

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript

January 26, 2021

Meeting held via zoom at 10:00 am

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DD: For those of you on we've got a few minutes before we start, so just give us some time to let

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everybody else to join. Hope everybody having a good day getting ready for a little snow.

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BS: This is a misprint. The August 25th technical meeting summary

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number three. It's not August 25th, it would have been November just say November.

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DS: August

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BS: Is it August?

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DS: Yep we're behind on one.

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BS: Oh okay. Thank you Dave

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DS: Yep it's 50 pages

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BS: Scratch that Dennis.

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DD: Scratch that.

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BS: And it is a revised agenda

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DD: That's a million and change right?

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BS: One million thirty nine thousand

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BS: Updates we'll do Bridge New York.

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DD: Your own bridge call right?

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BS: Yeah that's, of course the call is closed. Two applications.

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DD: Yeah, just an update on that

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DD: Okay, for those who are waiting we're just waiting a few more minutes uh we've got at least uh two

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DD: We'll give everybody one more minute and then we'll start

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DD: Okay folks we're to get going. Good morning everyone. Welcome to the

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the um Transportation Council's Technical Committee meeting for January.

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Um we have a slightly revised agenda today if you haven't noticed, we've added a resolution it's

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2021-03 it has to do with uh transit funding. So, that will take that up um it's the third item on

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our revised agenda. For now um I don't think we'll skip the introductions. If nobody minds we'll skip

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introductions. We can see who's there, you can see who's on your screen. If anybody has questions or

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wants to ask, please raise your hand. That that function's available to you there's a raise your

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hand function. You can also use the chat function to ask questions as well we'll try to monitor that

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during the meeting so for now we'll um request a motion for an approval of the August, that's

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way back in August 2020 Technical Committee meeting summary. May I have a motion for discussion purposes?

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FP: Have a motion.

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DD: Please identify yourself for the motion so we can have it for the minutes.

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FP: Fred Pizzuto Dennis.

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DD: Thanks Fred and do I have a second?

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EP: Ed Pine, second.

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DD: Thank you Mr. Pine,
much appreciated. Any any discussion?

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Hearing none, I'm not going to ask for ayes,
I'm going to ask for nays. Anybody opposed?

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Anybody need to abstain?

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So carried. Communications and announcements, Brian?

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BS: Um I have one uh announcement. Uh I was pleased to see yesterday in our email we received
notice from
the New York State Department of Transportation

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announcing the opening of the latest round
of Bridge New York funding. Thank you Dave

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for bringing that up. It's a beautiful bridge they
have shown there on their web page. Just a very

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quick summary, we will send, if you haven't received
that notice, we'll send you that very shortly. It's

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up on the web right now, you can see the url. We'll
do a email blast I think tomorrow with that link.

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16.2 million dollars is being made available to
communities throughout the Hudson Valley region.

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Uh the the program seems to be set up as it's been set up in years past. They're offering 95%

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state and federal reimbursement for bridges and 100% reimbursement for culverts. The

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description of what constitutes a bridge versus a culvert is provided in the application materials.

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All bridges are eligible for funding within our region and the deadline is,

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the final deadline is later in June but I believe the department is requesting

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all applicants to submit a draft application which is a

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highly recommended process because it does allow for some QA/QC of your application

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and will allow you to get some questions answered and you get some hopefully some feedback

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on your application. The draft, it looks like the deadline for those drafts is in uh

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April for culverts and May for bridges. So, that should give sufficient time to

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consider your applications. And again we'll send

notice about this funding opportunity uh probably

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tomorrow through an email blast if you don't have it.

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DD: Any other communications or announcements Brian?

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BS: No, not at this time.

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DD: Okay. Um how about where are we with our own bridge program?

