

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
Technical Committee Meeting**

**R E V I S E D   A G E N D A**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

SUNY Ulster College

Clinton Hall, Howard St. John Conference Room

Cottkill Road, Stone Ridge, NY

- 1. Technical Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)**
- 2. Call for Citizen Comments**
- 3. Approval of the November 25, 2014 Technical Committee meeting summary**
- 4. Communications and Announcements**
- 5. New Business**

- a) **Update of UCTC Operating Procedures.** A first-draft of proposed modifications to the UCTC Operating Procedures was circulated at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Tech/Policy meeting. Comments on this draft were provided by members at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting. Final revisions have been made; the Final Draft UCTC Operating Procedures will be presented to the Technical Committee for final review and discussion. Once approved by the Technical Committee, the document will be made available for 45 day public review and comment period prior to presentation to the Policy Committee.

*Recommended Action: Discuss proposed changes to the UCTC Operating Procedures; baring no further discussion or revision, authorize 45 day public notice review and comment period prior to UCTC Policy Committee review and approval. (20 minutes)*

- b) **Draft UCTC 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).** The Draft UCTC State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015/16 UPWP has been completed. Staff will present the draft program to the Technical Committee. The draft 2015/16 UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles and adds 4 new projects for future programming and development. The UCTC 2015/16 UPWP will be adopted under Resolution 2015-02. Technical Committee members are asked to provide final comment on the Draft 2015/16 UPWP no later than February 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft UCTC SFY15 UPWP and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).*

- c) **Draft Resolution 2015-03: Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds for Various Transit Projects.** Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) have been reserved and are available for future programming through either competitive solicitation or as determined beneficial for the TMA by the 3 MPOs. A total of \$2,911,480 in FFY2012 funds are available. These funds will expire at the end of this FFY and transit agencies will need to include the funding in their FTA applications by the end of March. All 3 MPOs will need to agree on the use of this funding. Resolution 2015-03 details the proposed use of these funds ,

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distributing \$720,000 to UCAT for equipment purchases, \$500,000 to Metro-North RR for operation of the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry in 2015 and 2016, and \$1,691,480 for Dutchess County Transit to partially cover bus replacement for 15 medium-duty buses to be replaced with 15 heavy-duty buses in 2016.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2015-03 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- d) **Draft Resolution 2015-04: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley.** Draft Resolution 2015-04 identifies FFY **2013** FTA Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. For areas with populations of 200,000 and more, the formula is based on a combination of bus revenue vehicle miles, bus passenger miles, fixed guideway revenue vehicle miles, and fixed guideway route miles as well as population and population density. 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 of buses, overhaul of buses, 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. All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs. The full FFY2013 allocation is \$20,132,733; distribution of those funds is detailed in Attachment 1.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2015-04 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- e) **Draft Resolution 2015-05: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley.** Draft Resolution 2015-04 identifies FFY **2014** FTA Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. The full FFY2014 allocation is \$20,367,724; distribution of those funds is detailed in Attachment 1.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-05 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- f) **Draft Resolution 2015-06: Apportionment of FFY2013 FTA Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA.** The FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facility Program provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. Draft Resolution 2015-06 identifies FTA Section 5339 funds apportioned to the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) for FFY2013 and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. This distribution is in-line with a proposed methodology agreed upon by Ulster County Transportation Council, Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council staff in full consultation with state and federal agencies.

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*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-06 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- g) Draft Resolution 2015-07: Apportionment of FFY2014 FTA Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA.** Draft Resolution 2015-07 identifies FTA Section 5339 funds apportioned to the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) for FFY2014 and outlines the distribution of those funds to eligible recipients within the TMA. This distribution is in-line with a methodology agreed upon by Ulster County Transportation Council, Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council staff in full consultation with state and federal agencies.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-06 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- h) Draft Resolution 2015-08: Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds for Various Transit Projects: .** Section 5307 funds apportioned to Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area (UZA 89) have been reserved and are available for future programming through either competitive solicitation or as determined beneficial for the TMA by the 3 MPOs. A total of \$3,405,712 in FFY2013 funds are available. Resolution 2015-08 details the proposed use of a portion of these funds, distributing \$1,757,044 to Dutchess County Transit to partially cover bus replacement for 15 medium-duty buses to be replaced with 15 heavy-duty buses in 2016.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-08 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- i) Draft Resolution 2015-09: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Add New Projects.** Draft Resolution 2015-09 creates PIN 8463.17, Route 213 Over Rondout Creek (Eddyville) Bridge MBC. This NYSDOT project will utilize \$5.227 in Federal STP Flex and State Dedicated Funds to perform work on the Route 2013 Bridge over the Rondout Creek.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-09 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- j) Draft Resolution 2015-10: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Add New Projects.** Draft Resolution 2015-10 creates PIN 8761.21, Hudson Valley Rail Trail West (Phase 4). This Ulster County project will utilize FHWA Transportation Alternative Program funds to construct a trail that will begin at New Paltz Road and proceeds 0.5 miles on abandoned RR corridor, then along NYS Route 299 for approximately 0.74 miles and ends at South Street with a new trailhead, parking and signage in the Town of Lloyd. TAP funds require a 20% local match.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-10 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- k) Draft Resolution 2015-11: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Modify Cost, Schedule and Project Description.** Draft Resolution

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2015-11 amends the UCTC TIP to include new project phases under UCAT PIN 8TRU64. The Amendment adds \$0.720m in federal 5307 funds for the purchase of 4 buses.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-07 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- i) Draft Resolution 2015-12: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Add New UCAT Transit Project.** Draft Resolution 2015-12 amends the UCTC TIP to include new project UCAT PIN 8TRU84. The Amendment adds UCAT's 5339 allocation from the Mid-Hudson TMA for FFY13 and FFY14.

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-12 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- m) Draft Resolution 2015-13: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Modify Cost, Schedule and Project Description.** Draft Resolution 2015-13 amends the UCTC TIP to include new project phases under PIN 8TRU75. The Amendment adds \$5.417 in FTA 5307 funds attributable to Inter-County Commuter Bus Services in Ulster County (Adirondack Trailways) for FFYs 2013, 2014 and 2015. All funds have been programmed in FFY2015. FFY2016, 2017 & 2018 allocations are "block programmed" as estimates on the TIP to act as placeholders in anticipation of future allocations. Sub-allocations are limited to no more than the operator's vehicle maintenance expenses, as reported to the National Transit Database (NTD).

*Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2015-13 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. (10 minutes)*

- n) FFY 2014 Annual Obligation Report:** Federal regulations require an annual listing of transportation projects, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, which Federal transportation funds have been obligated in the preceding year; 2014 report will be available for review.

*Recommended Action: Information and discussion only (10 minutes).*

**6. Other/Old Business (15 minutes)**

- Draft Resolution 2014–11: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program was Approved at the Nov 24: 2014 Technical Committee meeting; Resolution to be included at the 3/11/15 Policy Committee meeting as "Resolution 2015-01"
- NYSDOT Region 8 Local Project Unit to discuss local project performance at the conclusion of this meeting. Members asked to attend include City of Kingston, Ulster County and Town of Wawarsing.

**7. Adjournment.**

**The next UCTC Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2015**