

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
**Policy Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Summary**

June 12, 2018

Rondout Municipal Center, Cottekill, NY

Members Present:

Ralph Swenson	City of Kingston
Laura Petit	Town of Esopus
John Dittus	Town of Hurley
Rich Parete	Town of Marbletown
Howard Baker	Town of Marlborough
Vernon Benjamin	Town of Saugerties
Joel Brink	Town of Ulster
Ed Pine	Ulster County DPW
Andrew Emrich	Ulster County DPW
Kathy Nolan	Ulster County Legislature
Dianne Beitel	Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
Lance MacMillan	NYS Dept of Transportation
Sandra Jobson	NYS Dept of Transportation
Amy Mackenzie	NYS Dept of Transportation
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Anne Noonan	Adirondack Trailways

Staff:

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments received.

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2018 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 2/28/18 meeting of the UCTC Policy Committee. Joel Brink made a motion to approve the minutes; second by John Dittus.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slack circulated a press release from the Governor's office announcing \$62m in funds for pedestrian safety work throughout the state. As part of the program, the City of Kingston was awarded \$0.530m in funds.

NYSDOT also announced the Transportation Alternatives Program. The application process is now open, applicants must participate in a training in order to be eligible.

Mr. Slack provided an announcement of Section 5307 funds. This provides transit funding that has been delayed due to negotiations between New York and New Jersey.

Additionally, Mr. Slack informed members that an additional Tech/Policy Committee meeting will need to be held for revisions to the I-587 intersection public that will require a public comment period. The anticipated date for the meeting will be some time in August.

## NEW BUSINESS

**UCTC Resolution 2018-06: Apportionment of Unallocated Federal Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Capital Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.** In November of 2017, UCTC in conjunction with Dutchess County Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council, in their cooperative functions representing the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area, issued a call for projects for unallocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds. Three applications were received and reviewed by the MPOs with input and oversight from NYSDOT Region 8 Transit staff. The TMA selected one project for full funding, one project for partial funding, and one project for funding contingent on further study. In addition, discretionary funding was made available to public transit providers within each county for regional transit innovation or planning projects of their choice. Award details and project descriptions are provided in the resolution.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Vernon Benjamin; second by Joel Brink.

Mr. Slack explained that this resolution would utilize funds nearing expiration. As part of the awards, Adirondack Trailways will be receiving funds to improve their facilities in Kingston.

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

**Resolution 2018-07: Amendment to the 2018 UCTC Unified Planning Work Program.** UPWP Project 44.23.02-03: Route 9W Corridor Study commenced in March 2017 with anticipated date of project completion March 31, 2018. The project was on schedule through January 2018 and staff anticipated full completion prior to the close of the State Fiscal Year. As such, the project was not included in the 2018 UPWP. Additional project needs were later identified after detailed review of the draft plan. UCTC staff in consultation with NYSDOT staff

and the Technical Advisory Committee determined that additional, minor tasks would be preferred in order to successfully close the project.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Ed Pine; second by Laura Petit.

Mr. Slack explained that this resolution is needed to extend and close out the project.

Howard Baker thanked the council for their assistance throughout the project.

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

**Resolution 2018-08: Performance Management Agreement between the Ulster County Transportation Council, New York State Department of Transportation, and Ulster County Area Transit and Kingston Citibus.** Draft Resolution 2018-08 seeks to address the planning requirements identified in the final rule on metropolitan and statewide planning published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. This final rule addresses changes to the metropolitan planning process stemming from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) including Performance Based Planning and Programming. It provides that States, MPOs, and providers of public transportation must jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO, and the collection of data for the State asset management plan for the National Highway System (NHS). The Chair of the MPO, NYSDOT, and both public transit providers must be signatories to this resolution.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Howard Baker; second by John Dittus.

Mr. Slack explained that UCAT has developed their statistics for the measures. No information has been received from Kingston Citibus yet.

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

**Resolution 2018-09: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year 2017 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program Document Narrative to Address Safety Performance Targets as Shown in Attachment 1.** Draft Resolution 2018-09 seeks to address the planning requirements identified in the final rule on metropolitan and statewide planning published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. This final rule addresses changes to the metropolitan planning process stemming from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) including Performance Based Planning and Programming. The final rule provides that updates and amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program completed after May 27, 2018 must be compliant with the updated metropolitan and statewide planning rule addressing FHWA safety performance measures and

targets. This resolution seeks to address that provision by amending the UCTC TIP to include language that addresses Safety Performance Targets.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Joel Brink; second by Howard Baker.

Mr. Slack explained that this language is being adopted by all NYS MPOs and is required by FHWA before any additional changes to the TIP can be made. No public comments were received during the public comment period.

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

**Resolution 2018-10: Distribution of the FFY 2017 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area.**

This resolution seeks approval for the apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 formula funds to the two designated recipients (DRs) in Ulster County: City of Kingston (Kingston Citibus) and Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit). The full year FY 2017 Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Formula Appropriations makes \$964,486 available to DRs; a 50/50 split of the funds has been agreed to by both parties.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Howard Baker; second by Vernon Benjamin.

Mr. Doyle commented that the availability of Section 5339 for the Kingston urbanized area was recently provided and an additional resolution will likely be needed in the future.

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

**Resolution 2018-11: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.**

This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). This action is a routine occurrence that takes place after the FTA apportions 5307 funds to the TMA (UZA 89) and NY and NJ come to an agreement on a fair and rational sub-regional allocation. FTA Section 5307 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Dutchess Transportation Council (DCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and DCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2017, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will return its formula allocation of \$447,553 to the Unallocated balance as repayment for a temporary loan provided under UCTC Resolution 2018-04. Private commuter bus carriers in Ulster (ADK Trailways) will receive \$2,206,229.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Joel Brink; second by Rich Parete.

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

**Resolution 2018-12: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.** Resolution 2018-12 seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from federal authorizations to the TMA (UZA 89) under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council (PDCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation, prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and PDCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2017, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive a total of \$178,659.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Ed Pine; second by Howard Baker.

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

#### **OTHER/OLD BUSINESS**

- UCTC 2017 TIP – Block Program Bridge and Paving Pins
  - Funds will be awarded pending remaining funds left after offset needs have been addressed.
  - Wilbur Ave will be awarded for repaving.
- Project Updates
  - UCTC RSA Project
    - Ongoing
    - Opportunity to examine additional locations
  - Transit Integration Plan
    - Ongoing negotiations between Ulster County and the City of Kingston
  - Kingston Signage and Wayfinding
    - Merje has been selected and a Kickoff meeting is being scheduled

John Dittus thanked NYSDOT for coming to the Town of Hurly and present to abate fears that arose from the upcoming construction on Route 209.

Joel Brink thanked NYSDOT for their work on the Route 209 Bridge in the Town of Ulster.

**No further discussion.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at approximately 10:57 am.

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