

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript

June 29, 2021

Meeting held via zoom at 10:00 am

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DD: Morning everyone.

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So, good morning everybody. Nice to be back in person,

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and we're doing a little bit of a hybrid.

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We thought we'd have an in person quorum, but we were one short. I do have two of the policy board members online. Vernon Benjamin is on online. Say hi Vernon.

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VB: Hi, Hello I'm sorry I'm online.

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DD: It's alright.

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I was going to say we're not but I probably shouldn't say that so.

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We would hope you could make it Vernon

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VB: Had a truck break down.

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DD: There you go. And John Morrow is online as well?

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DS: We have Lizy Philip

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DD: Oh, Lizy Philip. Say hi Lizy.

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DS: Amy's on as well, but.

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I'll go down the list of who's on the line for everyone.

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DD: And it's a bit.. One of the reasons we didn't want to conduct a, just so everybody understands why we didn't want to conduct a hybrid meeting. We prefer to do this in person vs hybrid is the fact that

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the responsibility for hybrid meetings under the open meetings law and there's some question as to whether or not the Council is subject of open meetings law because we're a federal creation.

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And so we have the rulings actually from NYSDOT itself to that effect, that in fact the Councils not subject to the open meetings law.

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But if we, if we are or were,

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just be aware of the fact that if you do decide to hold a hybrid meeting and allow people to participate online,

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those people that are participating online actually have to be seen and heard from the individuals that are at the meeting, and they have to disclose your location. And here's the kicker.

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If anyone from the public wants to see them at their location, you have to allow that access. And that's the one that gets everybody. So, if you think you're going to avoid public access by being online, you're not.

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GK: Probably have to advertise said access

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DD: And you have to advertise it before the meeting. That's correct. I think it's 72 hours as I recall.

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So, I mean, on other, I know the Legislature is wrestling with this. I have other boards that we support are also wrestling with this as well. So, I thank you all for coming today in person, and I thank the Members for being online with us. So, with that,

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if I can, why don't we do a roll call. And I'm really glad to be back and hopefully we get through this and no more set backs.

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BS: I will name the municipality if the voting Member present could please state your name. Ulster County

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EP: Ed Pine

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BS: City of Kingston

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GK: Greg Krupp

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BS: Town of Saugerties.

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DS: Vernon I think has something to say, Vernon?

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VB: Well, just about the comment about being online, as opposed to being in person. I have been nurturing the idea of

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doing an essay to pray for remaining virtual if for no other reason than the vehicle miles traveled. The climate impact of all of us being in the same room is probably enough to be measured and if.

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virtual participation is a way to get around that then maybe we ought to change the freedom of information law.

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I know it's not a popular position.

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DD: Thanks Vernon. Go ahead Brian

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BS: Town of Ulster.

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New York State Department of Transportation.

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SJ: Here. Sandra Jobson

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BS: New York State Thruway Authority.

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DS: We have Lizy Philip on the line.

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BS: Town of Hurley.

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Town of Esopus.

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Town of Marlborough

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AL: Al Lanzetta

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BS: Town of Shawangunk

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JV: John Valk

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BS: Village of New Paltz

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TR: Tim Rogers

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BS: Town Wawarsing

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Town of Kingston

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Town of Rochester

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MB: Mike Baden

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BS: Seven present in person, two online.

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FP: Missed me

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BS: Fred, the Town of Lloyd's two year voting membership has rotated effective June 4th.

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FP: OK good

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BS: We are happy you're here.

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Town of Lloyd is no longer a voting member until 2023.

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FP: Thank you.

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DD: So, we can make you a voting Member. I mean if you can find another town that you want to represent. Just just be aware of the fact that you can get a proxy and we would love to have you with the table.

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It's important and you are one of the towns that are actually in an urbanized area.

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FP: I can attend but I just can't vote?

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BS: Unless named as a proxy. You can be named as a proxy for any municipality.

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DD: Yeah, that's what I would do Fred. And we'll work with you to get you named as a proxy.

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FP: I'll reach out.

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BS: Introductions

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DD: Dave?

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DS: Yeah I can run down who we have on the line here. We have Vernon Benjamin, Amy Mackenzie, Anne Noonan, Anthony Mignone,

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Chris Cate, Ellie Gartenstein, Herb L?itts, Laura Petit, and Lizy Philip. Did I miss anyone on the line?

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BS: Other guests?

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SA: Hi everyone my name is Sajaa Ahmed. I'm the director of Ulster County Area Transit. Just want to make sure everyone.. I know there's some new members here and

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I hope we get a chance to talk about whatever transit issues your towns may be facing.

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DD: Thanks Sajaa.

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Okay, I'm going to item number two: call for citizens comments. Anyone online would like to make a comment?

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Hearing none, any Council members?

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MB: I have, I have one that was brought to me by a resident and I need to thank Tom Jackson and the county DPW for how fast they had a response.

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We had a very unfortunate almost accident with a gentleman driving his tractor along Lucas following the proper safety and

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there's a fear that many people driving that are not used to being in rural areas don't understand how to deal with slow moving farm vehicles.

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Thankfully, all were Okay, but I reached out to Tom and they are going to post the the tractor slow moving signs along parts of Lucas and parts of county route six for the Town of Rochester.

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And I just.. somehow was thinking about it and was wondering if we can do a maybe a public information campaign or run a day.

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DD: Yep, I hear when you're saying Mike.

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MB: Yeah it's just too.. we have a lot of new drivers who are not you new people to the area or not used to this and don't have to deal with it, so thank you.

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DD: Appreciate that. Any other Council members?

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Okay. Hearing none, item three: approval the February 23 2021 policy committee meeting summary. Do I have a motion for discussion purposes?

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EP: I'll make a motion.

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DD: Thank you, Mr. Pine. Do I have a second?

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MB: I'll second it, Mike Baden

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DD: Thank you Mr. Baden. I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

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I guess I can now say any, any.... or all in favor? So used to saying "any opposed". I don't have to go through all of that. All in favor?

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Various: Aye

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DD: Any opposed? Any abstentions?

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Hearing none, so carried. Appreciate that. Communication and announcements, Brian?

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BS: The only communication that comes to mind, at the moment, is that the New York State Department of Transportation has indicated that there

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may be a Transportation Alternatives Program

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call for projects this fall. We're waiting for the word, I think what we're all waiting for is to see how congress acts with regard to the latest transportation authorization act.

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I don't know if that may be influencing NYSDOT in Albany and Sandra to release these TAP funds.

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AL: Thank you.

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DD: Anything else Brian?

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BS: No.

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DD: Well, we have some stuff we want to cover that we'll cover under old business rather than under communications so I want to thank the Council's indulgence for that.

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It's been so long since we met I thought that we would do a more extensive project update.

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And asked Members to update us on where their projects are as well.

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So, with that, new business: item A UCTC resolution 2021-05 it's an amendment to UCTC Federal Fiscal Year transportation plan, 2024

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Transportation Improvement Program, I apologize, and add a new NYSDOT project PIN number 817751 as shown and attachment one.

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Brian you want to update us on what.. let me get a motion for on that before we discuss it. Can I have a motion for discussion purposes?

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AL: Motion

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DD: Thank you, Mr. Lanzetta.

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JV: Second

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DD: Thank you Mr. Valk. I have a motion and second. Discussion, Brian?

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BS: I will defer to Sandra Jobson.

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SJ: Well, Brian's done a nice job of including a nice description there and you can read the limits of what we're proposing,

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and this is just part of our preventative maintenance initiative program annual paving.

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DD: And it's 209, it's a fairly busy stretch of 209 and that's both is that both directions Sandra do you know?

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SJ: Yeah I would assume so.

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DD: Yeah, okay all right. Can you do me one big favor? Can you explain PIT bonds?

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SJ: Oh my gosh I absolutely cannot explain them.

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Various: *Laughter*

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SJ: Totally setup. That definitely.. but you know what I can do? I can easily get, because I'll just bumbled through it is, let me get like a good paragraph

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that explains it precisely and more directly and I'll send that on to you guys and you can share it if you want. How does that sound?

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BS: Sure

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SJ: Okay, because I know...

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DD: I actually tried to try to get an explanation I was going to take this on myself. I tried to get an explanation before the meeting and I'm like, I can't explain this.

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SJ: I don't even want to start saying things because I'll just dig myself into a corner so.

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DD: Okay.

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Thank you.