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BS: Oh sure. Um I was going to provide this uh later on in the agenda but we, as you

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members might recall, in December opened up a call for local bridges through our off system

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bridge funding that we've had available on our Transportation Improvement Program. We have just

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under two million dollars in federal funding for off system bridges. We made the application call

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open for about four weeks. We received two responses: One from the Town of Rochester

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and one from Ulster County Department of Public Works. The responses combined are requesting more

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dollars than what is available so we're we have uh

funding requests exceeding what is available. So, we

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are presently reviewing those applications based on their merits and uh the criteria that is laid

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out in the application. We would like to, we will be um conveying our, some questions and some input um

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to the New York State Department of Transportation. We would like their input on these applications

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and I think it it's safe to say that we may actually request to see if there's additional

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funding um for uh potential bridge applicants. If, if that additional funding is available we

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would like to be able to provide it but otherwise we're just assuming we're only going to be able

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to fund one of the applicants. So, we hope to have a decision on that in the next two weeks.

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DD: Anything else Brian?

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BS: Uh no.

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DD: Anything from the Council members? Communications or announcements?

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MB: Dennis this is Mike Baden. I had trouble getting online here this morning and I just wanted to let you know and check me as being here. Thank you.

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DD: Yep, you're cutting in and out Mike but we can hear you.

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DD: So I skipped an item on our agenda which is a call for citizens comments.

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My apologies. Are there any citizens comments?

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JM: Hello John Morrow here can you hear me?

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DD: Hi John, yes we can.

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JM: Sorry I'm having trouble getting on.

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DD: Okay

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DD: Thank you. Okay, hearing no citizens comments we'll move to item number five: new business.

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Draft UCTC Resolution 2021-01:
the adoption of the Ulster County

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Transportation Council's state fiscal
year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program.

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So um, with that I'm going to turn it over to Brian.
We have a, we have a brief presentation and then

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I'll ask for a motion for discussion purposes.
Brian?

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BS: sure just bringing up a presentation now

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BS: Great. So, I have a brief presentation regarding
uh the state fiscal year 21 Unified Planning

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Work Program that I'd like to share with you. Those
of uh you who have been on the Council as members,

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you'll probably recognize a lot of this material.
No big surprises here this year. Of course the

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full document is available online and I strongly
encourage you to download that and review it. There

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are some very minor changes in terms of the order
of the document but, the the general formatting

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is the same as in years past. Just to get right
into it, the Unified Planning Work Program: What is

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it? It is our budget for the next state fiscal year
UPWP's run on the state fiscal year and statewide

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all mpo, all 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations
are going through their approval process right now

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for our Unified Planning Work Programs, and it is
a full summary of all administrative technical

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and transportation planning tasks that we plan on performing for the upcoming state

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fiscal year. It's our operating budget and all of our tasks and uh plan we hope to accomplish.

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Just to give you a brief overview of our allocation history, this year we've received, in

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federal planning funds on the federal highway administrative administration, \$388,105 and that

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as you can see is very much in line in with what we've received in years past and on the FTA side,

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\$59,523 which again is very much in line with

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what we've received in recent years. So, this year we have received a combined total of \$447,628

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in federal funds for our planning activities.

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Just to give you a brief overview, we

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keep very close track of our um allocation history and expenditures year to year going all

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the way back to the beginning of the Council. And this is um reviewed with our partners

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New York State DOT every year. We have accumulated um, year to year, combined \$735,994

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in savings from previous years. So, that, combined with this year's allocation, gives us

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\$1,124,099 in total on federal FHWPL

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funding. Then, on the FTA side, we have previous savings combined

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with this year's allocation for a total of \$144,168 on the FTA side.

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Again, with regard to the format or organization of projects, there are no

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big changes since last year. We have six main project categories beginning with our

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general program support and administration, um then getting into the various planning tasks categories

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of comprehensive planning, long and short range planning, the TIP, Transportation Improvement

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Program, and then the other catch-all. Two years ago the FH.. or the FTA eliminated what were called

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project program emphasis areas. So, now all of our FTA projects will be shown under category

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number six under the other category going forward.
This will help to organize things a little better.

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So, looking at this year's program, um we're
going to be continuing projects that have

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been previously programmed and bringing
them online, putting down some of our

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older projects and closing them. And this
year we'll be adding two new projects. We..

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uh every fall we do a call for projects for
our member organizations to submit ideas to us.

