

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**June 25, 2019
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER

(Joint Rosendale/Marbletown Town Hall -- Former Rosendale Elementary School)
1915 Lucas Avenue
Cottkill, NY 12419
Room M-15

- 1. Policy Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Roll Call (10:00am)**
- 2. Call for Citizen Comments**
- 3. Approval of the April 23, 2019 Policy Committee meeting summary**
- 4. Communications and Announcements**
- 5. New Business**

a) UCTC Resolution 2019-09: Support New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Targets for Safety Performance Measures.

Resolution 2019-09 updates Safety Performance Measures based on new targets adopted by NYSDOT for 2019; original targets were approved by UCTC under Resolution 2017-12.

Safety Performance Management (Safety PM) is part of the overall Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program, which FHWA defines as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decision to achieve national performance goals. The Safety PM Final Rule supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), as it establishes safety performance measure requirements for the purpose of carrying out the HSIP and to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The Safety PM Final Rule establishes five performance measures as the five-year rolling averages to include:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

The Safety PM Final Rule also establishes the process for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish and report their safety targets, and the process that FHWA will use to assess whether State DOTs have met or made significant progress toward meeting their safety targets. NYSDOT has closely coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 14 MPOs in NYS through the NYS Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Through that process, NYSDOT has requested all MPOs to adopt the NYSDOT targets in an effort to establish uniformity during the initial reporting period.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2019-09 and consider adoption (30 minutes).

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b) UCTC Resolution 2019-10: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal year (FFY) 2017-2021 TIP to Add New PIN 875913 as Shown in Attachment 1.

At the request of New York State Department of Transportation Region 8 and the City of Kingston, Draft Resolution 2019-10 seeks to amend the 2017-2021 TIP in order to revise an existing project description, cost and schedule. PIN 875913 programs \$0.427m in federal STP Flex dollars for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk along Route 32/Boulevard from Kingberg Avenue to Amy Kay Parkway, City of Kingston. This amendment changes the project sponsor from the City of Kingston to the NYSDOT as provided in the Empire State Trail Work (EST) Agreement between the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, The New York State Department of Transportation, and the City of Kingston. The amendment will allow the City of Kingston and NYSDOT to advance the project schedule from 2024 to 2019 in order to expedite project construction as part of the Empire State Trail (EST). It is anticipated that pairing this project with ongoing EST work will also decrease the total costs of design and construction and eliminate redundant or duplicative efforts. City of Kingston will be responsible for the required 20% local share.

UCTC TIP Amendment Procedures stipulate that changes to project schedule outside of the 4 year program constitutes a full amendment. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2019-10 and consider adoption (15 minutes).

c) UCTC Resolution 2019-11: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Amend Ulster County Area Transit PIN 8TRU50 as Shown in Attachment 1.

At the request of Ulster County Area Transit, UCTC Resolution 2019-11 seeks to amend the 2017-2021 TIP in order to revise project costs to be in line with UCAT's 2019 FTA grant application. The amendment reduced Operating Assistance for FFY19 from \$1.200m total project cost to \$0.600m total project cost. FTA rules require public operators to provide a 50% match for Operating costs.

UCTC TIP Amendment Procedures stipulate that changes to project phases in excess of \$500,000 constitute a full amendment. UCTC TIP Operating Procedures stipulate that amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2019-11 and consider adoption (15 minutes).

d) UCTC Resolution 2019-12: Adoption of the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2024 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 in September 2018. 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 2020-2024 program based directly on local sponsor input and available federal funds. Those

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recommendations were then presented to the Technical Committee at its January meeting for preliminary review and again at the March meeting for preliminary review.

That draft program has similarly been 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 draft 2020-2024 TIP programs over \$28.5 million in Federal Transit Administration funds and nearly \$59 million in Federal Highway Administration funds for a variety of local and state transportation projects over the 5-year Transportation Improvement Programming period. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the TIP is required to be presented to the public and be available for 15 day public review and comment period. The public review period will commence on Thursday May 30th and will end on Friday June 14th. A public meeting has been scheduled for June 12th.

A copy of the Draft 2020 – 2024 UCTC TIP will be circulated for Technical member review and approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2019-12 and consider adoption (15 minutes).

e) UCTC Resolution 2019-13: Amendment to the Ulster County Transportation Council State Fiscal year (SFY) 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program to Program Funds As Shown in Attachment 1.

The NYSDOT Policy and Planning Division notified the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations that a federal rescission of FHWA and FTA funds would be likely to occur in FFY19. If such a rescission were to occur, any un-programmed funds presently in savings by MPOs would be subject to possible revocation. As such, statewide MPOs have taken the necessary steps to fully program 100% of available federal funds in an effort to shield funds from possible rescission.

Draft Resolution 2019-13 amends the SFY19/20 Unified Planning Work Program and outlines how remaining UCTC FHWA and FTA savings (unprogrammed balance) will be distributed among new and existing projects.

UCTC TIP Operating Procedures stipulate that amendments to the UPWP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2019-13 and consider adoption (15 minutes).

f) UCTC Resolution 2019-14: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Transportation Alternative Program Awards as Shown in Attachment 1.

At the request of the Town of Lloyd, Town of New Paltz, City of Kingston, and NYSDOT Region 8, Draft Resolution 2019-14 programs new Transportation Alternative Program awards as shown in Attachment 1.

UCTC TIP Amendment Procedures stipulate that new projects to be added to the TIP constitute a full amendment. UCTC TIP Operating Procedures stipulate that amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2019-14 and consider adoption (15 minutes).

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6. Other/Old Business

- Two year member turnover occurs June 4, 2019 for the following:

TOWN OF HURLEY	→	VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES
TOWN OF ESOPUS	→	TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH	→	TOWN OF LLOYD
TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK	→	TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ	→	VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
TOWN OF WAWARSING	→	TOWN OF NEW PALTZ
TOWN OF KINGSTON	→	TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on July 23rd (fourth Tuesday of the month).