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BS: Considering that this was this is an addition to the transportation improvement program therefore requires amendment to the TIP

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and fifteen days public notice. We did receive one public comment, which was submitted by Kathy Nolan. Comment is: "I support the addition of PIN 817751"

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DD: Any discussion from the Council members?

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MB: Just a question with with that being such a highly trafficked area, is this work being done at night, or is it being done with one lane closure at a time?

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SJ: Yeah, that's a good question.

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I don't know. I would have to check that.

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DD: Would probably one lane, right Sandra, because it's a it's two lanes and I don't know why they would close it.

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SJ: Yeah, we've really decreased, a lot of our nighttime construction this past year.

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MB: I was just your curious.

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SJ: but it's a good question and you never really, we never really sure what they're

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planning to do and then even sometimes it can change once the contractor is on board and, depending on what they propose and stuff like that so.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: Let me just check if there's any lane plans at least at this point.

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TR: Would it be helpful if I provided an update on the sidewalk project that we've been working on since the...

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BS: As soon as..

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DD: Let me finish this resolution Tim and then we'll get started. I was going to give everyone an opportunity to discuss their projects. I know there's quite a bit going on in New Paltz I really appreciate that.

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Any other Council comments?

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Hearing none, all in favor?

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Various: Aye

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DD: Any opposed?

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Any abstentions? So carried.

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I'm on Item number six: other old business.

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BS: Sure, I'll run down, just, these are quick updates, but then we have quite a few others that are worth discussing.

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First, is TPM, transportation performance management. This is a federal requirement that has, came into play in 2013 under

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MAP21 transportation authorization act. And this board has approved quite a few resolutions over the years,

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keeping up with the MPOs requirements for transportation performance management in a variety of different areas, including paving conditions, bridge conditions, safety, congestion and

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I'm sure I'm leaving out a few major measurement areas. I just want to put this link.

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on people's radars to encourage them to visit the federal highway administration web page, which shows all the latest reporting

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by state. It's a very interesting interactive mapping tool, where you can see how the resolutions passed at this table are then fed into an aggregate statewide system and it shows how the state's performing across a wide variety of measures over time.

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So,

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Please take a look at the site. It's interesting information. There's some areas where the state, I think, is lagging and there's some areas where we're doing very well.

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Particularly when compared to other States across the country. That's the other really interesting aspect of the web page was that you were able to very easily compare

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to other major states like Texas or Florida or neighboring states like Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts to see how we're performing across a variety of measures.

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DD: Any questions Brian. Any questions for Brian?

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DD: Those are measures right? Not management?

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BS: Yes, thank you. Sorry.

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Upcoming meetings, I have no upcoming meetings on my radar other than the next technical committee meeting will be held in July.

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We do have,

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At least one significant resolution that will need to be passed regard to

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FTA 5307 funds awards associated

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with our unallocated funds in the TMA area.

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And I may as well mention now, we did do a release of funds, back in January or February. Duchess, Orange and Ulster acting as the transportation management area

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released a call for projects, competitive funding awarded to designated recipients. We received a variety of proposals. There were five proposals submitted from throughout the region.

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Two were for sidewalk projects which are eligible for funding if those projects are near transit facilities. These particular projects are deemed ineligible considering the way that they were proposed.

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There were three remaining projects. One was from the MTA metro North for line upgrades and resiliency. The total project cost was \$200 million for the full Hudson line.

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They requested \$15 million, which was the entirety of the application. The other submission was from UCAT, a total of \$4 million for bus electrification, equipment, and rolling stock, as well as for

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conducting an engineering study for the construction of a new transit facility. Dutchess county public transit submitted \$4.2 million study, rather capital request for improvements to their facility.

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So I apologize I don't have this ready for people to review, but it will be on the resolution in August.

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The directors have recommended a partial Award for MTA in total of roughly \$4.2 million, full Award for UCAT of \$4 million, full award for Dutchess county.

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So, you will see that in a resolution.

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DD: Just so everyone understands, the source of this funds is 5307 from money that comes into the TMA. The TMA in terms of allocating 5307 money,

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we generate a lot of that money comes from the private carriers, particularly from coach USA and Trailways and we set aside about 10% of that amounting to somewhere between \$2.5 to \$3.3 million a year.

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And we set that aside for these types of projects and and the private carriers are also eligible. They did not submit.

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And what ended up happening with respect to this is that we held back out the \$15 million we have available.

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There's another allocation for federal fiscal year 2020, which is about \$3.3 million. We held that back so that's that that means it's in reserve.

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And then we're waiting to see what happens with respect to the 2021 allocation as well. So, we should, even after we spend this money,

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or allocate this money, we should have approximately available to us about \$6 million, which would again be unallocated and available for projects. And we usually let that build up

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and then we release a call for projects. And the reason we do that is that transit transit demands are lumpy and big.

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So, what ends up happening is is rather than allocated out we wait and we wait and then we make major capital investments or major changes in investments with respect to with respect to transit means.

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In the past we funded buses for UCAT, we funded buses for Trailways, we funded buses for Dutchess County, we funded the ferry activity in Newburgh/Beacon, we funded Newburgh/Beacon ferry at the request for that.

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I would say that Orange County generates a lot of this money but Orange County has a significant amount of transit funds available and

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is kind enough to let the rest of the region use those use those funds. They have not asked for, they have not asked or participated in these awards.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: So i'll leave it at that, I would say.

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I would say this with respect to transit,

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we're currently.. the CARES.. the American Recovery Act that was passed, the CARES act generated about \$85 million in transit funds into the TMA. That funding got fully allocated out to the private sector and to the public sector.

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Trailways got about \$12 million of that money and we're still trying to track down

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some of that fund. We're having discussions with Trailways with respect to the use of some of those funds.

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They seem to be burning about \$4 million a year and operating costs

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from that and we're having a constant discussion with respect to Trailways and CDTA,

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which is the sponsoring entity for their trams grant with respect to the use of that funds.

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And, what ended up happening under the American Recovery Act, according to the Federal Register there's another \$66 million coming into the TMA.

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And, and out of that \$66 million,

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we don't know what the what the splits going to be as of yet because here's what happens part of the TMA extends into the State of New Jersey,

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so the State of New Jersey and the State of New York are having a conversation about how that money is going to be split.

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Typically, less than 10% that money goes to the State of New Jersey, but we don't know what those conversations are. We've had this in the past, where this has happened in the past.

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and it gets tied up.

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I don't want to use too much jargon, but it gets tied up in a state to state issue and also gets up to a state to Multi-state issue because

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of how this is split also affects some of the transit funds that are used in UZA 1 which is the New York metropolitan area, which is also the state of

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Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. So, it gets it gets complicated fast and we're hoping that we can solve that problem, but what those folks at the TMA table should know is that there are

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significant more funds going to be available for transit in the in the region,

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to cover carrying costs as we recover from the pandemic.

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And, and so, Sajaa could you give us a sense of where UCAT is in terms of ridership in terms of recovery. I think you made some surprising recovery as I recall.

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SA: Yeah, so we were kind of in the

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beginning of the pandemic, we kind of suspended, a lot of our routes and as we scaled back up to almost full service by August and we were hovering around

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anywhere between 25% of our usual ridership which is about half a million riders a year. We don't have a good statistic after we consolidated the City of Kingston unfortunately because

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the pandemic hit before we hit our one year mark with the City of Kingston, but I would estimate it to be, you know all things being equal, around a half million riders a year.

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And over the past, I would say, three months, we see 20% increase every month and we're hovering anywhere between on our various services, obviously, there are some differences.

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We have our fixed route service that serves the Poughkeepsie train station and that's obviously falling behind, as is our New Paltz Loop because of

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less students on campus obviously. But, for the most part, our ridership is back to 65 to 70% of where it was pre pandemic and the initial estimate provided by the MTA and Metro North was that it will take until 2025 to re

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re up to where we were pre pandemic and I don't think that that will be the case. And, is this a good time for an announcement?

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DD: Sure. Never a bad time for an announcement unless it's a bad announcement

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SA: It's a good announcement. So, Wednesday we're having a public information session, just to describe the service we provide. I became director in January of 2020.

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I had some plans that kind of fell through about doing some outreach and marketing for the service that we do have.

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I think that UCAT has often fallen short of getting out the word on the service that we do have.

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So we're going to do a full presentation on all of our roots all the services, there are some services that are specifically tailored for seniors, people with disabilities going through a "how to flag down the bus" which I don't think a lot of people know you could do.

