

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
November 22, 2022

Meeting held in person and via zoom at 10:00 am

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UCTC: Good morning, everyone! Welcome to the Oh, my gosh! It's November

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UCTC: meeting it.

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UCTC: What happens? The November Meeting of the Ultimate Transportation Council policy Meeting

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UCTC: the uh i'm going to name off the uh the Member Agency, and if the member could just please uh state who they are. Ulster County City of Kingston.

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UCTC: I think I saw Leanne uh Thornton. Yeah, I see you there, Leanne. We got you

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UCTC: town of Ulster.

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UCTC: There you go,

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Kristen Resnikoff (NYSTA): Kristen Rosnikov.

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UCTC: Hey, Kristen

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UCTC: Town of Hurley,

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UCTC: Town, of a sofas

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UCTC: town of Marlborough,

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UCTC: town of Shanghai, village of New Calls,

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UCTC: town of a

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UCTC: town of Kingston

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Mike Baden: and town of Rochester.

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UCTC: We have nine members

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UCTC: any. Um, I can run through those on the line. Thank you very much. Yeah.

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UCTC: Uh, on on the line we have uh Amy Mackenzie from New York State to Uh. Kaitlyn Hole, Cheryl, Snyder, Chris, Kate, Chris, Hannah, John Schultes, Kristen Resnikov,

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UCTC: Uh Leanne, Thornton,

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UCTC: Michael Gunther, Mike Baden Nicole Farmer, Phil Earner, Ruth and Frank.

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UCTC: Uh. And then I have a number dialed in and uh Ripley.

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UCTC: It looks like they're connecting to audio, so I suspect that might be the phone number

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UCTC: wait for them to connect. Uh, if the folks in the audience would like to identify themselves, you know, after. But if you do

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UCTC: that last phone number.

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UCTC: If the person with the number ending with two, five, zero, zero could identify themselves would be great.

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So

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UCTC: okay, we'll move on.

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UCTC: Call for citizens comments we'll start with in the room, and he says his comments in the room

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checking on the progress being made on graphic

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legislator that he had um

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area representative for the railroad,

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and that has not going out yet, and I was wondering if you had down the

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UCTC: I have not received anything

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there. It has been a letter written by the

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the Department of Public Works to Subcommittee.

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UCTC: Would they be willing to share that with the Mpa.

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UCTC: I didn't see one

0:04:13.820,0:04:15.610

when it's finalized.

0:04:16.290,0:04:20.030

Okay,

0:04:23.540,0:04:24.560

thank you.

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UCTC: He still has his hand raised on line. Is there anyone that legislative owner

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UCTC: online?

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Thank you very much.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Um.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): First. I just like to remind the the Council about the upcoming

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): budget votes in the Legislature, as you may be aware, on the thirtieth. The Ways and Means Committee will consider the budget with amendments, and then on December fifth is the full Legislature's vote.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): I, among others, have put in amendments concerning transportation and including public transportation. And

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): uh, although the public hearing period has passed, if the Council has any thoughts about that, i'd certainly welcome hearing about them.

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): Uh, my other comment today is

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): concerning the center for post-carbon logistics based in the town of Rosndale and I've, recently completed reading their comments on the transportation sector of the New York State Climate Action Council, draft, scoping plan,

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): and they have

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): eight

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): policy recommendations, and there's some of which I will be looking at us, doing in the legislature, many of which need State or Federal action, but I suspect some of which the Council here could also take action on. I think they really have the right idea in terms of

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): drawing down the carbon usage in the transportation sector, thinking about old technologies being new again, but also using what we've learned through the industrial revolution uh successes and failures in terms of how we transport

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Phil Erner District 6 (he/him/él): goods mainly is their focus. Um! You've heard me in this space certainly talk about passenger transportation as well, and I'm going to put a link to their website in the chat, and I thank you very much for listening.

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UCTC: Thank you. Legislature, or any other comments. People in the room. I'm sorry I went to

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UCTC: no

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UCTC: any other comments from um those remote

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Mike Baden: hearing that, Dennis, it's uh It's Mike Baden. Um,

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Mike Baden: Mr. Baden. Why, don't you go first? Okay, Um.

