



Ulster County Transportation Council

Michael P. Hein, Chairman

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County Executive Michael Hein, Chairman of the Ulster County Transportation Council, is pleased to release an updated draft list of transportation-related stimulus projects for public comment which may receive federal funding under the proposed *American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill*.

The President and Congressional leaders are discussing legislation to provide a stimulus to the economy via job creation through public works projects (economic stimulus), including transportation infrastructure-related projects. The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill* is scheduled for adoption in late-February/early-March 2009 and provides funding for “ready-to-go” federal-aid eligible projects (i.e., projects that could begin construction in spring or early summer of 2009).

It is important to note that this list has been developed to ensure federal aid eligibility. The draft list of projects presented is eligible for 100% federal aid stimulus program funding. There is no guarantee that any project on the draft list will be awarded federal funds if the economic stimulus legislation is passed.

Additional projects may be proposed during the public comment period. Additional projects proposed for inclusion on the draft list will be presented to the UCTC Policy Committee for consideration prior to the adoption of the draft list of projects.

The economic stimulus legislation is likely to contain provisions for project sponsors as well as identify funding for projects other than federal-aid transportation-related projects (e.g., improvements to schools, water and sewer systems, upgrades to schools, “green” renovations to federal buildings, etc.). The UCTC is responsible for developing a draft list of transportation-related projects only.

The draft project list is available via mail, email, or on the web at:

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Written comments will be accepted until **4:00 pm, Monday, March 2, 2009**. The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to discuss public comments received and adopt the draft list of projects March 5, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Ulster Community College, Clinton Hall, Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge, NY.