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Radio Kingston's actually going to do a live stream and we are hoping to actually cut up the video into segments that are easy to digest and I just got permission to do a YouTube channel

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just specifically for UCAT. So, we'll have better information for the residents of Ulster County and then thereafter, I think that we're going to work on

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doing some education for our town supervisors on what services are available to each town. I think, you know, there's a lot of changes that happen every two years, obviously. But, there needs to be some continuity in education and we've revamped our schedules.

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I think I heard it being said a little bit earlier, there's a lot of new residents in Ulster County. It's not just anecdotal anymore and

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what we would like to do is to increase our ridership and not just rely on the captured ridership as we have for many years, those people that are, you know, have no other option other than having to rely on the bus, for whatever reason, and

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we are doing.. I think NYSDOT is sponsoring a car free day September. We're gonna definitely participate, actually meetings in a little bit.

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And then just educating people, taking the baby step of maybe doing one to two trips, a month on the bus, instead of using their car.

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I think it came up in that someone online explained to us that you know the actual footprint, one of the easiest ways to reduce your personal footprint is to do one trip on the bus a month. So,

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I know that the public outreach that we're working on. We do have a severe driver shortage, though, so I think we have our best intentions to do a lot

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to scale up our services, but obviously the first and foremost rely on having enough drivers. So, that's, a challenge that I don't think is limited to UCAT. I think everyone is having

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a driver shortage from DPW to UCAT but there's definitely going to be a nationwide shortage of all type of CDL drivers in the years to come

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DD: Thanks Sajaa.

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MB: Can I add just to follow up on that? Sajaa, when you reach out to the town's if you include the town clerk's because they're really that they go to source information The supervisors are great but,

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The clerks are the ones that deal with the public on a day to day basis and they get most of these questions. So, when you have that session with the with the supervisors bringing in the town clerks and will go a long way.

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SA: I think I should limit this to just the Towns.

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MB: Because they're really that they're they're the go to people.

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DD: Sajaa so do you have announcement for that? If you could send it to us we'll send it to our mailing list

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so it comes out for our mailing list to get it out. So, thank you and I thank you for that. So, staying on the on the transit scene, the other thing that the towns should be aware of is

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the county, the original county wide.. tri-county transit study, which is called connect Mid-Hudson took a look at micro mobility models.

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And look at areas in the various counties where micro mobility should should be moved forward.

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Ulster county has started.. Our upwp actually includes funding for a micro mobility study.

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But we've actually started

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a discussion with a company called Via

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with respect to micro mobility in Ellenville and we're also looking at Kingston as a micro mobility option.

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And this is a NYSERDA grant they call A Pond out of NYSERDA and it's only available to the private sectors so the public sector can't apply by itself.

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The private sector has to apply. So, we're engaged in that discussion right now and

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the way that discussion works is if you're chosen for the initial planning grant it's \$200,000 to essentially design and design and implementation of a micro mobility model for the area that you apply for.

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And the second piece of that is if you're chosen to be a finalist to implement that I think it's \$7 million? Sajaa, do you remember the number? I think it's \$7 million I think you're eligible for to implement the model.

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So, the county is moving forward through that application process.

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TR: Well what's micro mobility?

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DD: It's literally going granular with respect.. Think of it as paratransit on steroids, that if you want to think of it that way.

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It literally is the sense that what you're trying to do is move people on a one to one basis into areas that they they need to go. That's literally what you're trying to do, and, in this instance Via runs.. Is thinking about because it's NYSERDA they're thinking about running an all electric fleet.

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So, that's that's what you're looking at, so we would look at, for example, we would look at in in in Wawarsing or Ellenville would look at the greater Wawarsing area.

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Look at those areas and what we're seeing where we don't have a regular transit fleet,

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that regular transit service and we move into those areas and bring them into the services that are in Ellenville.

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For those folks that are in Ellenville, we would look at bringing into services that are not available to Ellenville. Think of Ellenville hospital, think of shoprite, think of walmart. Those kinds of things. So, you'd run direct service.

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Does that help Tim?

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TR: Like a car service?

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DD: it's not it's it's a little bit more robust than a car service. I mean, these are vans typically is what they use so it's a little bit more robust. It's like,

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it's really like a paratransit service for those folks that are not, obviously not handicapped eligible for paratransit.

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BS: Where Via's strength lies as a company is within their software. And that is..

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We actually proposed Micro mobility zones in our initial

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Route takeover from the City of Kingston and it was problematic for a number of reasons. One of which was dispatch.

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It was also, there are variety of factors that contribute to the

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ultimate failure, but the software is supposed to really streamline the public's ability to request a ride or trip

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within a particular Zone, say a village. And then it

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combines those requests with other individuals in the area, so it can do multiple pickups with one vehicle to reach a common destinations.

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JV: Can it cross county lines.

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BS: It can, but the proposal I believe that Via's producing is limiting it to specific geographic areas in Ulster county for the initial rollout which will essentially be a pilot.

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DD: And part of that John has to do with the fact that one of the criteria is environmental justice communities: low and moderate income.

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So, there is essentially have a reason to look in the areas we're looking. It's not just it's not just geography, is the point I'm trying to make.

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JV: Because that's, well..

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The western part of town would probably qualify.

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DD: But, Ellenville.. but Brian's correct, I mean one of the things that Via is really known for is,

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their software. So, the combining of trips and how it works it's basically if you can think of it as demand response, that's what you're you're thinking about is the demand response.

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There's another software company that does that called Trapeze.

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But it's not.. it doesn't appear that that it is as robust compared to the Via software.

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So, that's what that's what the county is currently studying. So, on that I

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Think I'm done with transit. Is there anything else I need to discuss with respect to transit? Probably not.

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So, project updates. Brian?

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BS: I'm.. we've been doing a lot of talking. I'm happy to defer to some of our local Members if there are any federal aid project updates or other transportation related project updates you would like to offer.

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DD: Tim?

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TR: So, we have a an award in 2014 regarding sidewalks in the village. We've been working on this project for very long time.

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And then, with the project on Henry W Dubois in New Paltz and with the new traffic light in New Paltz we didn't want to

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move forward unless our project was being integrated with with that project.

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It seems like we're now finally all on the same page and we've been working with DOT. I got a note from DOT recently there what is the plan. The plan is exactly what we've hoped it to work out as in terms of

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building the sidewalks.. or basically going out to bid simultaneously, so the Henry W project and our village sidewalk project would go out to bid at the same time if we can attract the contractors would be interested in both projects and can do it at the same time and,

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DD: Separate bids, but same time?

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TR: Separate bids you know just so contractors could.. you know because they're completely separate projects but

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it could be done at at the same time. And then we've also been trying to

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time this with the work that is being done on the Empire State Trail because

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Hudson river valley greenway wants to make a connection from their EST portion and Henry W. which would go across 32.

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And then we finally got the use permit from from the neighbor next to the village pizza, which would then connect with the

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Walkill valley rail trail. So, we've been trying to align all these different moving parts and it seems like we're finally on the same page but we're hoping to put bid docs out this fall.

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We're probably are ready to put the docs out for the village project straight away, but we've just been

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dragging our feet to wait for the DPW project.

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BS: That's great news I know that it's been a cumbersome process or the village taking on what was this TAP Award for..

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I don't want to call it a paltry sum but you know, and we've since learned from this, I think that New Platz is an example that if you're going to apply for federal aid, there's a certain baseline dollar amount that

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we would advise municipalities to apply for. But you made it through.. almost..

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TR: Maybe..

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AL: Dennis?

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DD: Al?

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AL: Can I talk about the

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extension of the Western Avenue?

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DD: Sure.

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AL: So, as you know, it was on the 10th and I graciously agreed to take it off because it was 10 years or 15 years and nothing's happening so basically walked out there with a couple of engineers and decided to look at the wall to see what we can do without

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major capital investment or taking it...

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There was an RFP..

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DD: I'm going to stop you Al just so I can explain this to the Council. I apologize.. just.. This is Western Avenue in the Hamlet of Marlborough.

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The discussion was essentially to get sidewalks from the Hamlet out to the school. That's that's what the..

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AL: Actually, it was a widening of pavement,

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I would love to have sidewalks.

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So basically an RFP went out. The surveyor went out there and completed it.

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I believe, then, what happened was

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I got an excel spreadsheet of where we need to be taking of the land and I send that to you about a month ago Dennis and asked you how to how do we approached this?

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But, I don't think it's the supervisors position to go and ask its constituents to uh, give up land. I think it's the county it's it's a county road it's a county project so I'm really concerned about this just dying again for another 10 years.