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We received two proposals this year: One was uh
from the Town of Marbletown which was actually

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a joint application between Warsing,
Marbletown, Rochester, Hurley, and Ulster

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proposing that we conduct an O&W rail
trail corridor signage and wayfinding study

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and that is included on the UPWP this year. We also
received a proposal from the Town of Rochester and

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Gardner for a route 45 or 44/55 corridor management
plan from the intersections of route 299

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and route 209 for the whole scenic corridor throughout the Minnewaska area.

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That project is included in the UPWP as well. There is um more detail regarding project descriptions

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in the draft UPWP. I should note that one error that I did find in my draft was for the um O&W

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trail corridor project: I did not update the project description. It will be updated in the

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final draft that the Policy Committee will see. So, I want to provide just a little bit of insight now.

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It's a general corridor and signage and wayfinding proposal specific to the rail trail

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throughout all the Towns indicated. And we have gotten quite a bit of experience doing signage and

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wayfinding studies in recent past. We've completed them in Kingston, Rosendale and

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Wawarsing and Ellenville for the communities. Again, this proposal is specific to the rail corridor for

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signage and wayfinding and historic cultural interpretation.

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We've also received similar requests from the City of Kingston for their growing and intricate

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system of rail trails within the city as well as proposals from Alta Planning and the Empire

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State Trail coordinators to do similar program on the Wallkill Valley and Hudson Valley Rail Trail

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sides of the county. So, we're going to include all these projects in one general category of trail

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signage and wayfinding and as we begin to scope that work out we will determine the best

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way forward whether we do it incrementally by trail corridor if or if we try to get them all

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into one contract. But, we definitely see need and merit for for that effort. Other changes

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from previous years: We as staff have proposed to include a new FTA study looking at implementing

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some of the recommendations from the recently completed Connect Mid-Hudson Regional Transit Plan.

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The major recommendation for the entire region, all three counties, was beginning to

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implement micro mobility transit service which is

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similar to a dial ride service but it would be

open to all members of the community, not just

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like paratransit which is how UCAT presently operates a a dial a ride for eligible customers.

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Micro mobility would expand that for all members and we believe this may be very effective in some

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of our undeserved areas such as Ellenville or the Woodstock area and it might serve

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well to supplement existing service in places like Kingston. So, it's an issue that requires

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further study and more detailed examination and that's the purpose of what that's to accomplish

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when we begin it. We've also added some new categories. The traffic and pedestrian safety

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public outreach support is puts forth some resources to be made available for communities

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particularly in the City of Kingston. There's some new, um quite a few, new transportation facilities

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and I know that the City is going to be rolling out its own outreach campaign with regard to

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bike lanes and new facilities on Broadway, Greenkill Ave, and so this provides some resources,

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if needed, to supplement those efforts on traffic safety outreach needed in our in our region.

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And finally, we've added a new line item for Ulster County Traffic Safety Board. We've supported the

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board in the past we usually categorize our hours spent on the Safety Board under other

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task categories. This simply identifies a very clear task code for staff to bill their time

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for that, for that board. I'm just going to give a quick overview of the status of existing projects.

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I think it's important to note that this year we have completed and closed successfully seven

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contracts um the six listed here: The City of Kingston traffic signal evaluation, Ellenville/

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Wawarsing wayfinding, Wallkill Valley Rail Trail opportunity plan, um our contract with Connect Mid-

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Hudson and the other two MPOs. The UCAT storage facility we anticipate will be closed at the end

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of March. We had two projects, two contracts, for the Long-Range Plan public outreach and graphic design.

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We anticipate the graphic design contract to be closed. So, it has been a busy year the LRTP I think

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took up a lot of oxygen in the room. We spent a lot of staff hours on completing that LRTP

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and we've really cleared the deck in large part. We presently, or I anticipate, as of April, 1,

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we'll only have two projects under contract at that point. And, that is the ongoing uh Ulster and

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Delaware uh trail corridor plan that we're working up in the on in the Big Indian area with a number

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of stakeholders and then David has been working on completing the Ulster County Road Safety Action

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Plan which we anticipate that to be completed in April or May of this year. So, we're really

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clearing the decks and now we'll be focusing on bringing some new projects

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up online. These are listed not necessarily in order of priority but I believe they are the four

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most likely projects to be executed during this calendar year. I have a scope of work

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that we're finalizing to do a uh resiliency study transportation resiliency.