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Mike Baden: The Ulster County uh Trails Advisory Council the last several months has been having a pretty robust discussion

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Mike Baden: about e bikes and an e bike policy. Um,

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Mike Baden: i'm bringing it to to this committee's attention because I think

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Mike Baden: it's a discussion that we could possibly play a role in um. There's a lot of discussion back and forth about the various types, you know. Should the policy be set based on type should it be set on weight? Uh,

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Mike Baden: and the only thing that comes up each month is that there's very differing opinions. And so i'm just sort of bringing it to this group's attention. I think perhaps we could help

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Mike Baden: the Trails Advisory Committee, and in collaboration maybe come up with some sort of idea. So i'm just putting it out there for consideration,

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Mike Baden: not a specific action, but just for consideration.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr. Biden.

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UCTC: I do. I I think I think I heard another comment, for sure at least, Cheryl Snyder, I wanted to to comment.

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Cheryl Schneider: Thank you.

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Cheryl Schneider: And um. Accessibility needs to. There needs to be a lot more accessibility for more of us and Ebi. To some people the Fargo buys, and E bikes represent livelihood, and

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Cheryl Schneider: much has been pitched about the trails

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Cheryl Schneider: um about how it's multi-modal, and how everybody can use them to get about into their life and it's not just recreation. And I certainly hope that we have ways for people to live their lives because invites are affordable,

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Cheryl Schneider: and we

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Cheryl Schneider: problem of people being us before mobility. You people can afford their own vehicles. We don't have enough bus service. Uh hello, New York State. We need to be. The State needs to be running uh transit like Germany or something. This should not be on our local

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Cheryl Schneider: municipalities to have the handle or an Mpo. Um, but we need to make way for pedestrians

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Cheryl Schneider: five to

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Cheryl Schneider: Oh,

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Cheryl Schneider: everybody has a right to the roads and to to the trail. So we have to figure this out, and when it makes sense

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Cheryl Schneider: um,

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Cheryl Schneider: and let's not do what we did with this with the with the interest state. So we got communities we have but the New York State through way to do my own now um, et cetera, et cetera. Let's do something different,

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Cheryl Schneider: like uh, too many people dying on roads. Thank you.

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UCTC: Sure. A real cut Now we can't hear you, she said. Thank you. Oh, thank you. I'm sorry. Uh, I didn't hear that we got it. Okay, Anyone else remote, any other comments remote.

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UCTC: I see no hand rate hands raise currently. Thank you, Dave, and we'll move on next item on the agenda Approval of July twenty six two thousand and twenty-two policy committee meeting summary kind of a motion for discussion purposes

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UCTC: so moved. Thank you, Mr. Morrow. Do I have a second, Mike Biden? Thank you, Mr. Bayden. I have motion, this,

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UCTC: any discussion,

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UCTC: any opposed

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UCTC: any abstentions.

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UCTC: So Karen

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UCTC: communications and announcements, Brian, David, David, New York State Dot, recently announced that the Bridge New York program funding amounts,

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UCTC: and it's going to be a little bit of a different program this year than it has been in your years past previously. New York State Dot ran the application process. Um!

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UCTC: And it was done through uh solicitation for projects. This year the funding has been allocated directly through the um capital program. Uh, and there is an allocation. So uh for Ulster County of Eight Point five, nine million dollars for bridge projects.

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UCTC: Um!

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UCTC: There's one hundred and fifty million statewide per for the bridges. But we do have a set allocation amount, and then there's fifty, a million that's going to be

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UCTC: so aside for culverts. But I believe that's statewide, and I think the review for that is going to be handled at the near region. Eight level. Um!

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UCTC: But for the bridge projects we will be handling the review process, and we're most likely going to be following the New York State dot guidance. It's going to be very similar to Bridge, New York, as you've seen in the past, or our off system call for uh our system. Bridge call for projects that we had done previously.

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Um!

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UCTC: There's no pre-review process that's required uh extra weight will be given. If you have a pe um review

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UCTC: of your project, and we expect to get the application materials out for the first week of December is what we're anticipating.

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UCTC: Um, but we're most likely going to follow The New York State do t guidance, and we just say, we will. Okay, Yeah, that's I think that's a lot that's a lot of clear. We just say that that's what we're going to do. Can you give us deadlines? I'm: sorry. Let me Let us get through this. Can you give us deadlines today?

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UCTC: Oh, geez I had sent it out in the email. Um,

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UCTC: uh, I can't remember them off the top. You have them, Sandra. Thank you.

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We're looking for next week for all the we also will need um some names from you folks for this morning. Okay, so that by Wednesday next week, if you could please um,

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and then

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UCTC: and they do wear on the on the twenty they do at the Npo level. So if you decide to follow the planning process in the guidance, um folks would submit their application to the Bridge, New York E-mail address for regime. So that's that's at your discretion.