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So I just need some direction where we go here? We probably invested quite a bit of money in the survey, I don't know exactly how much but

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So basically, I thought that we were going to just to see.

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What, I don't know what the center line to the pavement.. What the county does control, but I noticed a lot of kids are starting to walk or more from the high school down to the village.

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As you know, with this pandemic our housing stock is almost all gone from people from New York City. There's a lot of new people coming in, they really don't know how to walk to the rural route...

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roads. They're in the middle of the road. I'm very concerned about that one section, especially for the kids. I just want to know where we're going to go from this.

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DD: You know, I think you sent me an email..

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AL: I did, I marked it up.

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DD: Yeah, we passed it on.

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AL: I don't mean to bang you Dennis, but...

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Acknowledgement might have been nice.

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DD: I thought I called you on it.

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I apologize for not calling, but I thought I did call.

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But I did pass it on.

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DS: We have Herb Litts on the line with a comment..

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or update I suppose. Herb?

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HL: Yeah so just wondering what's the update on the Tilson Avenue project?

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DD: So anyone here from

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Lloyd? Update on Tilson Avenue?

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FP: We are told that the late request that we got for an updated archaeological study, because apparently they seem to think that there was some

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houses that they might have missed in the middle of Tilson Avenue or the sides, we're required to do a new one, which is my understanding, now it's almost complete.

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The company that that the engineers are to go out and to do that they have three bids there. It's almost finished. When that gets done, until that gets submitted back to the state.

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it's possible that it could start as early as late this fall but it's more likely, I'm being told that it's going to be rolled over to the first of the year.

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HL: Dennis is that going to be an issue with the Federal funding?

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DD: I don't know because NYSDOT is aware of this, so it shouldn't be an issue with respect to the federal funding. I talked to Tom Baird, your consultant

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on this from Barton and Loguidice and he didn't believe was going to be an issue so.

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SJ: It's not going to be an issue, but I think your STIP/TIP performance this year

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is really not going to be good. But we're seeing that across all the MPOs.

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DD: I was going to say, I mean it's..

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SJ: Um it's a little disappointing because we're on such an upwards improvement, you know slight every year, you know, things were getting better, getting better.

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But again, like, I think we all understand why you know a lot of communities were uncertain of their you know financial situation, but if the numbers are going to get really rough so I guess all, I would ask, since we're on this subject is that

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Could you guys, as we're doing it on our end, can you look at the projects that are on the TIP for next year, and you know, for next year for this year for next year, this year I think every single one of your projects may move down.

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Which is zero. It's that drastic this year for them, but it again it's pretty bad in the other MPOs too.

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So, what happens is all the projects that weren't delivered this year they've already they're going to be moved into next year.

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But usually those are the projects that are pretty solid. You know to me they just missed this year, so those are usually the ones that were like most confident of will actually be delivered.

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We can run you a printout of what is on the TIP for next year and I'm just talking construction phase. You probably only have a few.

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But if any of those products are questionable, we need to move them into the next federal fiscal year like within the next two months they do the snapshot in October and that's how you know we're judged on performance of delivery, so I would say, you know this year is this year.

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Don't even, but let's really clean up next year, so that we can go from like zero to 100 you know what I mean. That would really show that that was an anomaly.

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I can get you, you can pull them.

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DD: Yeah we can pull that will do that great um.

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DD: Any other local updates?

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Ulster County Transportation Council: Read do you have any local federally projects.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah a couple I mean, I guess, I guess the big updates, which is a production scale.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: From around, about which we met with everybody just work on the round about working on the streetscape and so forth, our contract is.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: Around about is scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of July, and then they may have some plantings that have to be done for that final striping.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: My longest on as already slipped, by the way, yeah yeah it seems to be operating nicely we haven't had any any support letters with respect to roundabouts we greatly appreciate it okay yeah.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: I don't want any wrong.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: I think they're great for vehicles, but I want a pedestrian focused main screen, if you like, where you have.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: That round about it makes sense it's coming.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: Through way, but I think around about this flies in the face of what we would want for a pedestrian so this means, for you know where you should go it's interesting a lot of people.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: Say faster Raymond at home, the kids I know I know that the volume of cars that we have compared to the kipp see is like 90 day.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: run that we should we should run the numbers before you say no, we should run the numbers on riemann avenue college view there through a pretty significant that happens to my commute we have a parking lot.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: But i'll tell you what those cars are much more willing, because they're already going so slow to accommodate pedestrian.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: I see because I live on, you are making eye contact you that pedestrian when you literally and more cars actually like in your case you know you're rolling so like you see them.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: you're making eye contact with them you're you're letting up but yeah that's you know everyone, or maybe trees are credibly sketchy for a number of reasons that I think are being ignored.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: And we we've sat together everything's.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: In one really why don't we do at least this We certainly understand your position, but my sense would be is that.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: We should take a look at pedestrian accident history of roundabouts vs vs six civilized intersections.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: And knives that has more than enough experience with respect to roundabouts now that there should be some comparisons out there are some experiences that that communities can can share.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: And I think that would go a long way, not only with respect to.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: tim's issue, but also with respect to around about generally throughout the state yeah It just seems like with the roundabout there's more of a sharing of the intersection with the signals there's more of this.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: it's my turn and I don't even care, you know what I mean their mentality so i'm just offering that like I totally like you're saying get it, but there is some it's remarkable because again.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: My commute through that area was prior to so I really remember what it was like before and after and I liked it I go up there.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: And I remember the old way and I remember this right and I go to nipples all the types.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: But it's better it's probably better by 100% there is a traffic doesn't slow down used to gridlock and they let people walk across the street words to take action.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: Okay now there's only the only recommendation that we had for that remotely resembles around the BAT as in in new paltz came from a study that was done a long time ago.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: And it was at manheim.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: And there's quite frankly not a lot of that yeah they would have to take property in order to make it work but and that's probably the most likely intersection that that is where you would where you'd see that that type of investment.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: But.

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Ulster County Transportation Council: Again it's problematic it wasn't an easier on the bad it wasn't like well that fits here and why would we look at anything else in the morning goes is one of those.

0:47:01.440,0:47:04.920

Ulster County Transportation Council: Things that, basically, you said to yourself, well, that may or may not work.

0:47:06.120,0:47:15.990

Ulster County Transportation Council: But there's any possibility that this can be looked at closer, because our main street is the pedestrian portion of the empire state trail I feel like.

0:47:17.010,0:47:19.170

Ulster County Transportation Council: That should make it.

0:47:20.220,0:47:22.620

rise to a different level overview.

0:47:25.110,0:47:38.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: We have a great number of people pedestrians using Main Street, and a great number of cars on the street it's really that combination that makes it, I think, very unique, probably in most other streets in.

0:47:42.750,0:47:46.740

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any other I have a couple updates accounting any other updates you finish.

0:47:47.790,0:47:53.070

Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah he's going to touch on the streets, I was gonna say we just we just started the view right.

0:47:54.540,0:47:55.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: Somebody said, the word roundabout and I.

0:47:58.620,0:47:59.310

Ulster County Transportation Council: said yes.

0:48:02.430,0:48:10.290

So for the streetscape broadway or having the cycle track sidewalks that should be strikes by mid September it's going to.

0:48:11.250,0:48:22.680

Change and traffic pattern we're trying to start you know our road user education and get some prior notice on where it's going to flow like what so that should be mid September.

0:48:24.120,0:48:30.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: just in time for us to be realigning and intersection at grand street so everybody's going to think the constructions over.

0:48:31.050,0:48:40.620

Ulster County Transportation Council: The projects connected to it, we also just started mobilizing for our peace APP project which is six different sections around us.

0:48:41.550,0:48:50.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: that's kind of one of those projects with Brian was saying earlier, the dollar amount is almost doesn't warrant doing it could be a 500,400 and some odd that.

0:48:52.260,0:48:58.620

Ulster County Transportation Council: we've heard from him to stay why that there was a great deal of excitement regarding the peace.

0:49:01.110,0:49:11.970

Ulster County Transportation Council: process in the works that went out to high crash municipalities and essentially the design process, and this is not just this is all of our.

0:49:15.390,0:49:18.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: absorbs more costs, then, then.

0:49:19.740,0:49:25.080

Ulster County Transportation Council: They would have liked to have seen a good number of the actual location scouting whittled down.

0:49:26.100,0:49:32.310

Ulster County Transportation Council: But what six locations and so you came so all I need bookcase yeah so we're happy to sit.

