ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
March 23, 2022
Meeting held in-person and via zoom at 10:00 am

00:00:02.380 --> 00:00:04.240
UCTC: Brian I have residual.

00:00:09.280 --> 00:00:10.570
UCTC: So good morning everyone.

00:00:12.010 --> 00:00:21.970
UCTC: Welcome to the March meeting of the Ulster county transportation Council technical committee meeting sorry for starting a little late for work working out some technical difficulties I hope everybody can.

00:00:23.140 --> 00:00:28.780
UCTC: see us in here, excuse me see us and hear us relative to this hybrid meeting.

00:00:30.040 --> 00:00:34.480
UCTC: will start off with the call the order welcome and introductions.

00:00:36.340 --> 00:00:46.600
UCTC: So, I guess, we can go around and provide cheerios who's honest I didn't have Brian can you lose the participants on screen.

00:00:49.240 --> 00:00:52.060
Brian Slack: yeah I can certainly do that good morning.

00:00:53.410 --> 00:00:57.400
Brian Slack: Good morning, everyone, so I have a.

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Brian Slack: remotely.

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Brian Slack: Standard job send me or State Department of Transportation.

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Brian Slack: Greg crop city kingston Mary beth majestic Danielle freire Dave pelagic amy mackenzie lizzie Philip john fry know Mike Carey Vernon Benjamin Chris Kate.

00:01:24.130 --> 00:01:31.720
Brian Slack: Alex Wade Peter criss yano Dave plastic already mentioned his name and Martin hall.

00:01:33.550 --> 00:01:37.270
Brian Slack: and myself, Brian slack i'm home with a cold saving.

00:01:38.440 --> 00:01:40.120
Brian Slack: Everyone from my germs.

00:01:41.920 --> 00:01:43.690
UCTC: In the room, we have dentist oil.

00:01:45.310 --> 00:01:46.030
UCTC: Like Baden.

00:01:47.230 --> 00:01:54.370
UCTC: or lunch john whoa oh Robert leave with the syllabus is joining us today as our technical support team.

00:01:56.020 --> 00:02:01.060
UCTC: Thanks Robin fabulous does anyone anyone on the call it's not identified Brian.

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Brian Slack: speak now.

00:02:07.810 --> 00:02:12.130
Sandra Jobson: um can you guys hear me and Sandra Johnson near State do T.

00:02:13.030 --> 00:02:20.800
Sandra Jobson: I sondra hi and i'm so sorry I would have been there today in person I didn't realize that we had the option i'm so sorry.

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I don't think I looked at the.

00:02:23.560 --> 00:02:23.830
UCTC: This.

00:02:26.560 --> 00:02:30.310

Sandra Jobson: Totally would have been there today next time okay yeah.

00:02:33.040 --> 00:02:40.390
UCTC: So first second thing on the agenda is a call for citizens comments any citizens comments.

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UCTC: it's July.

00:02:43.660 --> 00:02:44.080
UCTC: Yes.

00:02:45.340 --> 00:02:59.800
UCTC: First of all, I want to thank the Council, I want to thank Ulster county dp w and their efforts at the town of Lloyd in creating a four way stop at nortel things corners and bolts road.

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UCTC: It has solved, a lot of sins in that intersection and it's much, much safer now than it was prior to that.

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UCTC: second thing I have received a letter from.

00:03:15.010 --> 00:03:23.530
UCTC: A business owner on route to 99 this has come up several times before, but he has written formally.

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UCTC: With some his personal statistics on on turning little bits and a number of cars that that are making left turns in that cord or it's it's a source of.

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UCTC: personal injury accidents and non personally to be accidents and surely accident rate is very high, and hopefully to do it will be looking at that section.

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UCTC: I know they repaved it but i'm hoping that they'll go back and possibly put in the Left turn lane.

00:04:01.120 --> 00:04:06.400
UCTC: To correct some of the issues that are there and i'm going to present the Council with the letter that was sent to me.

00:04:07.570 --> 00:04:08.470
UCTC: Thanks Sir yeah.

00:04:11.590 --> 00:04:11.950
UCTC: Thank you.

00:04:14.560 --> 00:04:21.010
UCTC: Any other systems comments um yeah I guess that's I qualified to say so, this week I.

00:04:22.930 --> 00:04:26.920
UCTC: had reached out to Dave car again on this previously last last fall but.

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UCTC: The intersection in the town of Rochester with airport road and 209 there's some psychic distance issues there when the vegetation grows up.

00:04:41.830 --> 00:04:52.600
UCTC: They did take care and followed up with me on having a cutback last year, but just sort of a reminder, now that we're getting into that season again.

00:04:53.740 --> 00:05:03.100
UCTC: It is very difficult and just the degree of turn on to online it's just enough that you can't really see and you're kind of guessing to start with.

00:05:03.730 --> 00:05:16.960
UCTC: So I don't know if any more permanent solution can come from it, I don't want to speculate on what the answer is, but it is a cause of concern of people who live in that area and.