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UCTC: Have you made a decision on that. I think we want to submit both. I think we wanted to submit to you folks in the submit to us as well. That's I take our back. That's absolutely fine, and we'll make sure that we have a We have a sense of what's coming in, and we know whether or not we have to sort of be bushes to make sure that we have enough applications not to.

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UCTC: We find out the last minute. We don't have enough applications to cover the amount of

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UCTC: anyone. Disagree with that approach

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UCTC: anybody on the phone on remote

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UCTC: see? No hands?

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UCTC: Uh, thank you

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UCTC: over a number of years. Or is that

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No,

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UCTC: it's two years worth of funding, as I understand it, and there's supposedly another round, and how that will be released, I think, depends upon the access to the success of this now, so we would expect. Say, a local agreements sign next

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UCTC: Mr. Lynn.

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UCTC: Um in past years, if there was a submittal that was not

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UCTC: um selected in that year, and it was resubmitted the following year, or even the following year. There were expert extra points given,

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and we're not obtaining their selection. And a previous year. Is that still little home?

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UCTC: I don't have an answer for that. We'll get back to you on that

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UCTC: for sure. I don't have an answer for that. Now.

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UCTC: Um! I'll just leave it at that. There is a lot of the pounds, you know. After this a bit of once or twice it forget it. I'm not going to submit any more, because it's not going to go anywhere. Well, this and this is just. Remember you have an allocation to the count up to the Mpo. And that allocation is

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UCTC: almost nine million dollars. Eight point five, nine, nine million rounded up.

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UCTC: So I think it would be good for the yeah. And and we're that'll go out in our in our in our release. The other question

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UCTC: that I wanted to ask is is that we're You heard? Um, Senator, indicate that names for those folks that want to review. Is there anyone on the Council

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UCTC: that wants to help review applications? We do have enough people now to review, but I just want to make sure to open it up with anyone at the on the app has

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UCTC: on the Council wants to review. I know John Shelter has been, while I'm. Told to to help us give us a hand uh from the city of Kingston. So thank you, John.

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Mike Baden: Yeah, it's Mike Bay and I I would be willing as long as it wouldn't be a conflict of interest. I I don't think we're going to be applying at this point. We we have enough on our plate with the the current project. But if if you, if you need another set of eyes. I'd be willing.

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UCTC: Uh, thank you. Um. The other question I just wanted to ask is is out of that funding. I believe a certain amount of it has to go to off system bridges,

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UCTC: and that that amount carries through. But it's not. It's not on a statewide basis. It's on an on an individual Npo. Basis. Is that correct?

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UCTC: So when when you folks receive the announcement, just be aware of the fact that we'll be able to just show you and tell you what what, what what bridges would be all considered off system Bridges.

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Okay.

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UCTC: All two counties was larger than

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and the city,

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and it looks like

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UCTC: we got a lot less than other portions.

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UCTC: I know it was around one hundred and fifty million, so

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UCTC: I know we've got a larger allocation than Duchess and Orange. I know that's the case. So we know. Are they going to be the same as the Federal lady?

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Yes,

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UCTC: it will be a lot easier. We have a very active and engaged local project unit. I'm: Sure it's no they really Yeah. And then culverts. Is that the state process, though, that State funding.

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So yeah,

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and the call our program is a little different. Um, today. Um, we just sent out a follow up email, just clarifying with all the municipal officials in the Hudson Valley that the covert application definitely goes to the great

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Um, and they will be reviewed. And

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um we're working right now. I'm building a

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let me know. Um,

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and it's ugly for the

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one hundred.

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UCTC: Thank you, Sandy.

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UCTC: Anything else on the Bridge New York program. I would urge everyone on the Council to speak to your highway superintendents. Anyone on the phone speak to your highway superintendents, make them aware of this. We will be sending emails everywhere, both to the town and supervisors and mayors.

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UCTC: Uh, and as well as to um,

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UCTC: the super highway superintendent

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UCTC: that there, wherever uh now is your chance to apply. I would hate to find ourselves in the situation where we

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UCTC: our

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UCTC: concerned about the lack of funding for bridges, and Don't make applications for this one.

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UCTC: And this is ninety-five percent funding.

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Yeah,

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UCTC: So it's ninety-five percent funding. So I mean, it's literally

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important that we

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that' be a

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UCTC: any questions on that.

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UCTC: Any comments from Council members.