0:49:34.710,0:49:38.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: There your project on broadway that's going to have on the traveling.

0:49:39.990,0:49:53.610

Ulster County Transportation Council: parking and then the bikes yeah so you're going to have whereas now there's for travel things there's going to be three, but the middle lane is turning away and then parking on motorcycles travel ease of buffer and then a two way by.

0:49:55.200,0:49:56.850

Ulster County Transportation Council: side of progress and then decide.

0:49:59.700,0:50:13.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: that's great is such i'm telling you i'm watching that project nerd i'm so excited I give the city of kingston the credit for sticking with it and really be committed to the concept i'm.

0:50:14.700,0:50:17.160

Ulster County Transportation Council: about the npr which should be initial startup sorry.

0:50:20.610,0:50:22.260

Ulster County Transportation Council: She got beat up pretty bad, by the way.

0:50:24.360,0:50:25.290

Ulster County Transportation Council: I think some of the.

0:50:27.090,0:50:39.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: machines before change really hard and I think this cross section is included, is very new to like New York state, you know what I mean I always used to joke that.

0:50:41.190,0:50:48.690

Ulster County Transportation Council: The first time you do something, especially like where I was working mostly with engineers oh so hard I played the stories for like 30 years ago.

0:50:48.990,0:50:58.950

Ulster County Transportation Council: But once you the first one drops I used to joke first one falls, and they all fall right by you know or her and so your project is so important because.

0:51:00.120,0:51:10.800

Ulster County Transportation Council: I think what's going to happen now other municipalities are going to come and see it and see how it works, and I mean i'm confident and working sure you're extremely confident work with the educational component.

0:51:11.730,0:51:25.740

Ulster County Transportation Council: And then we're going to see others interested in this cross section yeah it's it's what we tried to do at zero place on North chest in new paltz and the Deity said no, because the one of the.

0:51:26.250,0:51:37.650

Ulster County Transportation Council: Other examples in their state, we said, well, what about New York City it's like a city and we tried to do, and you know, we had the meetings and we were told absolute.

0:51:39.270,0:51:46.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: Worst is Doc with you know, this is just not what you're doing, but the I would say this, that that.

0:51:48.750,0:51:53.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: mean the mph of elite peer when we did it we did something called a building a better roadway.

0:51:54.690,0:51:55.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: and

0:51:56.730,0:52:06.900

Ulster County Transportation Council: We started out with it with the idea that we're going to do bike lanes on either side, and one of the first public meetings we had was we really like to try something different.

0:52:08.010,0:52:13.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: And I credit, the city and our consultants with basically saying we think this works.

0:52:14.220,0:52:14.720

Ulster County Transportation Council: and

0:52:16.080,0:52:22.080

Ulster County Transportation Council: With that, from that we really had a long discussion, but not that I didn't think it would work.

0:52:23.220,0:52:27.990

Ulster County Transportation Council: And I think two things happen one was the fact that.

0:52:29.490,0:52:37.170

Ulster County Transportation Council: The city had endorsed the the study by the npr and two is both the npr and the city and particularly the mayor.

0:52:38.850,0:52:45.900

Ulster County Transportation Council: stood up and said we think you should make it work from denies that there was that there was that domino that had the fall.

0:52:46.770,0:53:01.860

Ulster County Transportation Council: and not the least of which was facility yeah the city street yeah but it but it's also on that it's also an arterial so it has to week, they were we struggled with the 11 foot requirement lane requirement, so we designed a half foot length.

0:53:03.150,0:53:09.360

Ulster County Transportation Council: And then the state came back and say no, they absolutely positively had to be 11 feet, because of the arterial requirement.

0:53:10.920,0:53:22.770

Ulster County Transportation Council: So it created some difficulties and and I think the perseverance, particularly at the elected official level was one of the ones that really got us through that not that the engineering department and the public relations didn't help.

0:53:24.060,0:53:34.800

Ulster County Transportation Council: But the nice thing is, we had around that so every time we somebody started talking about the double was able to you should take a look at their on the BAT so we could push them off to don't go yellow God for the rock.

0:53:36.150,0:53:52.050

Ulster County Transportation Council: But I think if I wanted to travel abroad play regularly throughout the construction season it's interesting to note that a lot of the detractors it said that the prime plan will work with one lane of traffic.

0:53:53.220,0:54:09.000

Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah to traveling will not be able to move of traffic and I by travel time even during construction season as drops Midwest with the libertine open door street signal God temporarily to rich construction.

0:54:10.020,0:54:14.850

Ulster County Transportation Council: I can get through there and a single single place now, because of the sewer system.

0:54:16.890,0:54:21.510

Ulster County Transportation Council: And I can only imagine it's going to improve when we get the improve signals.

0:54:22.980,0:54:41.430

Ulster County Transportation Council: Operation it owns it and I would, I would note that in evidence that Old habits die hard, and you can do hybrids facilities also looking at shrink drive using dry money and that design is a two way cycle track on on tank drive.

0:54:42.480,0:54:45.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: And we can, in a roundabout at frog alley.

0:54:46.680,0:54:55.380

Ulster County Transportation Council: And, and then what we couldn't do is what the city couldn't do is convince everyone that we we we could go to just lay in each direction so then it goes to.

0:54:55.830,0:55:05.610

Ulster County Transportation Council: It goes to two lanes to get into the Plaza so so there's a bit of a hybrid on on on that on that on that work at the downtown yeah.

0:55:06.900,0:55:13.860

Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah it's very exciting, so I think those two projects in tandem, I think, work, work very well anything else.

0:55:15.180,0:55:16.740

No that's it for this year.

0:55:18.870,0:55:27.990

Ulster County Transportation Council: I just first of all, I would say to do to please do T for doing the payment without the \$9 man who.

0:55:29.580,0:55:51.480

Ulster County Transportation Council: just completed and also not big timeline kingston what we appreciate any little tea and really appreciate the light at Question there, which is a signal like that people pedestrians to walk across nine in the beginning, I got a lot of negative reactions signal way.

0:55:52.710,0:55:55.410

Ulster County Transportation Council: Worse people trying to go to the raccoon.

0:55:56.730,0:55:58.170

Ulster County Transportation Council: And that was very accepted.

0:56:01.650,0:56:05.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: by getting credit at all possible, yes please absolutely.

0:56:07.020,0:56:09.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I just a couple things on the accounting side.

0:56:11.190,0:56:13.650

Ulster County Transportation Council: We have started construction on the midtown on your part.

0:56:14.730,0:56:21.090

Ulster County Transportation Council: So that's that's about seven months to basically cornell street in kingston to piece the Plaza that construction started.

0:56:22.170,0:56:31.290

Ulster County Transportation Council: We anticipate being done by November, for that construction on the on the keystone rail trail, which runs for Washington avenue hurley avenue.

0:56:31.920,0:56:42.030

Ulster County Transportation Council: We are still today in discussions with a single landowner that we have gone to eminent domain, when we filed the initial initial in the domain claim.

0:56:42.570,0:56:54.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: We went back to the association's we've been negotiating now for several months, as everyone knows, the courts are closed, but we're hoping that you could come out of those negotiations with an agreement.

0:56:55.860,0:56:59.070

Ulster County Transportation Council: I thought we'd had an agreement of a month ago, but.

0:57:00.480,0:57:03.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: Just when you think you've got an agreement you find out you don't.

0:57:04.920,0:57:11.340

Ulster County Transportation Council: And so we need to make a decision as to whether or not we're moving forward with it with the with the main process or whether or not.

0:57:12.390,0:57:27.300

Ulster County Transportation Council: You can go ahead The other thing is happening with respect to that is we're working closely with central Hudson the central Hudson has to refill we run down there right away, they have to rebuild some lines as part of that that would essentially impact the trail.

0:57:28.380,0:57:40.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: And so we're developing a schedule that essentially allows us to do all the maintenance work that we have to do on the drainage some bridge work that we have to do with their small bridges are more like.

0:57:42.000,0:57:51.810

Ulster County Transportation Council: More like culverts and put down the trail surface allow Center what's to come in and do their line work and.

0:57:52.860,0:58:00.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: mean this is substantial line with this is literally Poles that are going to have case on so in order for them to in order to these are major transmission lines, these are not.

0:58:00.690,0:58:08.220

Ulster County Transportation Council: Small transmission lines, these are 365 50 lines of carry a lot of things that are hundred foot tall Poles, that are not run it through there.

0:58:09.510,0:58:12.930

Ulster County Transportation Council: So we want to basically give them a bridge to cross.

