

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**February 23, 2021
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Policy Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of the September 22, 2020 Policy Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

5. New Business

a) UCTC Resolution 2021-01: Adopt the Ulster County Transportation Council’s SFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program.

The Draft UCTC State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is available for review. Staff will present the draft program and request input and comment. The Draft 2021 UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles, revises several projects included on the previous program, and adds 1 new project for future programming and development.

UCTC’s 2020/21 Federal funding allocation for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 is a total of \$388,105 in FHWA (PL) funds and a total of \$59,523 in FTA Section 5303 (MPP) funds. All of these funds (\$447,628) are available for programming in the 2021/2022 UPWP. UCTC also has federal funds available from previous years; these funds represent previous savings that are available to the Council for programming as needed.

The 15 day public review and comment period closed on Monday February 15, 2021; no public comments were received.

All figures in the 2021 UPWP are subject to change pending final revisions to individual task costs and closure of SFY 2020 Q4 expenditures on March 31, 2021.

Recommended Action: *Discuss the UCTC SFY21 UPWP and consider adoption (20 minutes).*

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b) UCTC Resolution 2021-02: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT Project PIN 846064 as Shown in Attachment 1.

At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation Region 8, UCTC Resolution 2021-02 seeks to add PIN 846064: *Route 32 at Interstate 87 Intersection Engineering Study – analyze traffic patterns and identify potential intersection improvements after removal of toll both plaza...Town of Saugerties, Ulster County...Transferred Earmark – NY429*. The project will utilize State Dedicated Funds and Federal High Priority Project funds for a total \$0.279m in funds. The addition or removal of any project to the UCTC TIP that utilizes federal transportation aid constitutes an amendment to the TIP and therefore requires both Technical and Policy Committee approval as well as 15 day public comment period.

The 15 day public review and comment period closed on Monday February 15, 2021; no public comments were received.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2021-02 and consider adoption (20 minutes).

c) UCTC Resolution 2021-03: Distribution of the FFY 2021 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area.

The Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more that is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Funding is made available to designated recipients that are public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds. Governors, responsible local officials and publicly owned operators of transit services shall designate a recipient to apply for, receive, and dispense funds for urbanized areas pursuant to 49USCA5307(a)(2). The governor or governor's designee acts as the designated recipient for urbanized areas between 50,000 and 200,000.

As shown in Attachment 1 **Resolution 2021-03, \$1,039,578** in FTA 5307/5340 funds were apportioned to publicly-owned operators of transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area in **FFY 2021**.

Ulster County, operator of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT), is the only publicly owned transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area. As such, Draft Resolution 2021-03 allocated 100% of available funds to Ulster County.

Eligible activities include: planning, engineering, design and evaluation of transit projects and other technical transportation-related studies; capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as replacement, overhaul and rebuilding of buses, crime prevention and security equipment and construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software. In addition, associated transit improvements and certain expenses associated with mobility management programs are eligible under the program.

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All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs.

For urbanized areas with populations less than 200,000, operating assistance is an eligible expense.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2021-03 and consider adoption. (20 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- Project Updates
- BridgeNY
- UCTC Bridge Call for Projects - Applications

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on March 23, 2021.