00:05:18.730 --> 00:05:26.710
UCTC: I know there have been some accidents there I don't think it rises to substantial level, but there are excellent.

00:05:28.660 --> 00:05:30.070
UCTC: Thank you, Tom my.

00:05:31.510 --> 00:05:33.820
UCTC: Any other systems comments to growth, Brian.

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This.

00:05:36.940 --> 00:05:38.500

UCTC: mist or i'm sorry I apologize.

00:05:42.670 --> 00:05:50.380
UCTC: couple years ago the county put up a stop sign on lex mills road at the intersection of supreme court.

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UCTC: Which prior to the STOP sign being installed on legs mills road that location, it was a three way stop, and it was very confusing for people that were out of towners now and the concern was the railroad track and backing up traffic.

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UCTC: just wanted to report that.

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UCTC: The railroad track has been a non event for that stop sign, because once a train goes through another train doesn't immediately follows plenty of time for traffic to clear.

00:06:23.530 --> 00:06:36.970
UCTC: The biggest problem, but that railroad intersection right now really is the school bus stop that is 50 feet or 100 feet at the most from the railroad track.

00:06:37.660 --> 00:06:51.520
UCTC: at a school bus will just pull up and turn on infrared lights and cars were coming toward the school bus and get stuck on the tracks waiting for the school bus and the school bus stops should be.

00:06:52.600 --> 00:07:03.700
UCTC: reconfigured moved or something away from the tracks it's just and it goes in the east direction and a West direction grades, a real traffic hazard from time to time.

00:07:04.810 --> 00:07:05.140
UCTC: Maybe.

00:07:06.670 --> 00:07:07.750
UCTC: Real safety issue.

00:07:17.590 --> 00:07:22.330
Sandra Jobson: just mentioned something real quick oh my God look at the screen holy cow.

00:07:23.320 --> 00:07:23.590
Sorry.

00:07:27.490 --> 00:07:31.930
Sandra Jobson: For all three of those issues, what would be incredibly helpful is.

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Sandra Jobson: You know, definitely are you herb you mentioned that there is a letter that i'm assuming did you send it to the regional directors office.

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Sandra Jobson: All surface yeah awesome.

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awesome.

00:07:45.040 --> 00:07:45.730
UCTC: yeah awesome.

00:07:46.150 --> 00:07:47.290
UCTC: Well, Mr gets there.

00:07:48.130 --> 00:08:05.800
Sandra Jobson: Okay, good because it's not a bad idea to ccr office to and then for the other two intersections that just came up, I would encourage you to do the exact same thing that herb did Okay, because that way these they get logged in then they get looked at.

00:08:07.810 --> 00:08:16.150
Sandra Jobson: So I just wanted to pass that along and, if you want to ccr my office on those letters to the regional directors office that would be helpful.

00:08:21.790 --> 00:08:22.450
UCTC: Thank you Sandra.

00:08:23.650 --> 00:08:25.060
UCTC: Any other citizens comments.

00:08:28.270 --> 00:08:28.870
UCTC: hearing on.

00:08:30.370 --> 00:08:32.500
UCTC: yeah these are no yeah so.

00:08:35.380 --> 00:08:35.950
Brian Slack: back.

00:08:39.940 --> 00:08:53.380
UCTC: So Community approval of the 2020 November 2023 2021 technical committee meeting summary you have emotional for discussion purposes, like a second emotion from Mr Baden I have a second for Mr morrow.

00:08:55.480 --> 00:08:56.500
UCTC: Any discussion.

00:09:02.020 --> 00:09:06.820
UCTC: Hearing none i'm going to do, since we have so many people remote i'm going to ask is there any one to pose.

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UCTC: Is there any extensions.

00:09:14.440 --> 00:09:20.860
UCTC: hearing on the minister upset are adopted, thank you, communications and announcements Brian you got back just in time.

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Brian Slack: Great yes, I don't have any major communications and announcements obviously we're all awaiting further guidance on the tip update process but that's.

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Brian Slack: Agenda i'd be so that'll be coming up shortly for discussion I didn't want to raise an important issue that was discussed at friday's statewide npr directors meeting.

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Brian Slack: At the request of the New York metropolitan planning organization transportation Council nim tech in New York City.

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Brian Slack: New York State do T provided a legal finding on open meetings law as it applies to metropolitan planning organizations in New York state.

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Brian Slack: The there were several questions as to whether.

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Brian Slack: Remote meetings would be allowable absence, the governor's emergency order, which I think we all know, expire.

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Brian Slack: So the following.

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Brian Slack: Finding findings were made by the legal department at New York State Department of Transportation the first is probably the most important and relevant.

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Brian Slack: And that's that it's their opinion, their legal opinion the metropolitan planning organizations are not subject to New York state opens open meetings law, the reason being is that the N P O is a federal creation and essentially a federal entity carrying out a process as designated.