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UCTC: Okay, any other communications and announcements. I have two brief ones, just a reminder. Uh Youctc did send out the unified planning work both around. Call for planning project proposals,

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UCTC: and I was sent out about two weeks ago. Deadline is the seventy-nine. I've received the number of big for the number, so i'm very encouraged to see uh It's municipalities interested in the

unified planning work program and thinking about uh corridor studies and other types of uh feasibility studies.

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UCTC: Please reach out to me if you have any questions on that process. And also, since we're talking about the subject, recall, i'd also like to point out under I I agenda. Item six. We have the usbot as a notices of funding opportunity link that is linked on the you and the web page as well.

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UCTC: This has all the latest Federal funding uh programs as as they are now.

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UCTC: Everything is listed there, and it's timely fashion.

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UCTC: There is also a new Federal program for uh addressing Um

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UCTC: barriers to Aquatics Instance passage that was announced. Since we've been minstered by the Us. Eot somewhat unusual. Uh, I believe that's an eight hundred and twenty cost here. But if you do live in a um estuary in this pounding, that town of the sofas anything bordering the Hudson River.

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UCTC: Um. This may be a program that would work for you. I would urge you to reach out to me. We can put you in touch with professionals that our department of the environment as well. We've been working on this on a topic

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UCTC: for a number of years in, and they have um, for

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UCTC: I almost believe it's all of the culverts in the county, with all the major culverts in the county. They have condition ratings as well as uh ratings relative to their ability for aquatic passage.

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UCTC: So if anyone has any questions or needs uh additional guidance with with with respect to that give us a call. We'll put you in touch with somebody that can address that. But there is online resources relative to uh, those. Those call requests.

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UCTC: Any questions on the call work stuff, and and Brian's

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UCTC: announcement find you have anything else? No,

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UCTC: um. I want to get back to one of our guests today that asked the question about things highway. Uh: I don't think we can actually go ahead and do the traffic.

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UCTC: So, David, if you could update us on on traffic maps and what we're doing. I appreciate it. Yeah, We had taken a look at um trap accounts there at the location of trends over the years, and it's kind of gone up dips. But um,

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UCTC: you know, based on the comments that we've received. I think we're going to schedule a trap account in the area. Um, come for spring, and we'll be doing truck uh your classification speed count as well just to make sure that we have the most current

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UCTC: data, and not just a modeled or historic data at that location.

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UCTC: Not yet. Uh there. There were a few that were running a little bit late, so I think two weeks ago they were still some out and around the Kingston area. Um, but I have processed the bulk of them. Have not published them. Yeah.

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UCTC: And we do have classification counts on those. So we're going to have. We'll have some speed data with respect to elastication and speed. Yeah. Yeah. So what what we're? I don't know whether anyone is looking at Duches County that this county does. Specification counts and speed down, and they combine them with accident data.

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UCTC: Uh, And so they look at high speeds, high accent locations, and it suggests some areas where um, you know, maybe for enforcement, or there maybe need for other kinds of discussions where relative to that runway. Uh, so it's sort of like a a first. The first step screening process.

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UCTC: Uh, that's out there. I would say that the county, the the transportation Councils work on the Road safety program did a lot of that work as well.

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UCTC: Anything else on communications and announcements. Anything from council members.

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UCTC: You're not

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UCTC: new business items, a uctc resolution two thousand and twenty-two to seventeen distribution of Federal fiscal year, two thousand and twenty-two Federal transit administration section fifty, three hundred and seven, fifty-three, forty urbanized area portion. It's a tribute to the city I have a motion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr. Pine. Do I have a second? Thank you, Mr. Morrow. I have a motion in second discussion, Brian. Just clarification. This is a tribute to the Kingston urbanized area, not City Kingston. This is the final outstanding Fta apportionment um that is available to designated recipients in Ulster county

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UCTC: um they're being one, and that is also kind of government operating. Uh, this is funding attributable, as I said, to the case in the organized area for the office of the year, twenty-two, and the amount of one million two hundred and ninety-nine thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars once approved, all of our apportionments will be

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UCTC: um approved and available for by the transit providers

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UCTC: any questions, any discussion from the Council members?

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UCTC: I I don't know. I know. Uh the question is, if everybody heard it. Is Is there anything going on relative to uh the that director? We now have an acting director? If you had uh Tony right there was moved into that position. Um, but I don't have any further information on that.

0:26:44.870,0:26:47.010

UCTC: Any other questions or comments

0:26:49.220,0:26:51.290

UCTC: hearing none, any opposed,

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UCTC: and the extensions

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so carried. Thank you.

