

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

August 27, 2015

SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY

Members Present:

Ralph Swenson	City of Kingston
Alan Adin	City of Kingston
Mike Warren	Town of Marbletown/Supervisors Association
Howard Baker	Town of Marlborough
Gail Gallerie	Town of New Paltz
Tom Wilkin	Town of Plattekill
Jeanne Walsh	Town of Rosendale
Greg Helsmoortel	Town of Saugerties
James Bruno	Town of Saugerties
James Quigley	Town of Ulster
David Gilmour	Village of New Paltz
Alex Wade	Village of Saugerties
Bob DiBella	Ulster County Area Transit
Diane Beitel	Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
Kathy Nolan	Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee
Bob Mannix	NYS Dept of Transportation
Jack Hohman	NYS Thruway Authority
Anne Noonan	Adirondack Trailways
Glenn Gidaly	Barton and Loguidice
Fred Mastroianni	GPI
Steven Gayle	RSG

Staff:

Dennis Doyle	U.C. Planning Board/UCTC Staff
Brian Slack	UCTC Staff
David Staas	UCTC Staff

CALL TO ORDER

The Technical Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:00am. Roll call was conducted by Mr. Doyle.

CALL FOR CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Doyle asked if there were any citizen comments.

Kathy Nolan requested assistance from NYSDOT or the NYS Thruway Authority in getting wayfinding signage for the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center.

Jack Hohman indicated that he would follow up with the request.

Kathy Nolan complimented the public outreach efforts of UCTC staff regarding the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Building a Better Broadway Study.

Jeanne Walsh indicated that she would be requesting speed reductions and improved signage at locations throughout Rosendale. A formal request will be provided to Ulster County at the next Town Board meeting.

Mr. Doyle indicated that you can set a town wide speed limit but in order to change individual speed area speed limits a speed study must be conducted.

No further comments.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2015 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 4/28/15 meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee. Motion made by Mike Warren; second by Jeanne Walsh. **No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No communications were received.

No further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Resolution 2015-17: Adopt the Ulster County Transportation Council Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan – Rethinking Transportation. The Draft UCTC Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, titled “Rethinking Transportation,” was presented to UCTC Technical Committee members. A public presentation on the draft plan was held on August 20th at 7:00PM in the Ulster County Legislative Chambers. Digital and print copies of the report were provided for members.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Alex Wade; second by Mike Warren.

Steven Gayle from RSG provided an overview of the plan and the various components.

Mr. Slack provided further details relating to the financial plan and the short, mid, and long term goals and projects identified in the plan.

The majority of public comments were received through the rTown website developed for the project. A number of comments were received in regards to the expansion of the New Platz Intermodal Center. Complete streets, trail, and bike/ped infrastructure also generated a significant number of comments. Few comments were received relating to the overall vision or priorities. This provides an indication that it is easier to comment on specific projects rather than overall system priorities.

Mr. Doyle stressed the economic development components associated with transportation development and opportunities for alternative funding sources for transportation projects.

Jeanne Walsh asked if there was any work done regarding trip generation from recreational uses. The Supervisor further commented about the backup of traffic on I-87 as an issue that prevents some people from coming to visit the area.

Mr. Doyle noted that the Thruway Authority has no scheduled capital improvements for I-87 in Ulster County.

James Quigley asked for clarification relating to the origins of CHIPS funding.

Mr. Doyle responded that CHIPS funding is sourced entirely from New York State.

The public comment period will remain open until September 18th.

Alan Adin asked how accurate the predictions from previous iterations of the Long range Transportation Plan have been.

Mr. Doyle stated that on a population basis the previous plans have been inaccurate but the proposed projects have followed previous plans. Relating to project completion, it became apparent that the TIP was over programmed and that funding was needed for maintaining current infrastructure rather than building new facilities. This has been a statewide paradigm shift and not limited to Ulster County.

Glen Gidaly emphasized the progress made in non-motorized infrastructure, stating that Ulster County was well ahead of similar counties in the region.

Tom Wilkin provided a number of minor revisions to the plan which will be incorporated into the final version.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee with the discussed modifications for consideration.

Draft Resolution 2015-18: Amendments to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Local National Recreational Trail Program Awards Under PINs 876135, 876137, and 876138 per New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

NYSDOT has requested to add various project PINs to the UCTC 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program National Recreational Trail Program awards to local sponsors. The National Recreational Trail Program is administered by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation using Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP. Resolution 2015-18 programs PIN 876135: Kingston Rail Trail East Chester St to East Strand; PIN876137: Town of New Paltz Wallkill River Rail Trail Program; and PIN876138: Town of New Paltz Wallkill Valley Rail Trail.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Mike Warren; second by Jeanne Walsh.

Mr. Slack explained that the projects are a result of funding applications awarded by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

It was noted that PIN 876138 and 876137 incorrectly list the City of Kingston project sponsor instead of New Paltz.

Howard Baker expressed concerns that these projects may be taking the place of other projects such as the repaving of CR14 in Marlboro (PIN 875992).

Mr. Slack clarified that these were competitive funds awarded and were not part of the standard allocations used in determining short, mid, and long term project priorities on the TIP.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee with the discussed modifications for consideration.

Draft Resolution 2015-19: Amendments to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Modify Costs, Schedules and Project Descriptions to Ulster County Area Transit PINs 882324 and 8TRU64. Draft Resolution 2015-19 amends the UCTC TIP to modify costs, schedules and project descriptions to various NYSDOT and UCAT PINs in order to align the TIP with UCAT's 2015 FTA grant requests. Changes to UCAT PIN 8TRU64 have been withdrawn from the resolution as the modification is no longer needed.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Mike Warren; second by Jeanne Walsh.

James Quigley indicated that he was under the impression that UCAT was not allowed to operate a direct route from Kingston to Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Doyle responded that UCAT now has operating authority into Dutchess County as Adirondack Trailways has given up the route along route 9W. There have been no objections from Adirondack Trail. The new route will allow for flag stops along the entirety of the route.

No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

- Jeanne Walsh informed the Council that the property adjacent to the Rosendale Park and Ride facility had gone into estate, which could impact the potential for future lot expansion.
- UCTC 2016/17 UPWP Call for Planning Projects to be Issued in September
- Ulster Count Park and Ride Lot Expansion Projects nearing completion

- UCTC held 2 successful public outreach meetings for the Building a Better Broadway and Finding Rosendale projects in July and August; nearly 100 people attended all together
 - Jeanne Walsh expressed gratitude to UCTC and Barton and Loguidice for their efforts during the project.
- Project Updates can be found on the Agenda Supplement, page 4
- UCTC 2-Year Voting Member Rollover is complete

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slack indicated that the UCTC Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2015

Alex Wade announced that the Saugerties crosswalk project has been completed after 12 years.

No further discussion.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion to adjourn; motion made by Alex Wade; second by Mike Warren.

MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 11:55 am

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