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Brian Slack: are written by rules of Congress and there's no similar process in New York state therefore we're not subject to the laws of New York state in that regard.

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Brian Slack: But even so, there were several other important points that were included in that finding one is that hybrid meetings such as this one are okay under open meetings law.

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Brian Slack: That a central in person location is required, one that is accessible to all members of the public.

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Brian Slack: But in this is one of the more important components of the findings, as well as that hybrid online votes are fine.

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Brian Slack: In the past, have been very cautious and have indicated that we're not sure if people will people can attend virtually we're not sure they can vote virtually and dance can provide more insight there.

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Brian Slack: Obviously metropolitan planning organizations must adhere to their own bylaws regarding how meetings are to be conducted there's nothing in the uc TC bylaws and operating procedures that address.

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Brian Slack: open meetings law or or would preclude us to.

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Brian Slack: So the final thing is that a quorum in the room.

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Brian Slack: in person.

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Brian Slack: I bred meeting with.

00:12:25.720 --> 00:12:26.170
UCTC: Brian.

00:12:26.530 --> 00:12:30.280
Brian Slack: Okay i'm going to then i'm done with my announcement, I will.

00:12:30.610 --> 00:12:41.380
UCTC: do us a favor broad to shut your shut your video off and then I repeat what you said, with respect to hybrid meetings in the room and a quorum necessary to be in the room, or not to be in the room.

00:12:41.410 --> 00:12:51.910
Brian Slack: Right a quorum is not necessary to be an in person quorum is not necessary, so you can have voting members virtually and in the room.

00:12:54.460 --> 00:12:54.820
UCTC: Okay.

00:12:55.270 --> 00:13:11.020
Brian Slack: And finally, the US Department of Transportation has always accepted, since the beginning of coven virtual meetings as acceptable and for every aspect of the federal aid process so that's.

00:13:12.340 --> 00:13:15.070
Brian Slack: It for discussion i'll give the floor back to you Dennis.

00:13:16.000 --> 00:13:30.520
UCTC: You live Ryan, I know, in the legislature in order to vote virtually you have to be on camera and and you have to be able to voice your your vote is that required.

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Brian Slack: it's not clear to me if that's required or not, I have to go through the legal finding myself in great detail in the past, I know it's been our assumption that you actually would have to be in an accessible location yourself remotely and allow other individual.

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Brian Slack: That does not appear to be the case.

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Brian Slack: Further clarification might be warranted regarding whether you need to be on video or not.

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UCTC: it's the baby i'm.

00:14:08.260 --> 00:14:17.560
UCTC: From Minister that's where that comes from is under the meetings laws, the public has to have the ability to observe you so observing means that they have to be able to see you.

00:14:19.150 --> 00:14:26.320
UCTC: I know the legislature has said, you have to be present during the Kobe it's been my commentaries.

00:14:28.060 --> 00:14:37.720
UCTC: reading of the State suspending is that actually you don't have to be seen, because it allowed people to be able to phone call in.

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UCTC: And still vote I know the legislature has still been following the you must be visibly see but i'm not sure that that's.

00:14:46.150 --> 00:15:02.080
UCTC: an accurate interpretation during the covert one says suspended I am curious though and concerned, in that all of us are on this by virtue of being appointed through our.

00:15:03.040 --> 00:15:23.590
UCTC: New York state capacity so i'm wondering your server you're serving on I think that's the big takeaway, from my perspective, the big takeaway from this is the fact is, is that as an mbo you are federal creation and I stayed open meetings, and the second big takeaway from that is that.

00:15:24.910 --> 00:15:33.940
UCTC: Your bylaws may control and our bylaws are silent, with respect to the New York state open meetings law, in fact, the bylaws used to provide for mail in ballots.

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UCTC: And several bylaws in the states still still actually do that, so we have some analysis to do with respect to that that legal opinion and we'll take another will take a look at it, but.

00:15:48.850 --> 00:15:57.460
UCTC: The thought being is is that we would continue to just keep talking the thought would be that we would continue to essentially.

00:15:59.350 --> 00:16:07.570
UCTC: be able to hold hybrid meetings, the the order was extended emergency order was extended to April 15 so.

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UCTC: We certainly can hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting, without any issue.

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UCTC: And then the next piece of that would be moving forward, how do we want to meet if we find out that we don't have to meet in person.

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UCTC: One of the suggestions that staff was talking about internally was having the.

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UCTC: Technical Committee meeting on a regular basis as a remote meeting so that we would schedule them and we'd have them every two months months.

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UCTC: And then we would schedule the policy committee meeting as needed and we would schedule them in person, that was the thought and usually the policy committee only meets.

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UCTC: About four times a year so that was that was the thought, but we'll take a good look at the at the requirements for the legal analysis from Nice dot and move from there any other questions or concerns relative to the open meetings law or brian's communications.

00:17:06.370 --> 00:17:06.940
UCTC: tomorrow.