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UCTC: Resolution B. Resolution, two thousand and twenty-two. Item B. I'm. Sorry Resolution two thousand and twenty-two to eighteen support for the New York State department transportation knives dot targets for safety performance measures. I have a motion for discussion purposes,

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UCTC: Mr. Morrow. I'm sorry, John. Mr. Bulk moved, and Mr. Morrow seconded

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UCTC: right

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UCTC: and again like to uh draw everyone's attention to the fact sheet that the companies uh resolution two thousand and twenty-two dash eighteen, which I think very succinctly summarizes

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UCTC: what is a relatively complex process. But we've been doing this for a number of years now

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UCTC: in line with our performance management requirements which came into effect under map, twenty-one, and two thousand and thirteen,

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UCTC: and the rules of which I think will finalize in two thousand and sixteen two thousand, and seventeen So each year Npo Statewide are required to declare either their own safety targets for the national highway system or to utilize New York State Department transportation safety targets as set for

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uh in my um

0:28:25.610,0:28:27.600

UCTC: highway safety plan,

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UCTC: all fourteen. And so they. Why continue to recognize New York State vot targets rather than create their home targets. The process for establishing those targets is outlined in the fact sheet, and essentially we have a five year rolling average each year. We drop the

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UCTC: the oldest year of data available, and about the latest year of data available in order to set that five year on average. So the five year period right now is twenty-six into two thousand and twenty-two.

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UCTC: We uh set a forecast and there is a cap uh set on the amount of percentage change that can be

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UCTC: um allowed in that one percent cap make sure to allow for any huge variances and data. There's a big jump up or down. It's not held against the State or the

0:29:22.300,0:29:41.060

UCTC: the five areas that the targets are set for the number of fatalities, the rate of fatalities for us, utilizing the vehicle mass trial on the highway system, Number of serious injuries, and the rate of serious injuries as well as the number of non-motorized vehicles and non-motorized series of these are statewide

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use for it.

0:29:45.550,0:29:48.340

UCTC: Transportation management,

0:29:49.070,0:29:51.619

UCTC: Any questions from council members

0:29:51.810,0:29:53.060

UCTC: comments

0:29:58.590,0:30:00.559

UCTC: hearing none, any opposed,

0:30:03.230,0:30:04.830

UCTC: any abstentions

0:30:06.150,0:30:07.520

UCTC: so carried.

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UCTC: Thank you,

0:30:11.820,0:30:25.190

UCTC: resolution. Two thousand and twenty-two, nineteen amendment to the State fiscal year, two thousand and twenty-two, two thousand and twenty-three unified planning work program to amend existing planning projects, and I have a motion for discussion purposes

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UCTC: only

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UCTC: I have

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UCTC: Mr. Vaughan moved. Add you second, Mr. Pine seconded. I have a motion a second Brian.

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UCTC: Yes, there were two uh projects that were identified as priorities. Um, through right, for a variety of reasons. And those projects are requiring amendments on the unified planning work program.

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UCTC: So, then, so that we can prioritize that work, as during this current State fiscal year. The first project is in request that originated from Ulster County area transit

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UCTC: to perform a transit network assessment. This essentially would engage in a process to

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UCTC: consider transit system, optimization, route optimization which utilizes um proprietary software to identify the most efficient routes that the transit provider can use in both rural and urbanized areas,

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UCTC: and it can also be used for routing a pair of transit. So the the scope of work would involve um finding a eligible vendor that can provide both planning and software support services

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UCTC: for the transit provider. Um. So if that funding is approved, we would then um issue a request for proposals to search for a qualified vendor

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UCTC: to do that work.

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UCTC: I'm sorry I skipped ahead. That was the second amendment. Um!

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UCTC: that was attachment to the first one. What can we stay on? The second first question any questions on the second amendment.

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UCTC: I have one, and that has to do with you. You conduct an independent cost. Estimate on this. Is that correct

0:32:18.630,0:32:24.390

UCTC: utilization of Fta fifty, three o three funds. Planning phones requires, uh

0:32:24.790,0:32:30.050

UCTC: Npos to do an independent cost. Estimate I've received two

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UCTC: close,

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UCTC: not quotes, but essentially responses for um organizations that have done similar work,

0:32:38.490,0:32:41.329

UCTC: and it is within the same,

0:32:41.710,0:32:52.820

UCTC: and the Council should be aware that we are in discussions with respect to uh you, cat uh! Through both the both the the new active director and the executive staff

0:32:52.990,0:33:04.660

UCTC: um relative to the scope of the project, because the scope was originally developed with the prior um transit director. And so we want to make sure that we we continue to be on the same thing.