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DD: That's countywide right?

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BS: That would be a county-wide project undertaken by our office internally um looking at

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all elements of the transportation system and how resilient it is to repetitive losses and natural

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hazards. And, we have um two proposals. One from the Town of Ulster for corridor management plan of 9W.

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We think that project still has lots of merit and we will just look to coordinate with the Town

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to see what they would like to accomplish with that project and begin to and and of course and

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New York State DOT as a partner, begin to scope out that work to see what we want to accomplish.

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And, the City of Kingston rail safety program is another project that has been indicated

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as a high priority by the City of Kingston looking at the west shore railroad corridor

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in the City. And of course I mentioned the micro mobility study.

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So, in closing, this is our draft budget overview table. It's table one of the appendix of the UPWP.

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It really is the best summary of everything that's going on here. We are programming where all of

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our uh allocation of this year, the \$388,000 of the 2021 allocation plus I'm proposing to program \$435,995

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in savings for a total uh federal budget of \$824,100 for our FHWA budget and that will um

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provide us with um just under \$300,000 in savings. I should note

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that our annual budget is typically somewhere in the vicinity of \$265,000. We like to save at least

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one year's operating revenue if needed. And, the other point that I would like to make is we have

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received significant feedback and input from our partners at the Federal Highway Administration

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to show evidence that we are drawing down our savings, year to year, and making sure that we

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are putting forth significant effort to draw down those funds and use them as they should be

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on transportation planning activities. So, this unprogrammed balance does reflect that effort

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in a continued effort to draw down those savings. Then, on the FTA side, and focusing

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right now just on the federal side of things, we have our, of course, our our allocation of \$59,000.

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We would program our savings of just over \$84,000 and then the unprogrammed balance would be \$45,868.

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Um, the process for review and approval, for your information, right now we will.. the UPWP

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requires 15 day public notice and comment period. We will put out the up draft UPWP for comment

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later this week. We'll do an advertisement and open that up.

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The comment period, I'm estimating right now, will be between February 1st and February

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15th although Technical Committee members can begin to review and provide feedback immediately.

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Then, we would look to have final approval of this UPWP on February 23rd during the Policy Committee

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meeting um as usual. Any questions regarding the material can be submitted to any one of us

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um through our contact information. And, if you have comments you can submit them either directly to me

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through our email or to the general email
which we all receive, uctc as shown here.

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and by mail they are accepted as well. So, that is
my presentation. At this point I'm happy to answer

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any questions that folks might have regarding
our draft 2021 UPWP.

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DD: Any questions?

0:30:10.316,0:30:17.440

MB: um Dennis and Brian, it's Mike Baden. I just had what I.. unclear if it might be a typo, on
page 16

0:30:18.240,0:30:25.680

it lists the dates of March. I believe
it says April 2020 through March 2021

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and I'm just wondering if the year
should be 21.

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DD: Yeah it should be.

0:30:30.000,0:30:31.196

BS: Thank you

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MB: yep

0:30:34.513,0:30:42.960

MB: And then Dennis a question, since Rochester is applying for a project on this, should I be
recusing myself from any discussion or

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comments on it or is..?

0:30:44.851,0:30:45.510

DD: No

0:30:45.510,0:30:48.099

MB: ..what is I don't know
how to handle that status.

0:30:48.099,0:30:50.205

DD: No

0:30:50.205,0:30:51.401

MB: Okay. Thank you.

0:30:56.640,0:31:02.269

DD: Anything else Mike? Any other questions
from Council members?

0:31:02.269,0:31:03.840

JM: I have none.

0:31:07.040,0:31:11.920

DD: Okay hearing none, I'll take a motion
for the approval of the draft UPWP.

