

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
September 26, 2023

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

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UCTC: Good morning. Everyone like Welcome to the September meeting of the also kind of developed accounting transportation councils.

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UCTC: September meeting right? Almost October, September meeting. we'll go around and we'll do welcome introductions. And I'm gonna

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UCTC: we want Dave to read the names of those folks that are on the phone, and then we'll go around the room through introductions around the room.

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UCTC: Okay, on the line. I have Beekon, Thordan. Emily Flynn. Laura Ripley.

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UCTC: Bill Earner, and Alex Wade.

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UCTC: and around the room

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UCTC: Tony Rosa, are you, cat? How many Trojan you got

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UCTC: permanent

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UCTC: and final county area.

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UCTC: Andrew remarks. Kind of DC. W.

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UCTC: Brian Black, Ulster County Transportation Council, Dave Stas, U. Ctc.

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UCTC: And me.

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UCTC: A private voice in power, recorded

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UCTC: Kevin Smith.

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UCTC: So just to confirm, we have 8 members voting members present. That is a quorum. Thank you, Brian. Call for citizens. Comments. Do I have any citizens comments from in the room.

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UCTC: hearing none any citizens comments for those online. I have Phil with his hand raised. I'm going to ask him, Don mute

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UCTC: Bill.

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Phil Erner: Good morning. Thank you very much

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Phil Erner: for taking my comment.

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UCTC: Yeah, please feel free to go ahead.

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Phil Erner: Okay. So as a

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Phil Erner: county legislator.

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Phil Erner: I want to bring to your attention that I have continuing legislation this month on establishing a level of service policy for public transportation in Ulster County, as well as a public trail roadway crossing safety measure.

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Phil Erner: I also have new legislation on a communications policy for Ucat

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Phil Erner: that should be come available publicly by this Friday. The language for that. And I'm here to ask the Transportation Council's help with research and support, with funding and advocacy in passing these measures, and I'd just like to take a few minutes to

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Phil Erner: explain where I'm coming from, in case I haven't made it clear. During my term in office. our county transportation systems, far from sufficient, efficient, or equitable.

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Phil Erner: although one third of our county's population of about 180,000 lives within one quarter mile of a Ucap bus stop.

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Phil Erner: how about the destinations where folks need to go.

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Phil Erner: even for car-free families who are about one sixth of my constituent households in the city of Kingston.

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Phil Erner: despite the now fair, free U cap buses. Transportation costs will still remain high, especially when going somewhere that buses don't go.

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Phil Erner: We're talking about \$60 taxicab rides to go maybe 10 miles.

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Phil Erner: and to take a family of 5 out of the area trailways to Albany is going to cost you 90 bucks each way. New York City by Metro North is a hundred bucks from Poughkeepsie, or Trailways, a hundred 50,

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Phil Erner: taking Amtrak's much more. But even for households with cars. and about half my constituent households have just one. The costs of fuel, maintenance, repairs, insurance, and so forth, continue to rise without end.

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Phil Erner: Now I'm told that U cat's paratransit has limited capacity fulfil service requests as well. And furthermore, amid a housing crisis, residents getting priced out of homes every day in Ulster County.

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Phil Erner: and those who wind up in emergency or temporary housing, increasingly for months or years, often have little or no access to transportation.

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Phil Erner: and I actually have a policy that attempts to address that specifically for social service clients in emergency housing as well

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out. This month

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Phil Erner: we have a dozen census designated places without any fixed route busing in Ulster County. Those include Clintondale, Cragmore, East Kingston, Gardner, Malden.

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Phil Erner: Marlborough, Milton, Rifton, Ruby, Walker Valley and Watch Tower and Cena.

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Phil Erner: and a couple of the places like Gardner Hamlet are close to an existing bus line. East Kingston even has bus shelter on Main Street. Milton Marrow used to have a bus.

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Phil Erner: I urge us all to become familiar with mobility. Justice. A book by Professor Mimi Scheller, as well as rights in transit by Professor Cafiato, who's from Poughkeepsie.

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Phil Erner: Now, Planners Doyle and slack have explained to us how the resources needed to maintain the public transportation system that we have never mind to expand it are unsustainable

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Phil Erner: to that. I say, how about we examine the transportation system? Not just for the public.

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Phil Erner: because the fact is, in Ulster County, in this State and in this country, a whole hell of a lot of transportation's happening.

