

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
Technical Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Summary**

May 20, 2016

SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY

Members Present:

Alan Adin	City of Kingston
Ralph Swenson	City of Kingston
Mike Warren	Town of Marbletown
Neil Bettez	Town of New Paltz
Tom Wilkin	Town of Plattekill
Joel Brink	Town of Ulster
James Bruno	Town of Saugerties
Robert Sudlow	Ulster County Executive Office
Edward Pine	Ulster County DPW
Diane Beitel	Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
Tom Weiner	NYS Dept of Transportation
Jack Hohman	NYS Thruway Authority
Mark Boungard	Adirondack Trailways
Barry Hecht	Adirondack Trailways

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 CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Citizen comments were submitted

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2016 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 2/11/16 meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by Joel Brink. **No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

## COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No communications or announcements at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Draft Resolution 2016-06: Amendment to the UCTC 2014 – 2018 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program.** NYSDOT Local Projects Unit periodically reviews local projects on the STIP to monitor “STIP performance” in order to confirm that the STIP is fiscally constrained during the 4-year STIP period. A number of local UCTC projects were identified with phases that would not meet obligation during the 4 year STIP cycle and therefore marked for amendment or modification. UCTC PIN 876122 as shown in Draft Resolution 2016-06 required the amendment of C and CI phases outside of the first four years of the 2014 TIP to 2018 (Year 5). Under UCTC TIP Amendment and Modification Procedures, schedule changes outside of the first four years of the TIP constitute an Amendment which requires UCTC Policy Committee approval.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by Mike Warren.

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

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

**Draft Resolution 2016-07: Approval of the Draft UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.** UCTC updates the TIP every 2-3 years in accordance with federal rules and regulations. The Preliminary Draft UCTC TIP was revised and updated based on TIP/STIP Policy Guidance and Instructions issued by NYSDOT on September 10, 2015. In accordance with those instructions, UCTC staff, working closely with members of the UCTC TIP Subcommittee, developed a list of recommended projects for inclusion in the 2017-2021 program based directly on local sponsor input and available federal funds. Those recommendations were then presented to the Technical Committee at its 11/12/15 meeting for review and approval. That draft program was similarly reviewed by NYSDOT and entered in draft format into NYSDOT's accounting software in order to confirm that the UCTC local program conforms to local planning targets. The preliminary draft is now ready for public review by local project sponsors. A copy of the Draft 2017 – 2021 UCTC TIP will be circulated for Technical member review and approval.

Mr. Slack provided a presentation giving an overview of the process, document, and program.

Questions were asked regarding eligibility and selection criteria for the bridge block programming PIN. Mr. Slack clarified indicating that funding was available for off-system bridge projects for specific elements of the bridge. Criteria will be established and a call for projects will be issued in the fall.

Tom Weiner commented that there were some additional changes to the State program not reflected in the document.

Mr. Slack stated that changes will be added to the document before the public comment period

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by Neil Bettez.

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

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

**Apportionment of FTA §5307 and FTA §5339 Funds Attributable to UZA 454/Kingston Urbanized Area for FFY 2015.** FTA §5307 formula funds made available to the Kingston Urbanized Area in FFY 2015 equal \$922,293. Eligible designated recipients of these funds include Kingston Citibus and Ulster County Area Transit. In addition, FTA §5339 formula funds made available to the Kingston Urbanized Area in FFY 2015 equal \$89,726.44 in FFY 2015. Eligible designated recipients of these funds include Kingston Citibus and Ulster County Area Transit. The City of Kingston and Ulster County must come to an agreement regarding a fair split of these funds before apportionment may take place

**Apportionment of FFY 2016 FTA Sub-regional Allocation to UZA 89/Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urbanized Area.** New York and New Jersey have reached agreement on the fair and rational sub-regional allocation of the FFY 2016 Sections 5307, 5339 and 5310 funds apportioned to the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ urbanized area (UZA89). While the distribution has not yet been discussed by the members of the Mid-Hudson TMA, the numbers will be shared with UCTC Technical Committee members in an effort to expedite eventual apportionment and distribution among eligible recipients within the three TMA MPOs

Mr. Doyle reviewed the funding allocations and the process for approval through TMA cooperation. Ulster County has been allocated \$319,860 for FFY16 in UZA 89 Section 5339 funds.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion to forward the agreed upon funding allocations to the Policy Committee for consideration. Motion made by Tom Wilkin; second by Mike Warren.

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

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

## **OTHER/OLD BUSINESS**

- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Bridge Inspection Reports for Ulster County

Mr. Slack requested bridge inspection reports from the Federal Railroad Administration and indicated that the report states that all facilities in Ulster County under FRA jurisdiction meet Federal Requirements and are safe to use.

- Federal Earmark Repurposing

Earmarks that have gone unobligated for 10 years are now eligible to be repurposed within 50 miles of the original location. The State will determine how

the repurposed funds are to be used by establishing a plan. Comments are to be submitted to NYSDOT. One earmark totaling \$0.4m is eligible for repurposing in Ulster County.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barry Hecht thanked UCTC for the work on the FFY16 FTA 5307 Resolution.

The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday March 17, 2016

**No further discussion.**

Mr. Doyle requested a motion to adjourn; motion made by Joel Brink; second by Tom Wilkin.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at approximately 11:05 am

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