

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting**

R E V I S E D A G E N D A

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

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 February 20, 2014 Technical Committee meeting summary**
4. **Communications and Announcements**
5. **New Business**

- a) **Information and Proposed Modifications Regarding the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.** Several items regarding the UCTC 2014-18 TIP require attention. Information will be provided on ongoing administrative issues; in addition, a number of amendments need to be addressed, each of which will require a separate resolution. These items include:

a-1) Status of Ulster County Park and Ride Projects: Through UCTC Resolutions 2012-06 and 2012-07, FTA 5307 funds were “flexed” into FHWA funds to be used on various transit-related projects throughout the Mid-Hudson TMA, including improvements of park and ride facilities in Town of Ulster, Town of Saugerties and SUNY New Paltz. An administrative modification is required to modify the schedule of two of these projects in order for them to appear on the UCTC 2014 – 2018 TIP. A full update of the status of these projects will be provided for members by UCTC and NYSDOT Region 8 staff.

Recommended Action: For information purposes only (20 minutes).

a-2) Draft Resolution 2014-08: Amendment to the Ulster County Transportation Council Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Delete Project No Longer Needed – PIN 882341: Route 32, SUNY New Paltz Bus Stop Relocation and Improvements. SUNY New Paltz has advanced construction on its park and ride expansion without the federal aid set aside for this project and therefore no longer requires the \$300,000 in federal funds to complete the project, thereby making those funds available for the Saugerties and Ulster park and ride facilities. Resolution 2014-08 removes the PIN from the UCTC TIP and makes the \$300,000 in federal funds available for future programming.

Recommended Action: Discuss status of park and ride PINs, including Draft Resolution 2014-08, address any public comments and forward to Policy Committee for consideration (20 minutes).

a-3) Draft Resolution 2014-05: Distribution of the FFY 2014 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the

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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. FFY14 allocation to the Kingston Urbanized Area is \$923,843. Resolution 2014-06 will propose a distribution of these funds between UCAT and Citibus as soon as an agreement is reached between the two entities.

Recommended Action: Discuss Draft Resolution 2014-05, address any public comments and forward to Policy Committee for consideration (20 minutes).

a-4) Draft Resolution 2014-06: Modify Table 1 of the UCTC 2014-18 TIP to Add Rollover Clause Provision to TIP Amendment Procedures. A Rollover Clause in the MPO's TIP approval resolution enables the MPO to move projects from the 'Committed' (or 'obligated') column of their TIP to one of the first four years of the TIP via an administrative action rather than by a formal TIP amendment, provided that fiscal constraint is maintained. This clause is a means to address the situation where projects or project phases on an old TIP do not get obligated before the new TIP and subsequent STIP are approved. UCTC currently has no rollover clause in its Operating Procedures. Resolution 2014-07 proposes and outlines rollover procedures for future use.

Recommended Action: Discuss Draft Resolution 2014-06, address any public comments and forward to Policy Committee for consideration (20 minutes).

a-5) Draft Resolution 2014-07: To Amend the UCTC 2014-2018 TIP to Include NYSDOT PIN 839141 – Corrective Pavement Treatment RT 55. NYSDOT Region 8 submitted a TIP Amendment Request to UCTC in order to program a Harsh Winter Paving project onto the 2014-2018 program. This project will consist of resurfacing a segment of asphalt pavement on State Route 55 in Ulster County, in the Town of Wawarsing, from the Sullivan County line to 3/10 mile west of Cutler Road. The total project cost is \$5.6m in Federal STP Flex and State Dedicated Funds (SDF). Further details are provided in Resolution 2014-09.

Recommended Action: Discuss Draft Resolution 2014-07, address any public comments and forward to Policy Committee for consideration (20 minutes).

a-6) Proposal to Block Program FTA 5307 Funds Under PIN 8TRU75 to Support Ulster County Commuter Services. UCTC PIN 8TRU75 is reserved to program Section 5307 formula funds apportioned by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) for Inter-County Commuter Bus Service. The FTA 5307 sub-allocations for 2013 and 2014 are presently being withheld due to an ongoing discussion with the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority regarding distribution of funds across neighboring UZA boundaries. In an effort to expedite programming of those funds when they become available, Draft Resolution 2014-09 establishes a "placeholder" dollar figure that can be modified through Administrative Modification by UCTC staff when the funds become available.

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- b) **NYS DOT Region 8 Bridge Management – Overview of the Ulster County Bridge Population**. Eric Foster, P.E., Regional Bridge Management Engineer for NYS DOT Region 8, will provide members with a presentation on the status of bridges in NYS DOT Region 8 and Ulster County. Information regarding the inspection process, condition rating, status of deficient bridges, and the ‘flagging’ process will be provided in detail. **Attendees are encouraged to invite other interested local representatives to attend.**

Recommended Action: For information and discussion purposes only (30 minutes)

6. Old/Other Business (10 minutes)

a) UCTC Mailing List

b) Tabled –Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (MHVTMA). This action has been tabled by the UCTC since July 2013 due to an ongoing discussion with the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority regarding distribution of funds across neighboring UZA boundaries. The original resolution dealt only with 2013 funds; 2014 funds are similarly affected by this agreement as well.

c) Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area 2013 Certification Review.

- Revision of UCTC Operating Procedures

c) Old Business

- Transportation Alternatives Program –June 11 application deadline
- Trailways Request for UCTC Funding for 3 Replacement Coaches for Commuter Services to New York: under evaluation by TMA
- FTA §5310 - Upcoming solicitation – schedule, guidance

7. Announcements/Project Updates (20 minutes)

- Please refer to the Page 3 of the Agenda Supplement for additional project updates.

8. Adjournment.

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**Agenda Item 7
Announcements/Project Updates (20 minutes)**

44.23.01-01: Development of the UCTC Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Request for Proposals for consultant assistance for the UCTC LRTP update was issued on June 9. UCTC Operating Procedures stipulate that the UCTC Technical Committee act as Project Advisory Committee to the LRTP process. To that end, UCTC will request members to volunteer to participate in the update process. Further information to follow.

44.23.02-01: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Demonstration Project: Contract with Alta Planning has been finalized; project kick-off meeting held in December; first School Working Group meetings held in Highland, Shawangunk and New Paltz Feb 12 & 13. Visit <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation-council/safe-routes-to-school> for draft materials.

44.23.02-05 Kingston Broadway Corridor Conceptual Design Project: Project has commenced; TAC members and consultant staff toured the corridor on May 30th and conducted initial traffic, parking and site conditions inventory. Full TAC meets for the project kickoff meeting at 10am on June 18th at City Hall. Visit <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/broadway-corridor-conceptual-design-plan> for project website

44.23.02-06 Rosendale Circulation Study: Presently awaiting execution of the contract by Ulster County.

44.26.15: Initiate a Study of the Need and Location for an Intermodal Facility to Serve the Greater New Paltz Area: Task 3: TASK 3: Location Analysis and Site Selection is presently underway. Visit <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/new-paltz-intermodal-facility-plan> for materials.

44.22.03: 2012 Traffic Monitoring Program: Staff have recently finished compiling the 2013 traffic monitoring report. During the 2013 count season 225 traffic counts were collected on roadways throughout Ulster County. Counts locations are repeated every 3 years to establish trends and to help calibrate the travel demand model which will be undergoing a significant update as part of the upcoming 2040 LRTP update. Copies of the 2013 report are available in print upon request and online at <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/traffic-count-program>