0:31:12.720,0:31:14.709

JM: I'll make a motion.

0:31:14.709,0:31:17.840

DD: Thank you Mr. Morrow. Do I have a second?

0:31:21.440,0:31:22.510

EP: I'll second it.

0:31:22.510,0:31:25.680

DD: Thank you Mr. Pine. I have a
motion and a second. Any additional discussion?

0:31:30.160,0:31:31.840

Hearing none, any opposed?

0:31:37.280,0:31:38.240

Any abstentions?

0:31:41.600,0:31:45.840

So carried. Thank you.

0:31:49.600,0:31:50.779

BS: Thank you.

0:31:50.779,0:32:04.160

DD: Item B on your agenda, it's the draft

UCTC Resolution 2021-02. It's an amendment to the Ulster County Transportation Council's

federal

fiscal year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement

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Program to add a new a new NYSDOT project, PIN number 846064 as shown in attachment 1.

0:32:12.360,0:32:15.668

DD: I have a motion for discussion purposes?

0:32:15.668,0:32:17.215

JM: So moved, Morrow.

0:32:17.215,0:32:18.960

DD: Thank you Mr. Morrow. Do I have a second?

0:32:21.298,0:32:22.672

MB: Mike Baden

0:32:22.672,0:32:26.960

DD: Thank you Mr. Baden. I have a motion and a second. I know Sandra Jobson is on the line.

0:32:26.960,0:32:29.831

Sandra, do you want to explain this?

0:32:29.831,0:32:36.900

SJ: Yeah. Hi everyone. Um basically this is the engineering scoping study that we started

0:32:36.900,0:32:44.044

uh this past summer and we've been working with the Town and the County on looking at

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um kind of the conditions um and then a series of um short and longer term recommendations.

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And, what this action is about
is that federal earmark funds that were um

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not being used um. Basically we're going to take
those those federal funds and put them towards

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this effort so they can be used. So, although it's
called a new project it's really a new project

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to the TIP with federal aid but it is an ongoing
engineering scoping study that we've been doing.

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DD: Just so everybody knows it's it's
the Saugerties Thruway intersection

0:33:29.200,0:33:34.720

with route 32. Um, my apologies for not
indicating that in the in the introduction.

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Any questions?

0:33:40.320,0:33:42.218

Any comments?

0:33:42.218,0:33:44.952

JM: I think that's a worthwhile project.

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DD: Thank you.

0:33:47.920,0:33:51.040

BS: Just from an administrative standpoint,

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any addition or deletion of a project PIN to the TIP is considered to be a full amendment.

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Therefore it requires Tech and Policy approval as well as 15 day public comment.

0:34:05.573,0:34:13.489

DD: Okay. Hearing no questions or comments, any opposed?

0:34:15.120,0:34:17.801

Any abstentions?

0:34:17.801,0:34:20.458

So carried. Thank you.

0:34:21.383,0:34:28.887

Item C on your agenda. This is the draft UCTC resolution number 2021-03.

0:34:28.887,0:34:35.553

It's a distribution of the federal fiscal year 2021 Federal Transit Administration section 5307

0:34:35.553,0:34:40.640

5340 urbanized area apportionments attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area

0:34:41.200,0:34:44.986

Can I have a motion for discussion purposes?

0:34:44.986,0:34:46.154

JM: So moved.

0:34:46.154,0:34:47.840

DD: Thank you Mr. Morrow. Do I have a second?

0:34:48.400,0:34:49.618

MB: Second Mike Baden.

0:34:49.618,0:34:52.160

DD: Thank you Mr. Baden.
I have a motion and a second. Brian?

0:34:53.680,0:34:59.680

BS: Yes, we, uh Ulster County Transportation Council receives um allocations from a variety of

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different sources for FTA funding and this is for specific to the Kingston Urbanized Area.