00:17:09.430 --> 00:17:17.710
UCTC: Looking through the websites and so forth the appears that the bylaws for this committee written.

00:17:19.240 --> 00:17:25.660
UCTC: I don't remember the day was quite a while ago 1963 or some oh no, no, because you know they were.

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UCTC: They were.

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UCTC: They were updated with the last with the last change to the to the to the federal legislation.

00:17:34.390 --> 00:17:51.010
UCTC: will probably update them again because we have to, we should reference, the most recent federal law that governs us so we'll probably need to update them again so you might want to look at forming a within the this group of a governance committee.

00:17:51.010 --> 00:18:05.620
UCTC: To look at the bylaws to see what might be missing these kind of things and make recommendations to the full committee so that we can have our own rules that you know comply with the state and federal guidelines.

00:18:07.240 --> 00:18:10.690
UCTC: For these kinds of issues and see if there's other things that might be missing.

00:18:14.290 --> 00:18:16.810
UCTC: What does anybody want to volunteer.

00:18:17.440 --> 00:18:18.310
Brian Slack: If I may.

00:18:19.030 --> 00:18:20.380
Brian Slack: Ryan, can you hear, can you hear me.

00:18:20.620 --> 00:18:33.130
Brian Slack: Longer Thank you, one of the other agenda items it's coming up later under other or old business is a brief review of our certification review that was conducted this.

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Brian Slack: fall of 2021 and there are a number of findings and recommendations in that review our operating procedures for last updated, I believe it was 2015.

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Brian Slack: And that was after.

00:18:48.640 --> 00:18:55.810
Brian Slack: matt was passed the original operating procedures were developed in 2003 is as Robert had said.

00:18:56.830 --> 00:19:09.340
Brian Slack: So one of the recommendations is that we do update our operating procedures and it's The primary reason is to provide clarification regarding how we host meetings, but when we do that review.

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Brian Slack: it's always a good idea to.

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Brian Slack: update the entire 10 pages of the operating procedures so that is something that we intend to do in 2022.

00:19:20.710 --> 00:19:37.450
UCTC: So there are there any Council members that want to assist us relative to that or or Mr morons and volunteered okay all right, I can assist I don't know if I can take it i've got a lot of so we have Mr Mr Baden Mr morrow anyone else.

00:19:41.530 --> 00:19:43.480
UCTC: Hearing none, we have a small committee.

00:19:46.210 --> 00:19:47.050
UCTC: most effectively.

00:19:48.790 --> 00:19:51.640
UCTC: All right, anything else, Brian on that one.

00:19:52.630 --> 00:19:57.850
Brian Slack: No, not on the open meetings issue and I don't have any other communications are.

00:19:57.850 --> 00:19:58.750
UCTC: announced, I have.

00:19:59.230 --> 00:20:02.710
UCTC: I have one other communication and that's the 5310 announcement Brian.

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Brian Slack: Sure, well, the deadline for 5310 applications was yesterday Dennis.

00:20:09.610 --> 00:20:10.210
UCTC: There you go.

00:20:12.610 --> 00:20:12.940
UCTC: yeah.

00:20:13.240 --> 00:20:13.750
UCTC: Thank you.

00:20:15.070 --> 00:20:15.490
UCTC: Okay.

00:20:17.380 --> 00:20:24.040
Brian Slack: Do you have any other announcements from uc etc, particularly the status, why David isn't here today.

00:20:24.190 --> 00:20:38.860
UCTC: Oh, thank you, Brian and so Brian is Brian is at home nursing a cold and Mr stasis normally with us as our technical expertise is actually expecting a baby so.

00:20:40.300 --> 00:20:50.260
UCTC: Hopefully, by the end of the day, we'll have a new addition to the family, as they say so david's pretty a static, so they went in yesterday for a for a checkup and he called us and indicated that.

00:20:52.120 --> 00:20:53.950
UCTC: He wasn't coming in, for the rest of the day.

00:20:56.080 --> 00:21:04.630
UCTC: So we wish them well and wishes wife well so congratulations today, and hopefully we'll let you know whether it's a boy or girl he actually does not know.

00:21:05.920 --> 00:21:06.100
UCTC: So.

00:21:08.050 --> 00:21:11.500
UCTC: Maybe go I hope you're not.

00:21:13.090 --> 00:21:13.540
UCTC: anyway.

00:21:14.590 --> 00:21:18.460
UCTC: So with that i'll move on to new business Item number five on the agenda use, etc.

00:21:19.150 --> 00:21:38.530
UCTC: etc, etc resolution 2022 years old, three it's an amendment to the use etc federal fiscal year 20 2024 transportation improvement program at a new Ulster county bridge in New York pin known number 876268 as shown an attachment one to have emotion for discussion purposes.

00:21:39.700 --> 00:21:47.020
UCTC: Thank you, Mr morrow anyone else want a second second like baby was conveyed miss a second, I have a motion and a second Ryan discussion.