0:58:14.340,0:58:23.580

Ulster County Transportation Council: And a surface to work on, but not a final surface of the trail, and then we come back and we would surface the surface, the trail after that.

0:58:25.020,0:58:34.860

Ulster County Transportation Council: So we're looking at that schedule, so we don't have to break the contract, the big we can break the project into two big pieces, one would be to do all this work, and then the second would be his comeback.

0:58:35.970,0:58:48.660

Ulster County Transportation Council: There are some polls have to be located, because they run where the trails are so we're having a conversation back and forth with central Hudson, we hope that we can get the that we can least get to a letting by the end of the year.

0:58:50.130,0:59:06.870

Ulster County Transportation Council: But and start construction in the spring of 2022 that's what we're hope we're shooting for right now, assuming we can solve that issue with respect to the one the one property and I think we, we will solve it it's just a question of how long they'll take this.

0:59:08.070,0:59:08.570

on that.

0:59:09.720,0:59:11.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: The county's also want to 99.

0:59:13.350,0:59:14.070

Ulster County Transportation Council: We are.

0:59:15.510,0:59:16.800

Ulster County Transportation Council: let's talk to Andrew.

0:59:19.500,0:59:26.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: So, my understanding is that we are ready to go to right away just got the authorization right away acquisition.

0:59:27.390,0:59:38.970

Ulster County Transportation Council: You know I think he made a call I think he just got that the end of last night I know we were held up because there was money left in the in the clip the final design and and.

0:59:39.570,0:59:47.940

Ulster County Transportation Council: right away incidentals and we wanted to make sure that we could transfer that money we could transfer some of that money or, in some way we wanted to make sure and.

0:59:48.390,0:59:53.970

Ulster County Transportation Council: And it was an interesting conversation and we didn't understand it was they weren't going to give us.

0:59:54.390,1:00:02.730

Ulster County Transportation Council: They wanted to transfer to take place prior to them, giving us right away authorization because they were afraid we lose the money well.

1:00:03.270,1:00:14.520

Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah it's probably also maybe just the mechanics thing you know, let me get all the money in the tip in the right spot yeah and thank you for last week okay yeah yeah that's yeah the.

1:00:15.810,1:00:26.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: federal authorization otherwise you'd have to yeah anyway, which section that's that's that's the section that basically runs from butter go road to gardener we're actually.

1:00:28.980,1:00:33.300

Ulster County Transportation Council: 4455 yet yeah runs all up to 4455 that's the section you're looking at.

1:00:35.010,1:00:44.130

Ulster County Transportation Council: In those are the county projects you got a bridge project to them, you know we're not sure where really exactly right now, on the one on ones with road damage one don't.

1:00:45.240,1:01:04.020

Ulster County Transportation Council: get to that were the local funders well, we got through here yep anti and kill and woven I believe we're due for construction next season yeah so we're we're in pretty good shape they're looking at us sure no one was the latest status to one on Samsung though was scheduled for.

1:01:05.220,1:01:18.660

Ulster County Transportation Council: us, I believe, originally last fall and then I think that pushed the coven schedule it's on that, I believe that one's looking for construction next year okay and there's been an issue with the culvert.

1:01:20.250,1:01:24.480

Ulster County Transportation Council: If it's been designed to breach me or the Colbert programs to print.

1:01:25.980,1:01:33.570

Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah that one we got to find extra money but there that one's also going to be shifted the timeframe on but because you don't want both of them going at the same time.

1:01:34.500,1:01:45.210

Ulster County Transportation Council: Because once it gets over the other generations and that that was that was lab dang it up as the two were co and then we're not overlapping in the door was a significant problem before speaker.

1:01:45.660,1:01:51.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: Because I think there was an issue part of it, and a lot of extra money that needs to be found.

1:01:52.200,1:01:57.510

Ulster County Transportation Council: So, because the APP everything we've been designed by the same firm that was doing most of westchester stuff.

1:02:00.840,1:02:13.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah I don't know the specifics, but I didn't do their homework was part of the detail are for the steps of bell and if they ended up happening overlapping that if you guys submit anything you know most accounting for preaching.

1:02:14.370,1:02:18.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: We did the kind of Rochester submitted submitted their voice.

1:02:20.040,1:02:21.450

Ulster County Transportation Council: Through tournament on.

1:02:23.130,1:02:37.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: One that you requested money from us from another which I can't go anywhere but let's just talk about money for for for two things i'm going to ask Brian to update us on on some money issues but let's just talk about money in general.

1:02:38.640,1:02:46.710

Ulster County Transportation Council: I would hope that if the department gets additional funding to the infrastructure bill that's out there that.

1:02:47.940,1:02:56.550

Ulster County Transportation Council: The Department would come back to the MPs that respect to the shortfall of fundings that are absolutely positively going to be here with respective projects on the tip.

1:02:57.060,1:03:11.040

Ulster County Transportation Council: and allow us to update those numbers, rather than asked him and his abilities to come up with that funding and Tilson avenue project would want I would use I would use the 299 shoulder project, and there are others, I think that are out there, where.

1:03:12.390,1:03:20.040

Ulster County Transportation Council: what's going to happen with respect to what's happening with respect to the cause and also with respect to the initial the initial estimates that.

1:03:20.940,1:03:27.210

Ulster County Transportation Council: These projects are going to be short substantial amounts of money and why municipalities are recovering they certainly.

1:03:27.810,1:03:43.470

Ulster County Transportation Council: The Department gets that money, I hope we get allocated so that we can pick up those projects on the tip and fundamental at least the 80% level that they're entitled to, or even in March elephants were appropriate and with that I want to ask Brian to talk a little bit about.

1:03:44.670,1:03:54.390

Ulster County Transportation Council: What was what was the availability of number items under the transportation bill transportation appropriations bill and accounting did put in for that, and I think Fred he put into that as well.

1:03:56.190,1:04:12.210

Ulster County Transportation Council: We got to the shortlist and then go okay okay so Brian why don't you, so I think this valley statewide we're probably solicited by their Congressional representatives, we were we be Ulster county.

1:04:13.470,1:04:20.550

Ulster County Transportation Council: Representatives Congressman delgado's office reached out to representatives and eventually came to me and keep Sasha as well.

1:04:21.900,1:04:28.230

Ulster County Transportation Council: to submit transportation projects that are short on funding just it was a very broad and general.

1:04:29.520,1:04:36.060

Ulster County Transportation Council: question the cast the net pretty why they gave some basic criteria they had preferences and.

1:04:37.170,1:04:38.970

Ulster County Transportation Council: john and approval tips that.

1:04:40.560,1:04:51.420

Ulster County Transportation Council: We after some inquiries message at a to do that was office, and they were looking for a certain dollar figures, so we came up with an initial laundry list.

1:04:52.740,1:04:54.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: of projects that we had.

1:04:55.920,1:05:12.450

Ulster County Transportation Council: The reader in planning or design or on the tip of shortfalls wasn't a big lips given where a lot of our projects are who to 99 his shoulders and move on some gardener was went to the very top for road projects.

1:05:13.650,1:05:23.370

Ulster County Transportation Council: We threw in the UN de trail quarter, which we just completed a feasibility study sticking might not be through in the proposed.

1:05:24.690,1:05:43.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: You cat storage facility that we again we didn't happen it's not that an approved tip necessarily we just had a feasibility study and Sasha added rolling stock of the electrification upgrades as well that was added on the FDA side.

1:05:44.970,1:05:55.500

Ulster County Transportation Council: um So there is an initial round second round and it looks like on Congressman delgado's list of Member items we heard.

1:05:56.040,1:06:05.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: Was it was essentially real work, they would each each freshman representative would have roughly \$20 billion of number, I think.

1:06:05.910,1:06:26.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: program so rude to to to 99 shoulders was tennis tennis tentatively been provided an additional \$3.8 million for its construction and that's makeup of a shortfall in construction, then we estimate our lakes tool so that's 80% of 4.5.

1:06:28.350,1:06:34.590

Ulster County Transportation Council: You can successfully these programs and additional 800,000.

1:06:36.210,1:06:39.420

Ulster County Transportation Council: For electrification and rolling stock of.

1:06:41.700,1:06:57.510

Ulster County Transportation Council: Those are two projects until it's approved by hundreds, here we go nonsense still wishes here um but it's encouraging, to a certain extent it's a process for lack of a better word that we're all very unfamiliar with dates back to back when.

1:07:05.370,1:07:07.170

Ulster County Transportation Council: But i'm glad you said that night and.

