

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

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 May 20, 2016 Technical Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

- Registration open for September 29th ADA Training Seminar

5. New Business

- a) **Draft Resolution 2016-14: Amendment to the UCTC 2017 – 2021 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program.** At the request of the Village of Saugerties and the NYSDOT, an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is proposed. This project utilizes a portion of unused earmarked HPP (Highway Performance Program) funds from project PIN 8760.08 – Saugerties Pedestrian Improvements. The project will repair and replace approximately 900 lineal feet of damaged bluestone sidewalks with newly quarried material or original quality to meet ADA specifications. Damaged areas of bluestone curbing will be replaced where necessary. Select areas of original bluestone slabs will remain in place. The total project cost is \$359,072, with 80% covered through HPP funds and the remaining 20% covered through local funds. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period, which will be initiated following Technical Committee approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2016-14 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (10 minutes).

- b) **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) – MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform.** The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform NPRM was published in the Federal Register On June 27. The proposed changes to the transportation planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450) include:

- Changes to the definition of Metropolitan Planning Area would clarify that it must include the entire urbanized area, plus the contiguous area forecast to become urbanized within the 20-year planning horizon.
- Governors and MPOs would determine whether multiple MPOs are warranted within a single metropolitan planning area, based on the size and complexity of the area.
- Multiple MPOs within a metropolitan planning area would jointly develop planning products including a single metropolitan transportation plan, transportation improvement plan, and performance targets. To improve state coordination with MPOs, states and MPOs would be required to maintain a current planning agreement, which would include a dispute resolution process, and coordinate analyses within the metropolitan planning area.

The changes, as proposed, would have profound effects on UCTC and neighboring MPOs, including PDCTC, OCTC and NYMTC. The comment period closes on August 26; UCTC staff

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will provide an overview of the responses that were developed individually by NYSDOT, Mid-Hudson TMA MPOs and other statewide MPOs.

Recommended Action: For information purposes only (20 minutes)

- c) **Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area Regional Transit Planning Draft RFP.** The MHVTMA will seek proposals from qualified firms to complete a strategic, regional transit plan for the tri-county area of Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. The regional transit plan will focus on ways to better coordinate and connect existing transit systems internally, between the three counties, and externally, between the three counties and Albany and New York City metropolitan areas. To meet these goals, the regional transit plan will identify strategies to improve transit operations within the TMA, by addressing unmet regional needs and service gaps, reducing redundant services, and improving transit efficiencies. Funding for this effort was approved by all three MPOs, including UCTC under Resolution 2016-05, approved March 17, 2016. A draft Request for Proposals has been included in the agenda packet for review and discussion; deadline for final comments is September 16th.

Recommended Action: For information purposes only (20 minutes)

- d) **UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs.** The 2017 – 2021 TIP included two new “block program” PINs utilizing surplus allocations of STP FLEX and STBG Off-System Bridge funds. These funds will be made available to eligible Ulster County municipalities through direct solicitation to the MPO this fall. UCTC will provide an overview of the funds available, eligible projects and anticipated dates of availability. UCTC Technical Committee members will be asked to volunteer to sit on a review committee to assist in the rating and ranking of any applications submitted for these funds.

Recommended Action: For information purposes only (20 minutes)

- e) **Ulster County Transportation Council Coordinated Human Service/Public Transit Transportation Plan update.** UCTC is in the process of updating its Coordinated Plan in 2016. The primary purpose of a Coordinated Plan is to identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provide strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation. In addition, the current federal transportation authorization act - Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act - requires UCTC to prepare a Coordinated Plan as a condition of applying for and receiving Federal funds under the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) program. The Coordinated Plan is therefore intended to act as a blueprint for implementing a range of strategies to improve transportation services in Ulster County. UCTC staff will provide members with an update of project progress. A public meeting associated with the project has tentatively been scheduled for October 12.

Recommended Action: For information purposes only (20 minutes)

6. Other/Old Business

- Federal Earmark Repurposing
- UCTC Fall Traffic County Program
- New Funding Opportunities: BridgeNY, 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

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- 2017 UPWP Call for Planning Projects

7. Adjournment.

**The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday September 21,
2016.**

NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION:

**Meeting will be held at the Rondout Municipal Center
(joint Marbletown/Rosendale Town Hall) – 1915 Lucas Avenue Cottekill, NY**