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Phil Erner: But most people don't get to go where they want to, and many don't get to go where they need to the heart of the matter. To me is this. how can we curtail excessive access to and consumption of transportation resources by the mobility elite?

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Phil Erner: Because that is the only way that we can bring sufficient transportation access to all. and we must first bring equity to those that our socioeconomic and political system have in one way or another, immobilized

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Phil Erner: the poor and the working classes, racialized minorities and immigrants, those with disabilities

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Phil Erner: for the foreseeable future transportation will become a greater burden for most of us taken individually. and so we have necessary work to do in the years to come, to rethink and restructure

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what our whole economy is, for

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Phil Erner: in that we have to commit to abolish the private accumulation of capital profits in favor of the common and sustainable good.

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Phil Erner: And so, in the context of transportation. The alternative is to plan for and build a system for all of us collectively, to get ourselves and our stuff.

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Phil Erner: much less of it overall where we all need to thank you very much.

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UCTC: Thank you. Legislator. Do you have that in written form?

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Phil Erner: I do. Could you email it to Brian or myself. certainly. And we'll file with the with today's meeting. Thank you. Yeah. Any other public comment.

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UCTC: I see no other comments coming in from the lawn in the room.

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UCTC: Any comments, or that members of the Council would like to make.

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UCTC: Okay. call approval of. June 20, seventh, 2023. Policy Committee meeting summary. May I have a motion for discussion purposes? Thank you. Mr. Supervisor pates, do I have a second?

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UCTC: Thank your supervisor pad will check. Is that correct. Thank you.

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UCTC: we have a motion, and second, any comments, discussion.

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UCTC: any opposed.

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UCTC: any abstentions

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UCTC: so carried. Thank you. Communications and announcements, Brian. The one communication I'd like to share with everyone is regarding New York State Department. Transportation, transportation, master plan 2,050. It's the first update that the New York State dog has been done towards Master Plan, and over a decade

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UCTC: the dot has provided Npos across New York State with a community engagement toolkit

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UCTC: that goes into great detail about the. It's a fact sheet that provides a lot of background and overview of

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UCTC: the purpose of the plan. What it hopes to accomplish. There's also a public survey that is currently open. So I'd like to make members aware of this community engagement toolkit of the planning process itself, and to please participate in the survey and share it with your constituents.

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UCTC: That's the only announcement I've had anything with respect to Tap. I haven't checked. Do you know, Sandra has the tap call opened yet?

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UCTC: We're always told. The web page has been updated with the new logo.

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UCTC: So I think there, that should be coming very shortly. That's the transportation alternatives program.

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UCTC: There should be more money available for guessing

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UCTC: than in previous years, because there are new funding sources, including the carbon reduction funds are being made available through the transportation alternatives program call this year.

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UCTC: But there's still a 5 million dollars limit

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UCTC: a cap on total project cost

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UCTC: with a minimum, I believe, of \$500,000.

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UCTC: So as soon as that announcement is made, we will notify our member.

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UCTC: is it? Thank you. Everyone. Area boundaries.

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UCTC: Yeah. Or we do that on a project. Okay, thank you. New business number 5 on the agenda. Item, a Uc, Ttc, resolution 2023 0 5. Amendment to the Uctc. Federal fiscal year 2023 2027. Transportation improvement program, otherwise known as the Tip to add a new Bridge, new York awards is shown in attachment. One. Do I have a motion for discussion purposes?

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr. Pine. Do I have a second? Thank you, Mr. Bate, I have a motion. And second, Brian.

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UCTC: Yes, thank you. This

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UCTC: amendments is to add 2 new projects to the transportation improvement program. They are Bridge, New York, awards the Bridge, New York, most recent call for projects occurred

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UCTC: in the winter of 2023, and Ulster County was provided essentially a self allocation of just over 8 million dollars, which was a record amount in Stp off system. Bridge funds.

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UCTC: there are a number of applicants submitted, and 2 projects are awarded that they include Ulster County, Dpw. Hurley Mountain

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UCTC: road over the Osopus Creek, in the town of Marveltown, as well as the town of Plato for a new ridge

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UCTC: on Old Mill Road.

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UCTC: over the Casaic Creek. This, that is an interesting structure in that it's currently a bridge and a culvert, and they'll replace with just one single bridge span.

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UCTC: plays, a part of

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UCTC: transportation bridge and program rules and procedures. Any new addition to the tip must receive technical committee approval, 15 day public review and comment period.

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UCTC: and then finally.

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UCTC: policy committee approval. The 15 day public comment period closes. Today we have received no public

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UCTC: any comments or questions.