00:21:48.070 --> 00:21:55.120
Brian Slack: yeah i'm sorry I don't think I have control over the screen, maybe rob if you could bring the resolution up put a resolution 20.

00:21:55.660 --> 00:21:56.830
UCTC: Little giving you one to.

00:21:57.010 --> 00:21:58.480
Brian Slack: Two dash three.

00:22:00.610 --> 00:22:07.120
UCTC: I don't know good here, but let me try to give you a sharing okay go for it, you can share.

00:22:10.030 --> 00:22:11.500
Brian Slack: Okay, just a moment here.

00:22:22.990 --> 00:22:37.870
Brian Slack: Right and there is a garbage truck going by my house, right now, so my apologies for any background noise, so this is a bridge New York award to Ulster county department of trance or department of public works, it is.

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Brian Slack: A total project cost of $4.3 million in federal and local match that is for the replacement of the trend woodbridge caring county route 54 over the beaver kill in the town of hardened Berg and again that's a 95% federal share and a 5% local match through bridge New York.

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UCTC: Thank you, Brian any questions.

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UCTC: Hearing none on since we're mostly remote Is there any opposition any opposed.

00:23:17.740 --> 00:23:18.970
UCTC: Any extensions.

00:23:21.790 --> 00:23:23.050
UCTC: Show past Thank you.

00:23:24.100 --> 00:23:30.280
Brian Slack: We will make this tip amendment open to 15 day public review.

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Brian Slack: For prior to approval at the next policy committee meeting.

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UCTC: Thank you, Brian.

00:23:37.900 --> 00:23:41.110
UCTC: yep Item number being it's an update process for the.

00:23:42.970 --> 00:23:49.090
UCTC: Use etc transportation improvement program is to draft EIS region eight capital Program.

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UCTC: there's no action required on this, this is just an update we just want to discuss it, Brian you have you have something to discuss that I know Sandra is honors and Center she has something to discuss as well.

00:24:01.090 --> 00:24:09.940
Brian Slack: Sure i'm i'll kick things off we've been eagerly awaiting guidance on the tip update process.

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Brian Slack: On Friday at the directors meeting.

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Brian Slack: New York State do T planning and program bureau indicated that we're very close to having guidance on the tip update.

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Brian Slack: Essentially, the the process, the way it works is that the New York State do T directs the MPs to update the tip.

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Brian Slack: Roughly every two to three years so we're due for that tip update the new tip will be the, I believe, if i'm not mistaken, the 2023 27 transportation grooming program it's a five year program as described in the agenda.

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Brian Slack: So, once the tip guidance is issued, that will also include fiscal targets for this npr and all npr statewide to utilize to manage and budget for.

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Brian Slack: All projects remaining on the tip if there are dollars left over after addressing the budget needs of the existing program, then we can issue a call for new project proposals for road and bridge projects in the Ulster county metropolitan planning area.

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Brian Slack: there's quite a few other details that.

00:25:24.400 --> 00:25:32.080
Brian Slack: go into the tip update process, I will be reaching out to individual project sponsors later this week to schedule.

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Brian Slack: One on one meetings, if you have a project on the tip particularly with construction phases in.

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Brian Slack: The next year or two, we will be looking at those in great detail and seeing if we can address any scheduling or budget needs each project will be addressed individually and.

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Brian Slack: There are different funding rules for each project, depending on the fund source that you're using, for example, if you are using the stp G FLEX program we have some flexibility in applying.

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Brian Slack: or looking for additional funds for construction phases, but.

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Brian Slack: If you.

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UCTC: Have a.

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Brian Slack: project, the utilizes transportation alternative program funding.

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Brian Slack: We don't have very much flexibility in adding additional funding to those projects, but we do have some flexibility and addressing schedule concerns.

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Brian Slack: So there are obviously quite a few details to go through, and a tip update this is a very condensed schedule and we hope to be able to kick it off very soon, and with that i'll give the floor over to Sandra if she has any additional information.

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UCTC: I.

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Sandra Jobson: don't necessarily have any additional information, but something for the Members to think about is.

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Sandra Jobson: You know.

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Sandra Jobson: Our planning dollars here in region eight New York State do T, which is a lower Hudson Valley, you know they're very limited and our emphasis is really on preservation, so a lot of our funds are dedicated to routine paving routine bridge.

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Sandra Jobson: maintenance.

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Sandra Jobson: signal upgrades but it if there is a project and Ulster county on a State highway.

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Sandra Jobson: that's a particular.

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UCTC: recollected a wireless.

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Sandra Jobson: MP our particular Member.

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Sandra Jobson: Oh, is there a problem.

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UCTC: Sorry, we were trying to recollect our wireless display we lost audio for a SEC.

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UCTC: We do have audio again sorry Sam.

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Sandra Jobson: want me to as long as you can hear me, can you hear me.

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UCTC: Now yeah okay.