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This year's allocation is just over one million dollars, it's \$1,039,578

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Um, all public transit operators within the Kingston Urbanized Area are eligible to receive

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and split these funds. Of course there's only one public transit operator and that is Ulster County

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through Ulster County Area Transit. Therefore, on table 1 in the attachment to the resolution,

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you can see, actually table 2, shows that 100% of that share will go to Ulster County and

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Ulster County Area Transit. We are expecting um several more resolutions for

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transit funding in the months ahead for section 5339 which is for bus and bus facilities that is

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typically distributed directly from NYSDOT so we're waiting for those figures. And, also we will

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receive more funding through the Transportation Management Area and those dollar dollars are

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available. The allocation has been released but we need to um have essentially a caucus with

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uh Orange and Dutchess Counties to agree on the distribution. So, we'll get out that distribution in the months ahead.

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DD: Any questions?

0:36:37.680,0:36:41.678

DD: Any comments?

0:36:41.678,0:36:44.480

Hearing none, all.. Any opposed?

0:36:48.640,0:36:49.600

Any abstentions

0:36:52.320,0:36:53.840

So carried. Thank you.

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DD: So, we're on to other old business um commuter carrier services RFP. Um, if you recall this is a

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Ulster County Area... Ulster County Transportation Council transfers administrative responsibility

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for commuter carrier services in Ulster County the private the private community carriers, effectively

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Trailways to CDTA which takes the administrative

responsibility for those, for those activities.

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The FTA has determined that the procurement of these services needs to be done in a competitive

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basis. Um, and so the state with CDTA, and we have the opportunity to review, is

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going to issue an RFP for those services. It's due back I think in early March um and with that we'll

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we may or may not have a new carrier for transit services in the in the uh routes that essentially

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run the Trailways runs now which come out of Oneonta and move down through the City of Kingston,

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also go from Kingston to Albany and finally from Poughkeepsie to Newburgh and from and from

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Kingston to New York City. So, we may end up with a new carrier, we may not. It depends on who wins the

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RFP. Uh, we're initiating the conversation with CDTA about that RFP um and we'll see what happens. The

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only thing I would say is you recall with the last transfer of funding with respect to CDTA

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uh we requested some assurances from CDTA uh that the funds that were transferring

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to CDTA for use were actually being used in the corridors within within, uh that essentially ran

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through the City of Kingston uh and services the areas within the within the TMA area. Uh, we

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have not been successful in having CDTA give us those assurances today which is problematic for

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our transfer of additional funding to CDTA absent some assurances either from CDTA or from the state

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that effectively the routes that we're paying for, the routes that we're transferring money

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that we're paying for are actually the funding actually being used for those routes and not

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some other routes um available that may be available elsewhere out of the region.

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So, that's just a point of information we'll continue to work through that as

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as time goes goes on. Uh, but um it's important I think to make, to know that the way that transit

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is procured within the region is is is about to change. Project updates. Any questions on that?

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Project updates Brian? I know you gave a lot of

these with respect to the UPWP but.

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BS: Yeah that's exactly what I was going to say. I provided a brief project status report during the UPWP

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presentation. We plan on rolling out some new documentation for the U&D corridor study. We should

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have an existing conditions report available for public review within the next several weeks.

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This is looking at the segment of what's presently rail unutilized.. underutilized rail

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corridor between essentially the turn off into the Belleayre ski resort um and then south of

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that past Big Indian. That's the second corridor we're looking at and the consultants for that

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are Barton and Loguidice who worked extensively on the Ashokan Rail Trail design and we're looking

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forward to providing an existing condition report for that corridor, again in the next several weeks.

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We have been working over the past several months with Passero Associates on identifying

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a potential location for an expanded UCAT storage and maintenance facility. The need

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for additional space was raised by UCAT
going back at least five years that I

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can remember. So, we're looking to first
identify a potential location and also

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B, look at the types of programmatic needs the UCAT
would require for their additional space. We're

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looking at doing a public presentation on the
findings for this project on February 11th. That's

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a Thursday, that's two weeks from this Thursday.
There'll be a 6:00 pm virtual public meeting

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to present our findings to the public on that
project and that will essentially be the last

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major step before we can close that project. We're
essentially.. in summary we're really looking at

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the Golden Hill area for potential expansion.
The existing site of Golden hill

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and Danny circle of the UCAT facility really is
too constricted to expand on the existing site.