1:07:08.550,1:07:09.050

Ulster County Transportation Council: So.

1:07:10.980,1:07:20.190

Ulster County Transportation Council: it's encouraging that that DELGADO reached out to us and we were able to get some projects program but until Congress passes.

1:07:21.090,1:07:33.180

Ulster County Transportation Council: The transportation authorization to release it and I would say, currently there is a call for a cf to consolidated funding applications are out at the state level.

1:07:33.600,1:07:47.370

Ulster County Transportation Council: There are two things that may be of interest to Members on the transportation side, one is there's a recreational trails program that's available to officer parks and recreation that's up to 250,000 I think it is.

1:07:48.480,1:07:53.250

Ulster County Transportation Council: In terms of funding and there's also a environmental protection bond act.

1:07:54.360,1:08:05.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: trails program as well that's available under CFA that's up to 500,000 the county is likely going to apply we're working with an engineering firm right now.

1:08:06.240,1:08:16.950

Ulster County Transportation Council: likely going to apply for environmental bond act funding for the Q amp D corridor up in the shandaken area that's probably where we're going to go on that and and the.

1:08:17.340,1:08:30.720

Ulster County Transportation Council: The other thing I just wanted to talk about is the transportation Council did a call for projects to the municipalities, when the first came out and david's been tracking those responses and we have a will provide those responses to the county's.

1:08:32.160,1:08:40.050

Ulster County Transportation Council: Public Works committee at their request, and it's not just transportation included transportation, water and sewer as well.

1:08:41.040,1:09:00.210

Ulster County Transportation Council: In the county is getting under the American recovery act about \$34 million so it's split into two tranches 17 million this year and 17 million next year and the county is did listening sessions, the county executive office that listening sessions around the county.

1:09:01.350,1:09:13.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: they're working on a draft program now that would require some not required, not some but require the legislature to approve as well, in terms of how to essentially spend that county dollars.

1:09:14.910,1:09:28.650

Ulster County Transportation Council: And, and where it should be spending their big buckets human services, transparent, you know infrastructure, police and police and fire those kinds of things you should, and then the nonprofit sector as well, so you can think of the big pockets that are out there.

1:09:29.700,1:09:46.650

Ulster County Transportation Council: But I don't have the details, yet with respect to respect respect to that favor can you just talk a little bit about the projects that we did see come in from the sure we received a request or responses from seven municipalities for a total of 18 different projects, I believe.

1:09:48.000,1:09:54.510

Ulster County Transportation Council: They range, there is a fair amount looking at water and sewer facilities and as well as roadway facilities.

1:09:55.440,1:10:10.590

Ulster County Transportation Council: couldn't quite do cost estimate or give you a ballpark of a lot of requests didn't have a funding amount associated with them some did some have more details than others, but as far as like an overall aspect I couldn't tell you what the total amount was.

1:10:11.730,1:10:24.480

Ulster County Transportation Council: But it was great now we have you know listing of priorities, which is what I think we were looking for, and this was in response to leave her blitzes request at the legislature, first, and you know detailed.

1:10:25.530,1:10:35.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: You know what municipal needs were, and I believe that we're going to be closing up the survey and then supplying that data over and hopefully that fulfills that request.

1:10:36.570,1:10:39.810

Ulster County Transportation Council: And I want to thank her and in the public works committee for that.

1:10:39.810,1:10:40.530

Ulster County Transportation Council: request it was.

1:10:40.680,1:10:44.280

Ulster County Transportation Council: It was timely intensively, something that we were glad to do.

1:10:45.630,1:10:46.440

Herb Litts: No, thank you.

1:10:48.240,1:10:50.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: Anything else anything i'm missing.

1:10:51.510,1:10:52.010

Just.

1:10:53.340,1:10:57.060

stare at the plants to eat a Western.

1:11:00.990,1:11:06.480

is really in bad shape that's the area where we're thinking about extending the.

1:11:08.130,1:11:08.630

payment.

1:11:09.570,1:11:18.240

Ulster County Transportation Council: To the school you do me a favor of put that in writing to conditioner Jackson and she me, and I promise i'll quite how's that.

1:11:21.990,1:11:23.130

Ulster County Transportation Council: I actually do think I will.

1:11:26.490,1:11:27.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: I will thank you.

1:11:28.680,1:11:41.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: I have two final project updates, in brief, and maybe Dave has one as well, I just want to say the long range transportation plan has been printed this fruit.

1:11:42.630,1:11:49.020

Ulster County Transportation Council: circulated around it came out wonderfully there are a couple minor errors on the page and nation that are being corrected right now.

1:11:49.440,1:12:06.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: We will have hard copies for all members of the transportation so it's not glued the body just be careful with it, you have a lot of pages in advance, but i'm really happy with the way it came out, so thank you to everyone for their systems, their.

1:12:08.190,1:12:09.990

Ulster County Transportation Council: communications and announcements.

1:12:11.460,1:12:25.530

Ulster County Transportation Council: county executive Ryan did release brief announcement about safety issue and 44 That was all just recirculating That was something that the transportation Council to assist with the crash.

1:12:26.730,1:12:38.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: that's the question, do you have anything to add yeah with the relating to the crash study that also transportation safety, safety or this road safety program sorry through 65.

1:12:39.270,1:12:52.110

Ulster County Transportation Council: We have gone through we've identified we've done our network screening we've identified the top 10 locations and we had a consult with Cambridge systematics take a closer look at the top 10 intersections and top 10 segments.

1:12:53.310,1:12:59.250

Ulster County Transportation Council: In the county and take a little bit closer look for improvements in we're actually going to be presenting.

1:13:00.360,1:13:06.300

Ulster County Transportation Council: Some of the findings of the study tomorrow at 10am an email went out to all the.

1:13:07.380,1:13:11.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: Town supervisors and the highest elected officials and as well as the.

1:13:12.930,1:13:18.690

Ulster County Transportation Council: highway superintendents as well, so we encourage you to participate in that so via zoom we're not doing it in person for that one.

1:13:19.560,1:13:29.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: But we'll go over some of the findings that we have so far and what this really does is it gives us a great listing of the high priority locations in the county.

1:13:30.510,1:13:50.130

Ulster County Transportation Council: As far as where safety issues are and it looks to provide you know some suggestions for improving those locations, do you have like an executive summary that report that you could email to all of us, but not quite yet we're still doing a reverse the dnc yeah, of course, we are as well.

1:13:51.270,1:14:02.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: But tomorrow will be kind of going over some of the findings from that it may just be that presentation that we circulated as far as an executive summary that may be sufficient, but once we get the completed report will happily distribute it.

1:14:04.320,1:14:17.970

Ulster County Transportation Council: As it comes out with the one request from the county executive that came out at that intersection of brunswick road and 344 the town of gardener.

1:14:18.780,1:14:34.020

Ulster County Transportation Council: It it happened to be the top intersection location identified in our study as far as the safety, you know severity and looking at the values that were out there, so it's really very disproportionate, so I think.

1:14:35.190,1:14:45.180

Ulster County Transportation Council: Unfortunately, the the transportation Council the county executive acting is Chair of the transportation Council had written a letter tonight stuff I think on Thursday.

1:14:47.790,1:14:50.970

Ulster County Transportation Council: Regarding that that intersection location and asking for.

1:14:52.020,1:15:05.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: A solution because of the action history that was there, and also, quite frankly, because when we looked at the action history, they were increasing over time, unfortunately, that weekend, we had a death at that intersection a fatality at that intersection.

1:15:06.600,1:15:10.020

Ulster County Transportation Council: So, while the The request was timely it wasn't timely enough.

1:15:11.010,1:15:20.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I know that Nice that has reached out, I know that there's some work that needs to be done, I would just say asunder to make sure that as the county executives kept in the loop and be.

1:15:21.600,1:15:28.470

Ulster County Transportation Council: That the transportation Council is kept in the loop as well, particularly if there's any meeting scheduled with the town, you would hope that there would be one.

1:15:29.580,1:15:44.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: of our region directors yeah I talked to last, the other day yeah I talked to lance the other day about it and we provided some backup data with respect to that intersection as well terms as well as our crash diagrams that we have available from our consultant.

1:15:45.720,1:15:57.420

Ulster County Transportation Council: As well and pulmonary look at signal warrants for that for that particular section, so the presentations wire you're going to discuss the details about 10 intersections.

1:15:58.050,1:16:06.870

Ulster County Transportation Council: isn't how many, how many were originally and so we've done a network screening for the entire county off all the roads that have.