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Sandra Jobson: So what I was trying to mention is that, although a lot of our fun here at New York cbot you know we were still an emphasis on preservation so we're doing a lot of repeating a lot of bridge that's where our funds are going.

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Sandra Jobson: But if there is a project in Ulster county and state highway that is of particular importance that's just not making it onto our capital program but you'd like to maybe funded with the mpl funds.

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Sandra Jobson: i'm sure that in our office we can take a look at a project idea like that and either you know we could definitely design it and construct it.

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Sandra Jobson: And even you know work with you, potentially on the project cost so you know i'm just something to think about being on.

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Sandra Jobson: Programming or in federal aid, you know adjust for the you know county roads or town road if you wanted to partner with the state, I think that that's something that we could talk about.

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UCTC: Like the standard Sandra.

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Sandra Jobson: Can you.

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UCTC: Give us a sense Center when.

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UCTC: The state of the regional habits capital program in place that we could see it.

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Sandra Jobson: yeah I would expect that to be released when planning financial targets are released.

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Sandra Jobson: I would think it's the timing should be aligned.

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Brian Slack: We were told that those would be released early this week.

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Sandra Jobson: So oh okay.

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Brian Slack: And that.

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Sandra Jobson: yeah better formation and I have so.

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Brian Slack: That was from Dave.

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Brian Slack: redick on Friday to the.

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Brian Slack: mpl directors statewide.

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Brian Slack: So Sandra.

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Brian Slack: Obviously we missed the deadline for today's technical committee meeting for an overview of the capital program so in light of that.

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Brian Slack: I reached out to DC TC and oC TC directors to see if they would be interested and hosting.

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Brian Slack: A regional overview of the capital program for the entire mid Hudson Hudson region within the next two weeks, therefore.

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Brian Slack: That way we wouldn't have to schedule individual meetings with Nice dot obviously we missed our technical committee window, so perhaps we could set it up as a webinar.

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Brian Slack: Where Members could could sit in but not necessarily participate, but other at the MPs could directly participate, would you be amenable to that um.

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Sandra Jobson: You know that, unfortunately, as those aren't it's not a decision that I can make here right now, but I think two weeks would definitely be too soon.

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Sandra Jobson: But we can definitely share the information with you folks when and the format I think we'll have to discuss that like after this meeting.

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UCTC: Well, I think that the main thing is centers that we we we've been asked by the by the feds in the past, so essentially we jointly as a regional as a regional council sets for a tma.

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Sandra Jobson: know I think it's a great idea I just commit to it right now.

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UCTC: So that that would be the point is, is that we would actually meet to discuss what what capital improvements are scheduled in the region for Nice.

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Sandra Jobson: So one would hope that.

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Sandra Jobson: Mark don't get too excited though it's going to be a lot of bridge rehab and.

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Sandra Jobson: A lot of.

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UCTC: A.

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Sandra Jobson: lot of catch basin and cleaning a lot of Bridget painting a lot of brainwashing, but we can we can definitely organize something, but I do know that two week time frame is probably not achievable.

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UCTC: So could you get back to us with a timeframe that would be yep okay so we'll look forward to that.

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Brian Slack: And, and I just want.

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Sandra Jobson: To open our Albany office to okay i'm.

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Sandra Jobson: Like you guys are told on Friday.

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Brian Slack: I just want to reiterate that this is a extremely condensed timeframe that all the MPs are dealing with and our partners at oC TC have to do, obviously air quality conformity, which provides even more.

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Brian Slack: additional steps for their timeline so we're looking now April isn't going to be a policy committee meeting.

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Brian Slack: Then May, June and typically the tips are passed statewide by all the MPs during the month of June.

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Brian Slack: we've been given an indication that will be given a few extra weeks into the month of July, but.

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Brian Slack: There is a process that the MPs do need to adhere to, we have to have our own public meeting.

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Brian Slack: We have to have enough time to update everyone's project schedule, so I just want everyone to be aware that the next few weeks are really going to be crunch time.

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Brian Slack: For the tip update and years past we've typically gotten guidance in the fall prior to this update process so.

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Brian Slack: To say that this is a condensed schedule is really an understatement it's going to be a big undertaking for us and we're going to work as quickly as we can to to give an updated tip approved by this MP oh by late spring early summer.

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UCTC: Thanks Brian any other conflict comments.

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UCTC: hearing that we're going to move on items on the agenda other old business and it's about this just wanted to point out.

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UCTC: What is a typo on the draft right yeah yeah Brian I don't know if you saw this it says add in the header it says add town of Rochester that should be kind of hard and birth yeah.

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Brian Slack: All right, thank you, I see that.

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UCTC: I just just happen to notice it apologies I didn't say it before we discussed it.

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Brian Slack: And that that's fine again it's a technical committee so that's what we're looking for my cut and paste job was found out today.

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UCTC: Thank you and number appears correct just the name yeah.