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So, we're looking at a location essentially across
the street from UCAT if and when we are able to

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expand that facility but we do not have dollars

identified at this point in time for construction.

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But, the first step of course is to answer the question if we can build, where would we do that?

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David do you have any updates on our road safety plan project?

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DS: Yeah. So, the road safety plan we've just kind of gone through, we solicited for feedback

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on the top 50 locations, the top 50 segments and intersections identified throughout the throughout

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the county using a network screening uh process. We've taken the feedback that we did receive

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and we're now drilling those down into local priorities, taking into account local

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priorities and we're going to be developing a list of the top 10 locations which we'll then

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look at in a greater level of detail to come up with some countermeasure suggestions and um

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you know very very um early planning level designs um for some of the options of those intersections.

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So project's moving along and we're looking to complete uh by the end of April for the project.

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BS: Thank you. Um, finally, I'd just like to mention briefly our Long-Range Transportation Plan of

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course was approved by the Council in September and we've been working

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on reformatting that document. We're just awaiting some final comments from staff

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uh in order to finalize that draft. It looks great, it's coming along very nicely we have had a great

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consultant team doing the graphic design Gilday consultants in New Paltz have been doing a

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wonderful job and of course you've already seen we have our new logo that we've been rolling out

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on some of our materials and we were able to incorporate that new format into this year's

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Unified Planning Work Program report design. So, we're already using some of the results of

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that effort. Finally, I did, we did have a question for New York State DOT uh regarding the status

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of the Wurts street bridge construction contract and of the state of repair of that bridge. I was

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wondering Sandra if you had any further updates for Council members?

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SJ: Yeah hi Brian. Um, no I don't have any new information um but as our office is informed I will definitely pass that along to you

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guys um so that you can share it with the members and then our engineering department is working

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um very closely with the Town and the City and the County um as things develop. okay?

0:45:14.734,0:45:15.555

BS: Yeah

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Um, just a brief recap, I don't know if everyone was made aware, we may have mentioned it during

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one of our last meetings, the New York State DOT does have a significant amount of money set

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aside for the rehabilitation of that bridge. The bids were opened and then the bids received

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to.. uh, by.. the bids received by New York State DOT were all exceeding the dollars amount available so

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the process by NYSDOT was to reject all bids, re-scope the work, and um put that

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a new bid out. And so, we'll.. we will wait to receive further updates regarding that process.

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DD: Sandra, do we have do we at least have a scheduling uh update? I mean do we know when they're gonna,

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if they're gonna, when they're gonna rebid it?

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SJ: No, I don't even have any information on timing.

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DD: Could you guess?

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SJ: I can uh look into that again um and see if they have a timetable available and I'll and I'll follow up with you on that.

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DD: Thank you.

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SJ: Okay

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BS: That's all I had.

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DD: So, one other thing I just wanted to say is that you know we completed the Wallkill Valley

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uh Rail Trail opportunity study in New Paltz which went from Plains road up past Broadhead Ave up to

Huguenot Street. We've had a reach out from um

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the Greenway folks which manage the funding available for the Empire State Trail

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with a with a sense that they may be able to find money that's remaining in the Empire State

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Trail to actually perform some of that work. So, we're continuing to be hopeful that uh that that

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comes to fruition but it's a good example of essentially a planning process that leads to

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an implementation. So, we really hope that that happens and we'll keep you informed if it does.

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Anything else? Any other Council members have any updates or old business they want to discuss?

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Hearing none, do I have a motion to adjourn?

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JM: So moved.

0:47:34.218,0:47:37.837

DD: Thank you Mr. Morrow. Do I have a second?

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MB: Mike Baden.

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DD: Thank you Mr. Baden.

Any opposed? I didn't think so. Everybody have a great day stay safe

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and enjoy and enjoy skiing hopefully by the end of the day.

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Various: Thank you.

Meeting concluded at ~10:59am