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UCTC: Thank you, Brian. Any questions on the first any comments,

0:33:13.960,0:33:32.619

UCTC: hearing none of the first amendment right? So that was attachment to. I apologize where i'm taking them out of board. Um, attachment one on page two of the resolution uh addresses an amendment for the city of Kinson Rail Safety program. This would be a planning study that we um will engage with Wsp. With

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UCTC: uh doing staff will be the uh project manager for this project, and we received a number of uh cost proposals,

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UCTC: and we're able to negotiate a revised cost Proposal to Ws for one hundred and forty-nine, two hundred and fifteen to do perform the scope of work included in that study. Dave do you want to give a brief overview of what that project is? That project is going to look at the six at grade crossings in the city of Kingston

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UCTC: as well as um.

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UCTC: We're not just limited to those locations. We're also looking at the entirety of the the Court or the Csx Court, or through the city of Kingston to looks at. Look at trespass crossings that are occurring. Um, which is something that we haven't really looked at previously, and we've been seeing a fairly high prevalence of within the city of Kingston. Um. So

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UCTC: with that study we're going to be working on. Uh, quite soon we have um

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UCTC: Wsp has assigned. We are just waiting insurance before we can sign. We'll be getting that out shortly.

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UCTC: Any questions,

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UCTC: any comments.

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UCTC: I should also know that the reason why we are the unified planning work program. The misman is because the cost changes are greater than twenty-five percent

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UCTC: what was the originally programmed, and by planning work program operating, you stipulate those changes in resolution. We did uh advertise publicly with changes and you see no public.

0:35:05.510,0:35:10.809

UCTC: So on amendments, one and two resolution number twenty-two base, nineteen, any opposed

0:35:14.300,0:35:15.940

UCTC: any abstentions.

0:35:17.420,0:35:24.060

UCTC: So, Kerry, thank you. That concludes our resolutions. Now we moved to other old business. Brian.

0:35:24.070,0:35:41.120

UCTC: Yeah, I believe I I cover most of these under announcements. Again, the unified playing work program, all the projects. It's open deadline of December ninth. That's a Friday, Please contact me or Dennis to have a discussion. If you have any proposals in mind for plan, we are planning, studying to family,

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UCTC: We, by planning more program funds can only be utilized for planning, not engineering our capital expenditures, and to date we've received how many at all. In some I Haven't received any just a few inquiries regarding possible uh ideas, and both all of which were very encouraging.

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UCTC: Um!

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UCTC: We I also announced that the the link for the latest money opportunities is available. So if we do have a question about funding, that's the easiest way to go to to find the latest information. Um, We also kind of Traffic Safety Board has been meeting monthly.

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UCTC: Uh. And the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December fifth. Both meetings are held in person in the Ulster County legislative Chambers at six Pm.

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UCTC: And finally project updates. I can provide three

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UCTC: brief updates. We have issued a request for proposals to update our website.

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UCTC: So this would um essentially

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UCTC: involved rebranding the new Ctc domain, utilizing the

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UCTC: kind of design parameters that we're established through the long range transportation plan, our new So the website uh will be updated. Uh, hopefully, that project will begin early next year. Their line for that is quickly approach. I think that's tomorrow.

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UCTC: I mean, there's other reasons to do the website update. Besides, it's a rebranding. I don't want to leave the Council with that impression. I mean they do have some problems relative to meeting the Federal standards,

0:37:18.370,0:37:36.270

UCTC: particularly some of the aba standards in terms of this uh translations and stuff like that, right? The organization of the website is not uh ideal, either. It's gotten away from us. It's gotten to a point where it would be. Take almost more time for staff to reorganize the existing website,

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and it might be easier to

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where they

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UCTC: so we should have. Uh that contract. We'll be going forward next year. The nine W portal management assignment town of also is very much underway.

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UCTC: Um, but we don't have a public basing web page for our information page for this study yet, but we should have one for this this quarter of management plan. We'd be looking at twenty, nine W. Core, or

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UCTC: in the town of also from essentially the signal at the Alde Center, heading north all the way to right alone

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uh at legs in those room

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UCTC: uh, and we're engaged with creating manning engineers uh assisting us with that study. We have not yet reviewed and approved the public engagement process associated with the study. There will be a um

0:38:29.460,0:38:48.409

UCTC: uh lengthy public engagement process associated with the Seven. So I've received a number of inquiries from members of the public about when we will engage, and in what manner, what sort of meeting schedule that has not been reviewed and decided by the technical.

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UCTC: So we're not ready to.