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Brian Slack: Thank you.

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UCTC: Thank you any any other comments on the tip update process.

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UCTC: Okay now moving on to other old business fh who FDA mid Hudson valley 2021 certification review Brian.

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Brian Slack: yeah sure the review is not complete, it has not been issued by the US do it at this point in time, but we, the npr did receive the draft findings of.

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Brian Slack: Of the fh who I think most of you participated directly in that certification review process that was held in September.

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Brian Slack: There was one corrective action that was found for this MP oh For those of you that aren't aware they're usually several tiers of findings that US do T will have for an end to the most serious of them is called a corrective action.

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Brian Slack: After that they put forth recommendations to the ipos of things that they should don't necessarily have to.

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Brian Slack: initiate or change, but they are strongly recommended that they consider them, so the one corrective action is regarding the uc TC long range transportation plan, in particular, our fiscal analysis, there is a an entire section I believe it's section eight of the lr tp devoted to.

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Brian Slack: The financial plan and in reading through the rules as outlined in federal law.

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Brian Slack: Apparently there is one table that we included in our financial plan that was actually moved to section nine under the plan of projects and it's the anticipated federal dollars available through the life of the plan which goes to 2045.

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Brian Slack: So, for one, that that table needs to be in section eight not section nine is what we found out so that is one element of the finding.

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Brian Slack: The other element is the table is organized by funding source, so we project that we will receive so many millions of dollars over the course of the plan.

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Brian Slack: To 2045 by funding source and our federal partners indicated that that is not actually how we're supposed to project.

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Brian Slack: The needs of the transportation system, we really need to look at individual elements of the transportation system, so how many dollars.

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Brian Slack: For roadway paving will you need by 2045 how many dollars for bridges, will you need by 2045 etc, etc that's how it was explained to us in the draft finding so we'll have to do very likely.

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Brian Slack: A revision or an amendment to the live range plan to make sure that we address that corrective action, otherwise I don't believe there were any major.

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Brian Slack: Serious findings for you ctc just a series of recommendations which will be happy to outline in detail at the next technical committee meeting i'm expecting that review to be delivered to us this week and.

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UCTC: One of those recommendations brian's I recall, was the was what you raised before, which is the operating procedures Am I correct.

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Brian Slack: yeah that's right there they're typically are quite a few recommendations again.

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Brian Slack: The NGOs not required to follow through on the recommendations, but we are strongly encouraged to do so and we want to keep our federal partners happy so we'll take a hard look at those recommendations.

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UCTC: Any questions for Brian on that.

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UCTC: I would, I would add that Nice dot has essentially written a letter to the federal our federal partners concerning.

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UCTC: The questions that they've raised about how tip finances are recorded.

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UCTC: And so that there's some support here from Nice in terms of how we characterize how we did our fiscal analysis.

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UCTC: And will will will await to see what happens with respective yeah.

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Brian Slack: Thank you Dennis Michael Flynn as the plan and program bureau did state very directly that near State do T feels that the long range plan does comply with the Federal rights.

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Brian Slack: But we're not we don't want to get in the middle of a fight it's not a major lift to make the revision we're more than happy to make the change, but it is important to note that there are different interpretations of the federal rights.

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UCTC: And we certainly appreciate nice support here it's better than.

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UCTC: Anything else anything from the Council members.

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UCTC: The second piece of the other old business is nicer to Ulster connect phase one award.

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UCTC: nicer to has a program that is called a clean communities Program.

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UCTC: that's eligible for applications from the private sector Ulster county has worked with a company called via via is a trans transport, transit company that does a lot of work with respect to software work in terms of scheduling.

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UCTC: They put together an application for micro transit demonstration projects in the city of kingston and in the area in and around Ellen villain Warsaw.

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UCTC: They were awarded funding I believe it's a $200,000 planning grant award to study that area and to make a final presentation to nicer to for funding of a demonstration project.

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UCTC: And if they're awarded on that demonstration project, then we would actually be able to up and run a pilot Program.

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UCTC: For micro transit in those two areas, we are currently working with a number of Community partners, including those folks that are very concerned on the environmental green side as well as those folks that are very concerned on the equity issues associated with transit.

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UCTC: And you'll be seeing a number of outreach public outreach efforts in those communities to take a look at how best to structure, a micro transit Program.

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UCTC: In those communities and then at the end of that they get to make a pitch to nicer to for funding.

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UCTC: And it's combined in a way, I believe it's less than 10 Minutes that they have to make the pitch and if if they are chosen, then there is a demonstration project that gets funded and I believe that funding is up to six or $8 million.

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UCTC: which could probably run a demonstration pilot program into three into three communities as an all in which means it's a turnkey operation for about three to four years.

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UCTC: In those instances so stay tuned for additional updates with respect to this.

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UCTC: it'll be very interesting to see work this office is working with via as as the county as as is a members of the county exec other members of the county executive team there's people on there from from a family of Woodstock other Community partners include the folks that.