1:16:07.290,1:16:20.490

Ulster County Transportation Council: Well, actually yeah all the roads in the county, some of which can be a little bit more accurate with the values but we've gone through and basically ranked all the segments of you know just taking a look at the severity of the crashes, and the frequency of them.

1:16:20.850,1:16:31.530

Ulster County Transportation Council: versus the traffic volumes that you're seeing to kind of give us an idea of you know where the most problematic areas are and we looked at segments, as well as intersections yeah.

1:16:32.220,1:16:44.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: I would say to me, this is not a top, this is not a letterman top 10 kind of thing this is basically looking at, I mean if you want to look at the top 10 locations you'd probably find it they're all nice roads, so we we picked.

1:16:45.840,1:16:52.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: Various types of roads and various types of intersections and did it that way, rather than just basically say here's the top 10 locations, we.

1:16:52.980,1:16:58.740

Ulster County Transportation Council: We actually picked those locations in terms of this is an intersection of a State road the county road here's a here's a.

1:16:59.040,1:17:08.250

Ulster County Transportation Council: here's a major minor collector here's two local streets and we did it by intersections here's here's the intersections that those criteria here's the segments of road that.

1:17:08.910,1:17:13.650

Ulster County Transportation Council: i'm sorry no that's great that's a great point, and you will be also utilize local feedback from our.

1:17:14.040,1:17:25.740

Ulster County Transportation Council: advisory committee as well to help prioritize some of those which did bump up seminar sections, though, I still believe that that one intersection of that we identified it friends with road just on national arts own was the top intersection.

1:17:28.230,1:17:33.120

Ulster County Transportation Council: So just quickly on studies that we're doing we just pushed to the legislature go ahead.

1:17:33.300,1:17:36.780

Herb Litts: Go ahead turn before you get to that can you send us all a link to that meeting.

1:17:36.990,1:17:38.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: Of course i'll forward it along.

1:17:39.390,1:17:40.200

Herb Litts: Thank you appreciate.

1:17:40.470,1:17:40.970

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1:17:42.960,1:17:54.000

Ulster County Transportation Council: And just on other studies that that the transportation Councils against it, we just sent to the legislature, a contract proposal for our resiliency study that's a countywide resiliency study.

1:17:55.260,1:18:10.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: Firm that we hired as jeezy a geotechnical with a backup from Cambridge systematics test to go for the legislature, because it's more than a \$50,000 contract it's about \$109,000.

1:18:17.400,1:18:25.590

Ulster County Transportation Council: So that's one and then where are we on traffic counts, so we were we haven't done traffic counts and.

1:18:26.910,1:18:33.390

Ulster County Transportation Council: mainly because there they were so different, but we are looking at traffic counts come full.

1:18:33.930,1:18:43.230

Ulster County Transportation Council: that's the goal we still need to get the tri state underneath under under contract, we are hoping to extend contract and dutchess county there is language in there, I need to reach out to them.

1:18:44.040,1:18:50.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: So we probably doing some traffic counselors for anything else from the Council, Brian did I miss anything.

1:18:51.750,1:18:53.070

Ulster County Transportation Council: I think cooking.

1:18:54.240,1:19:11.550

Ulster County Transportation Council: Okay, all right, then this can I just sure go ahead, I want i've already mentioned this, I think, a few months ago by zoom but one of the things that the ot for their partnership with with the parks middle Austin mohawk area that they put up.

1:19:13.290,1:19:22.290

Ulster County Transportation Council: Where there were significant pull off areas that people made in the parking areas last year they put up posts every four feet, or so I think Dave Corrigan.

1:19:22.800,1:19:37.590

Ulster County Transportation Council: And was the impetus behind that and also i'm not sure where that came from, but meanwhile, they may have come from the D O T they put up cones and the traffic barrels as barriers and.

1:19:39.120,1:19:49.380

Ulster County Transportation Council: it's working I have seen zero instances of people parking along 4455 this year, whereas last year we had three miles of parking lots so.

1:19:49.980,1:19:57.060

Ulster County Transportation Council: I think it's a combination of a lot of things I think people have more opportunity to go other places, but it was a.

1:19:57.810,1:20:09.240

Ulster County Transportation Council: solution to a problem that really was a big problem last year and it just gone this year and long range, we have to come up with a better solution.

1:20:09.690,1:20:23.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: because, clearly, leaving these barrels and cones it's not a it's currently unsightly but it's solving the problem in the short term, but because we do have a corridor study right right, and I think all that is is great, but.

1:20:23.610,1:20:31.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: I just wanted to say thank you that it's worked so there has been to my knowledge zero instances.

1:20:32.790,1:20:33.290

So.

1:20:36.120,1:20:40.590

Ulster County Transportation Council: Anything else, so I would just like we might have something for Vernon brotherly.

1:20:40.830,1:20:51.810

Vernon Benjamin: Yes, I thank you once you're recapping on some things from resilience and study It reminded me that the county was working on purchasing three know ev buses.

1:20:52.470,1:21:01.980

Vernon Benjamin: Last fall how's that going, and also on installing depot charging and golden hill for the buses that are on orders that progressing as well.

1:21:02.730,1:21:05.220

Ulster County Transportation Council: So the short answer is yes, so do you want more detail.

1:21:07.050,1:21:10.740

So we put in a purchase owner be electric.

1:21:11.820,1:21:20.580

Ulster County Transportation Council: Buses the rfp was ordered to nuclear of America, we have to have the option to purchase up tonight so we're we're expecting our first three.

1:21:21.120,1:21:35.550

Ulster County Transportation Council: Hopefully, by the end of the year, I actually think the buses will arrive there is a very long, each time on target surfer right now, so we unfortunately haven't broken ground on the parkers.

1:21:36.870,1:21:48.600

Ulster County Transportation Council: At our facility, but you know all of the all everything's in place for that to get started and that's with your power authority, so the buses are.

1:21:51.510,1:21:54.120

Ulster County Transportation Council: Through a program with.

1:21:56.610,1:22:01.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: or structure our first three so it's three will be deployed initially in this video.

1:22:03.120,1:22:07.530

We support service routes that will be best suited for electric buses.

1:22:08.580,1:22:26.010

Ulster County Transportation Council: The other routes are a bit longer haul so we did we did do the electrification studies that was completed during that that makes it look at routes and how we would actually electrified whole system we're going to continue to work with that.

1:22:27.690,1:22:33.960

Ulster County Transportation Council: consultant to see how to actually do purchases going forward i'll have to fire fleet fully but.

1:22:34.950,1:22:43.680

Ulster County Transportation Council: I have to be honest, our roots are a little bit longer so they're not hot obviously students or qualifications, the way.

1:22:44.580,1:23:04.650

Ulster County Transportation Council: We have targeting infrastructure in the county today so hopefully we'll be able to scale that up we're working on it and i'm sure there will be a big to do where everyone will be invited when the when the bus arrived is we are one of the first really rural agencies to reach.

1:23:05.670,1:23:10.800

Ulster County Transportation Council: The goal from the county executive under the Green New Deal is to have a sweet electrified by.

1:23:10.830,1:23:16.860

Vernon Benjamin: 2030 2032 yeah that's pretty well.

1:23:18.600,1:23:19.140

Vernon Benjamin: Thank you.

1:23:21.030,1:23:21.930

Ulster County Transportation Council: Anything else.

1:23:23.010,1:23:32.730

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I just want to say thank you appreciate everyone coming out and bearing with us, while we, while we go through this and what what seems like a sudden change, but actually is a welcome change.

1:23:33.180,1:23:38.280

Ulster County Transportation Council: I just want to tell you that I miss you all, when I don't have a chance to talk to you, even though I don't I don't call you on the phone.

1:23:46.590,1:23:48.450

Ulster County Transportation Council: Thanks thanks everyone.

1:23:51.000,1:23:54.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: Somebody grabbed some bagels and stuff over there, I gotta I gotta kind of it fails.

1:23:54.960,1:23:57.030

Herb Litts: be safe stay healthy yeah.

1:23:57.060,1:23:59.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: to your second yes, thank you.

1:24:00.150,1:24:00.690

Vernon Benjamin: Thank you all.

1:24:00.780,1:24:02.730

Ulster County Transportation Council: Thanks everyone, thank you.

1:24:05.220,1:24:09.030

Ulster County Transportation Council: Actually, you don't you don't need a motion to close the meeting if the agenda spin.

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Meeting concluded at ~11:32 am

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