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UCTC: And as soon as we are we'll be advertising that information very widely

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UCTC: right now. We just um initial data acquisition doing counts and all the signals and intersections.

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UCTC: The consultants are getting um the timing plans for the the very cooperative assistance of the project. So far. So there's a lot of data acquisition that is presently on going so that we can assess current conditions. Uh, they're doing pedestrian and bicycle movements as well. That's correct. Yeah,

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UCTC: nothing else on the

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any other updates.

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UCTC: Oh, the Ulster County transportation vulnerability assessment which we also have a resiliency study that uh final recommendation report should be available by the

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UCTC: and we're looking at the final vulnerability assessment. We have a meeting scheduled for after Thanksgiving, and all this information is being put on the Arcgis hub, which is nearly ready for the publishing as well.

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UCTC: It's a good question. We've been taking around the idea as well, because the the vulnerability assessment all road segments and bridges within Ulster County, and does an assessment of

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UCTC: criticality of critical are those facilities uh in order to maintain mobility within the network. And uh, and it assesses them, based on threats from flooding and also excessive heat.

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UCTC: So we do have a prioritization,

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UCTC: a ranking of all those but the Qa. Qc. Process. I don't think it's going to line up with the call for. Uh,

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we are,

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UCTC: we do, I think, want to do an internal assessment to see how the project proposals line up with the prioritization of the

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UCTC: listed to the vulnerability assessment. But right now I don't think that the end results are going to be ready

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UCTC: uh so that you can use it. It's part of the application, or that we could use it for.

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UCTC: Yeah, certainly. Yeah, yeah. And that would be that can be made available online through the our Gis, and that's the way that there's an online mapper and a listing of those.

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UCTC: So we we had. We have had an internal discussion as to whether or not how to incorporate that into this point I I think we're

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UCTC: internally. We are agreed that

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UCTC: where we are right now, it's probably not appropriate to incorporate it into as a factor. Uh, but all things be between two bridges it it. It would probably tip in favor of the bridge that has a criticality and a and a vulnerability assessment that's correct.

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UCTC: Any other questions.

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UCTC: Any other updates. Brian.

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UCTC: Um.

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UCTC: Before we adjourn. I just want to ask one question. We've seen a lot in the new interest in quiet zones. Both at the city is Kingston Level,

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UCTC: and it's the town of Ulster level, and so I just want to

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UCTC: make everyone aware of the fact that we're started to take a look at funding for quiet zones, and and I know i'm putting you on the spot. But do you know whether you know whether there's any

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UCTC: additional monies available, or how we will go about trying to find additional monies for quiet zones

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UCTC: i'll, i'll. I'll send you a follow up on that and and ask that question. I know what Dan and Dan is really busy on, and this is the coordinator um at the region eight level

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UCTC: by its own is essentially and a way to try to make sure that trains going through crossings essentially not have to blow

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UCTC: uh it doesn't necessarily mean they won't. It just means they don't have to under Federal statute, and it's usually not. Usually it is A. It is a physical improvement in the process,

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UCTC: so that you can't go around with the

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So that's that's what it's about.

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UCTC: Yeah, I was a little bit involved with that Glennary Lake associate. I've had a conversation with the Supervisor. Thanks.

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UCTC: They're They're talking about it for the five hundred thousand dollars to upgrade that crossing it Eastern Parkway and Glenn. That's typically what we did a study on quiet zones many years ago, I should say um and

0:43:54.670,0:44:14.130

UCTC: the cost back. Then we're in the three hundred to five hundred thousand dollar range between, depending upon the complexity of the crossing and the the size of the meeting gates, to to essentially make sure that that people can't go around the the train traffic There's got ridiculous. They've gone from twenty trains a day to forty or close to forty, that between thirty and forty.

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So

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UCTC: um! That's that's one of the reasons I brought it up to see things in through the mayor and through. I think the engineering um division has also raised issues with respect to quiet zones as well, and we visit our our work. We're trying to figure out whether there's any additional funding, particularly under the new Jobs Act. That will be Bill,

0:44:34.340,0:44:49.980

UCTC: that's out there where there's any additional funding for quiet zones. Otherwise it's. I think it's a heavy lift, so it makes the processing safer. Um! And it it I mean there's a substantial. I shouldn't say a substantial. The argument is that it makes it quieter,

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UCTC: Although the engineers are not precluded from blowing their horns, they just don't have to by that really Well,

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UCTC: anything else for the Council. Um,

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UCTC: David, Do we have any questions from those online? Anything in the chat that we should be talking about? There's a number of chat messages that have kind of come through through the meeting. Uh see here,

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UCTC: as far as questions goes. Um!

