

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary
January 28, 2020
Rondout Municipal Center, Cottekill, NY

Members Present:

Alan Adin	City of Kingston
Fred Pizzuto	Town of Lloyd
Al Lanzetta	Town of Marlborough
Tom Wilkin	Town of Plattekill
Mike Baden	Town of Rochester
Jeanne Walsh	Town of Rosendale
Vernon Benjamin	Town of Saugerties
Leeanne Thornton	Town of Saugerties
John Morrow	Town of Ulster
Ed Pine	Ulster County DPW
Sandra Jobson	NYS Dept of Transportation
Amy Mackenzie	NYS Dept of Transportation
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Glenn Gidaly	Barton and Loguidice
Katherine Blaustein	Barton and Loguidice
Shelly Johnston	Creighton Manning Engineering
Martin Hull	WSP USA

Staff:

Dennis Doyle	U.C. Planning Board/UCTC Staff
Brian Slack	UCTC Staff
Gregory Jewell	UCTC Intern

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

No citizen comments.

Mr. Slack asked for the UCTC FFY 2019 Obligation report to be added to the agenda as a new item.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2019 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 10/26/19 meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by John Morrow.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slack announced that communication was received from Ron Epstein regarding capital cost of contracting relating to the commuter bus carriers in Ulster County.

Mr. Doyle explained that public transit funds are provided to private transit carriers basis of their preventative maintenance needs. The FTA has decided that transmitting funds to private carriers through a non-competitive bid process is no longer acceptable. Previously the case had been made that the carriers should be awarded as a sole source provider as there are route franchises which provide exclusive use of routes. The state will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) pertaining to CDTA and Mid-Hudson commuter carrier routes. UCTC will participate in the process. This has held back funding programmed by UCTC for Adirondack Trailways as FTA would not approve the grants. UCTC staff have programed an administrative amendment to take funds programmed for FFY 18 and 19 and moved the funds into 2020 as they become available.

Funds were also programmed for Adirondack Trailways to expand their bus garage facility and are now on hold pending direction from the FTA, the State, and potentially the RFP award.

The TMA is currently undertaking a regional transit study. This project has a financial analysis component which will look at how unallocated funds are utilized, planned for, and distributed in the region.

No further communications or announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft UCTC Resolution 2020-01: Adopt the Ulster County Transportation Council's SFY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. The draft 2020 UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles, revises several projects included on the previous program, and adds 2 new projects for future programming and development.

The draft 2020 program, as written, comprises an FHWA budget of \$1,131,892 and an FTA program budget of \$128,800. This program provides an FHWA un-programmed balance (savings) of \$300,043 and an FTA un-programmed balance of \$18,026.

After Technical Committee comments are provided and any appropriate revisions are made, staff recommends that the Draft UCTC 2020 UPWP be made available for 15 day public review and comment period prior to UCTC Policy Committee review.

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

Mr. Slack provided a presentation with an overview of the UPWP and associated projects. The UPWP is a listing of planning tasks undertaken by UCTC during the SFY. These tasks include program support and administration, general development and comprehensive planning, long range transportation planning (system and project levels), short range planning, transportation improvement program, and other activities.

Mr. Slack explained that a safety study for the I-87 SB exit 20 intersection with Rt 32 in Saugerties was being removed from the UPWP as a study will be undertaken by NYSDOT. Sandra Jobson further clarified that the NYSDOT study will examine the safety implications of cashless tolling at the location as well as general safety of the intersection. The project will be undertaken by the engineering group and is expected to be completed in September of 2020. No funds currently exist for construction but recommendations will include cost estimates.

Studies added to the UPWP this year resulting from project proposals include:

- Route 9W corridor study in the Town of Ulster
- Rail Safety Study in the City of Kingston

An overview of ongoing projects and projects under development listed on the UPWP was provided.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.
Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

Draft UCTC Resolution 2020-02: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Delete PIN 875771 and Amend Costs to PIN 805111. At the request of the Ulster County Department of Public Works, UCTC Resolution 2020-02 seeks to delete PIN 875771: Cape Avenue/Beerkill Bridge Rehabilitation, Village of Ellenville and utilize \$0.896m in federal aid toward construction costs on PIN 805111: County Routes 7&8 Shoulder Widening. The addition or removal of any project to the UCTC TIP that utilizes federal transportation aid constitutes an amendment to the TIP and therefore requires both Technical and Policy Committee approval as well as 15 day public comment period.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by Ed Pine.

Mr. Slack explained that Ulster County DPW plans to pursue the Cape Ave/Beerkill Bridge project utilizing local funds and the County Bridge crew and instead transfer the federal funds to PIN 805111.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.
Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

Other/Old Business

- UCTC Federal Aid Obligation Report FFY 2019
 - Mr. Slack presented the Obligation report listing projects with phases obligated vs the programmed amount for each project. The report is available on the TIP page

of the Council's website at: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/transportation-council/transportation-improvement-plan>

Al Lanzetta commented that funds were being made available for the Milton landing Rail Crossing in Marlborough. Greg Hart told him that funds were being passed to CSX to perform the work.

Sandra Jobson emphasized that the FHWA is looking for obligation rates to improve and UCTC and NYSDOT have worked to ensure that the projects programmed on the TIP will advance in FFY 2020.

No further discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 11:30 am.

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