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UCTC: i'm trying to think of their name.

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UCTC: Anyway, but the point being is is that it's a wide range public information team and we're putting together the building blocks of what a micro transit system will look like.

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UCTC: In these in these in these areas, via scheduling the difference between I think micro transit and demand response.

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UCTC: Is that the scheduling software is sophisticated enough that rather than calling 24 hours ahead in order to get a boss, you can actually call in the neighborhood of about an hour to two hours ahead.

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UCTC: And the bus will pick you up and take you to your destination or take you to a link to your destination, so it is a very sophisticated software product.

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UCTC: And we use something like it right now for for our county but it's not it's not quite as sophisticated as a as big as project of product just be aware that it's out there.

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UCTC: will hopefully win the award and be able to run a demonstration project to those two communities any questions on that.

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UCTC: Private roads.

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UCTC: Yes, yeah.

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UCTC: Also county traffic safety board updates Brian.

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Brian Slack: yeah, I just wanted to make everyone aware that the Ulster county traffic safety board is up and running, and if you go to the website, I will attempt to share my screen.

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Brian Slack: See.

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Brian Slack: There, so the we do have a web page the Ulster county traffic safety boards is up and you can go to traffic safety board meeting information.

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Brian Slack: All of our past meeting minutes and agendas are up here, these meetings are also being held.

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Brian Slack: As hybrid meetings they're held on the sixth floor of the Ulster county legislative chambers and.

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Brian Slack: We can continue to have very active agendas and so far we've had very informative meetings with some great participation from the town and village of Socrates regarding.

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Brian Slack: How near state will address enforcement of.

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Brian Slack: Canada cannabis legalization and traffic issues associated with cannabis legalization.

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Brian Slack: and also the New York state safe streets law that is currently being considered by the New York state legislature, we had a local advocate who had spoken to the New York State Assembly.

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Brian Slack: advocating for the passage of the New York state I believe it's called the safe streets law, there are several iterations out there.

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Brian Slack: But there's some important components in that law that will address establishment of local speed limits.

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Brian Slack: The three foot passing rule for bicyclists and several other important elements that will affect traffic safety and we got a very informative presentation there, so these meetings are open to the public, you can certainly participate online and and.

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Brian Slack: Join us for those meetings they're typically held on the first Monday of the month at 6pm.

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Brian Slack: Thank you.

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UCTC: Any questions for Brian.

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UCTC: Thank you, any other old business any other discussion from the Council members.

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UCTC: I just want to take a second to.

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UCTC: bring up what many people may know about with that the legislature meeting the other night.

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UCTC: They.

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UCTC: adopted the resolution to provide funding our funding to.

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UCTC: The rail trails Ellen w and the walk they'll valley to osi open space Institute was doing a remediation and and and reconstruction work on those I just wanted to thank legislator, which who's here with us tonight today.

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UCTC: I abstained, I had understood, but still if you can.

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UCTC: The legislature we appreciate it, and the data Rochester and I think it's a good use of the money the funding and.

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UCTC: So.

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UCTC: The trails aren't just used for recreation people use them to commute and I think that's important to remember so keeps people off of the highways.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr Ben any other comments.

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UCTC: hearing.

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Brian Slack: Dennis Dennis I have one.

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Brian Slack: Also county area transit recently appointed lauren Johnson is the new Director or i'm sorry the Ulster county legislature recently appointed lauren Johnson is the new Director of UK and we have not met with lauren yet, but we hope to be seeing more of him at future meetings.

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UCTC: yeah and i'll follow on with that we, we still have a lot of transit money that came through for both the.

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UCTC: The Kazakh as well as the infrastructure investment and jobs act and federal fiscal year the normal distribution of transit money to the tma.

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UCTC: federal fiscal year 2021 that has not been essentially decided in terms of how that money is going to be distributed throughout the region, and it is a substantial pot of money so we're still having that conversation at the tma level in terms of that distribution most.

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UCTC: Anything else.

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UCTC: A question.

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UCTC: Unification beautification I know we had a major I still want them and we're still cleaning up from you can see it coming down to a 90 day get stopped three times into their brain freeze them still.

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UCTC: But the the old tech city property those responsible along the county road there for all the trees and dad is that the new owners that so.

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UCTC: Why don't we take this offline just tomorrow i'll be happy to talk to you after after the meetings over, and I can answer that question, thank you anything else.

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UCTC: Hearing none motion to adjourn.

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UCTC: sumo Thank you Mr morrow Mr Baden is a second any opposed.

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UCTC: We are adjourned our Council meeting is on the 28th.

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i'm starting.

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UCTC: On the 26 Thank you on the 26th I will let you know whether it's going to be in person hybrid or completely remote, so thank you so much.

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Brian Slack: Thank you.

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UCTC: I get sorry.

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UCTC: Sorry, to cut you off with tomorrow so.

Meeting concluded at ~10:49 am