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UCTC: I see there is one question back. When we were looking at the safety targets, saying that everyone stayed home during two thousand and twenty. Does that affect the stats? Um. One kind of interesting thing with the trends, we did see more serious injury and fatal crashes. That kind of occurred Um,

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UCTC: following the pandemic. But that's why we use a five year. And yeah, exactly. That's why you use the five year rolling average. But you do. You do see a spike that's in there. So it's supposed to kind of normalize that out a little bit. Uh let's see here,

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UCTC: why are we paying for a consultant? The railway owner should be doing the work, I think, regarding the real safety work

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UCTC: uh

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UCTC: the more comments along that that line

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UCTC: uh Cheryl wanted to emphasize the difference between micro transit and public transit route optimization and looking to shift the focus on optimizing public transit and position you cat to outsource.

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UCTC: See here additional comments on Csx uh for Csx. Asking them to put the bill, I think, for many of these improvements.

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UCTC: Why is in Csx covering these costs

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UCTC: and comments on the number of trains, and asking for the Governor to stop taking donations with them.

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UCTC: I think I've covered all the comments that I've received via chat.

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UCTC: Um i'm going to do one last round of public comment any public comments from those in the room

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that it either

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UCTC: they're taking, and i'm not sure the Duches County is doing it. I know I know i'm sorry or Orange County is doing it. They do what they call a uh a roll up of their high speed locations

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UCTC: as compared to

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UCTC: accents of crashes.

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UCTC: Um! And they they put the two together, and they start to characterize them as as basically saying that where you have high speeds and high crash locations. It's probably a good thing to look further into into that. So that's that's what you're looking at. Um, and they do that by doing something called classification Pads

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UCTC: uh specification counts are different than volume counts. Um. This transportation capital shifted over to classification, counts primarily, probably about four or five years ago. We still do. Volume only counts on low low volume,

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UCTC: so the classification counts give you essentially not only the number of vehicles, but also the speed of the vehicles, and it also gives you the classification of the vehicles in terms of whether the trucks are not

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also. Um, That's what i'm going to ask about the with that distinguished the truck Because that gives you

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Okay,

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UCTC: Yeah,

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UCTC: I'm: Sure. Yeah. Well, then, you're referring to the tip selection criteria. And We' out on several occasions. The tip selection criteria is never going to use uh

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UCTC: doing work. We're going to be conducting account in that location. We're going to be looking at the location a little bit more in depth. Dennis, what he's referring to the the Duchess County work that they do. It's it's a systemic. Look so they're taking a look at the trap. Count they did for that year. It's not their entire system. They're looking at the the speeds. They're there. And then they're comparing that against the crashes

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UCTC: that in you know the case you guys have a very specific concern along the roadway. We're going to be looking at that directly. So we and you know we do also take a look systemically through our network screening through the road. Safety plan work. Um, So we do address things at a network level as well.

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No, but

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in a particular area of entire way. Uh on where I live. We have a recycling uh facility now, and it's a very uh receiving curve, and when I when they're calling uh, so

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we tend to be going at fifty-five miles an hour, and Then, if the contract is coming out, we're not just stopping for that truck, but they have a trailer many times back at zoom and like, they said.

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But in the last two months there's been at least two parts that have been pulled out there, because they just couldn't make the turn and have their friends pull them out, or the police call, or whatever. But it's

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UCTC: something, you know, even the speed I appreciate the you know it is, it's not a a high speed memory. But we're coming in from a flat street to fifty-five into an area. Now that has

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UCTC: any other

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UCTC: I just have uh one point of clarification under adjournment uh the next meeting would be a technical committed meeting. Um,

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UCTC: i'd have no new business for the month of December. So at this point in. I don't know if we'll have a meeting in December, but the date is correct. Our next Youctc meeting uh assuming we post phone to send a really January,

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UCTC: and I just want to remind everybody two things before we adjourn.

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UCTC: One is is that um make sure that you consider uh any upwp projects that you want to put to the Council as soon as possible, and two is, Do not, please do not forget the Bridge New York program, and working with the Transportation Council and the highway superintendents in order to make sure that we get uh the bridge projects in

0:52:06.580,0:52:08.030

UCTC: anything else,

0:52:08.870,0:52:16.619

UCTC: hearing No, and everyone have a great holiday. Enjoy your Thanksgiving, and we don't see you and stay healthy. Thank you.

Meeting concluded at ~10:55 am