crossings at Boices Lane and the crossing in Marlborough.

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- UCTC UPWP Call for Projects
 - Members are encouraged to submit ideas for planning projects for consideration.
 - The deadline for project proposals is December 6th
- Project Updates
 - Kingston Signal Warrant Analysis – Project concludes that none of the studied locations meet the warrant analysis
 - Kingston Wayfinding Project – Plan is at 90% and is undergoing final review.
 - Ellenville/Wawarsing Wayfinding Project – Early deliverables are coming in.
 - Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Community Opportunity Plan – Inventory of existing conditions is being revised and will be available after the holidays
 - Bus Electrification Analysis – Working with the Office of the Environment. Currently in the procurement process.
 - UCAT Bus Storage Facility Site Selection – Currently in the procurement process.
 - Ulster County Road Safety Action Plan – Kickoff meeting occurred. Project is currently going through the data collection phase.
 - Mid-Hudson Connect – Fiscal analysis is nearing completion
 - Mid-Hudson Congestion Management Process – Working on completing the multi modal analysis and Tech memo 1 for review at the TMA level
 - Traffic Count Program – Counts were recently completed. Currently awaiting data.
 - Rail Trail/Public Road Crossing Inventory – Will completed with intern assistance.
 - Sidewalk Inventory and ADA Accessibility – Further sidewalk network and inventory work will be completed with intern assistance.
 - UCTC Long Range Transportation Plan 5 Year Update – Minor update of the plan will be undertaken internally.

Discussions continued around speed limit changes and the different methods of review.

No further discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 11:30 am.

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