

RESOLUTION 2022-08

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ADOPTION OF THE ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (UCTC) FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has been officially designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Ulster County and is authorized to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as needed to add or delete projects and modify costs, schedules and funding for Federally funded projects; and

WHEREAS, Federal rules and regulations require that a Transportation Improvement Program be developed and adopted by the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the UCTC are authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” or BIL), (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021); and

WHEREAS, Federal rules and regulations require that the urban transportation planning process include the cooperative development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), consisting of a staged multi-year program of projects consistent with the long range transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration issued a Final Rule (81 FR 34049) on May 27, 2016 that implements the provisions of Title 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and Title 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304; and,

WHEREAS, Title 23 U.S.C. Section 134 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning) requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization, in cooperation with the State, develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Metropolitan Planning Area; and,

WHEREAS, the TIP planning process shall provide for the consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that will address the planning factors identified in the IIJA; and,

WHEREAS, the TIP contains projects consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and when implemented, will make progress towards achieving the performance targets established in the MTP; and,

WHEREAS, the TIP includes all capital and non-capital surface transportation projects (or phases of projects) within the boundaries of the metropolitan planning area proposed for funding under 23 U.S.C. and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; and,

WHEREAS, the TIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates fiscal constraint and shows how the TIP can be implemented with available funding; and,

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WHEREAS, the Ulster County Transportation Council consulted with state and local entities, and public transportation operators in developing the TIP for the Metropolitan Planning Area; and,

WHEREAS, the UCTC held a public meeting on July 12, 2022 to present the Draft TIP and opened 15-day public comment period starting July 7, 2022 and ending July 21, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Transportation Council certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal rules and regulations, as demonstrated by the self-certification narrative included in Appendix A of the TIP; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) effective on July 20, 2013, classifying the Kingston area in attainment for the 2008 ozone standard; and,

WHEREAS, the EPA promulgated a rule on July 20, 2012 revoking the Transportation Conformity requirements for 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS effective July 20, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, as a result, the Ulster County Transportation Council is not required to make a transportation conformity determination under the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Transportation Council adopts the attached 2023-2027 TIP and authorizes the Secretary of the Ulster County Transportation Council to transmit it to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and New York State Department of Transportation for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and,

RESOLVED, that projects identified as obligated in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 are automatically incorporated in the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 annual element if they are not obligated prior to September 30, 2022;

CERTIFICATE, the undersigned, duly qualified and Secretary of the Ulster County Transportation Council, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a vote on July 26, 2022.

Date

By _____
Lance MacMillan, P.E., Secretary,
Ulster County Transportation Council