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Okay.

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UCTC: Mr. Smith.

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UCTC: Question as to whether or not

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UCTC: if and how they accommodate, will accommodate.

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UCTC: not really

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UCTC: particular words about you. We hadn't been

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UCTC: I can speak to the town of project. Of course the book project is a design process. The the local sponsor will have to go through. I'll defer to Ulster County Department public Works is the project sponsor for the heading on road. If you have any insights at this point regarding other design.

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UCTC: Yeah. Well, there'll be wide shoulders for shoulder. but possibility send me that.

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UCTC: or cyclists going out to the direction of grabbing

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UCTC: and if I can have a follow up, too.

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UCTC: There, we

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I don't know a lot of the time permanently. which I'm certainly young

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UCTC: right now.

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UCTC: Is there a mechanism where that gets addressed in funding development. So that we're explicit

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UCTC: identification of what is and what is happening.

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UCTC: I can actually add and do that. Having this call through the process. So when part of the dos

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UCTC: requirements are that

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UCTC: pedestrian, other forms of transportation

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UCTC: are considered

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UCTC: in the design process, it's part of.

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UCTC: So it's at that level

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UCTC: where it is reviewed. Sometimes it's not feasible. For whatever reason I know our bridge that we're doing on the Coastville road bridge.

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UCTC: they would not be able to create a separate lane, but we did do similar thing of wider shoulders, so we'd be able to accommodate it. But it is considered on the Dop level, and it is specifically

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UCTC: called out in the instructions

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UCTC: to the, to the the agency that the file.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mike much appreciate it. Anything else, Kevin? Or thank you.

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UCTC: Any other. Anything else from the Council. anything else from anybody online.

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UCTC: I see no hands.

0:16:00.830,0:16:02.330

UCTC: any opposed.

0:16:07.810,0:16:09.310

UCTC: any abstentions

0:16:10.440,0:16:12.110

UCTC: so carried. Thank you.

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UCTC: Item BUC. Tc. Resolution 2023, dash. 0, 6. Amendment to the Ucc. Uc. Ttc's Federal fiscal year 2023, 2027, transportation improvement program tipped and Federal carbon reduction funds to PIN number 8, 7, 6, 1, 2, 2, as shown in attachment. One. Do I have a motion for discussion purposes?

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr. Bain. Do I have a second.

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UCTC: Mr. Paterz? I have a motion. Second, Brian.

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UCTC: Sure, thank you. This is a relatively unique

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UCTC: amendment to the transportation improvement program. In that we're adding funds that were made available to the U. Ctc.

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UCTC: Through the bipartisan infrastructure law, the bill or the infrastructure law

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UCTC: and that funding source is called carbon reduction program funds and all Npos across New York State received a sub allocation of funding Uctc. Received just under \$200,000 per year in a 5 year block. So just

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UCTC: short of 1 million dollars total

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UCTC: earlier this year we issued a expression of interest letter to all of our members throughout postponing.

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UCTC: and asked them if they had either an existing project need or a new project need where these funds could be used. Essentially, any project that is transportation alternative eligible

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UCTC: is also carbon reduction. Eligible carbon reduction program funds can also be used for intelligent transportation systems, transit purposes and a variety of other project types. So we receive a number of proposals. And the project that we're allocating funding for today is the town of new palts.

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UCTC: Sidewalk project with, I'm sorry it's the village thing village of Newport Sidewalk Project.

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UCTC: This was an existing previously existing transportation alternative program award.

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UCTC: That's a very small award. The total project cost.

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UCTC: even after

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UCTC: carbon reduction funds are added, will be just short of \$400,000.

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UCTC: I mentioned that the latest call for transportation alternative program funding will be issued shortly by the dot.

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UCTC: The minimum requirement today is \$500,000. Because these projects are complex and difficult. We don't generally like municipalities to have small projects. It's just now a cost, effective process

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UCTC: that said that rule wasn't in place at the time, and this is a legacy project. So in order to get the project across the finish line, they had significant construction inspection costs that have been incurred. So we're adding additional funds and carbon reduction programming

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UCTC: to

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UCTC: provide \$106,000 construction inspection

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UCTC: and just around \$10,000 for construction. So the total amount

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UCTC: carbon reduction funding that we're adding is a hundred \$16,000. And so 20% local math.

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UCTC: The final point I'd like to make is that any new funding source

0:19:38.800,0:19:41.629

UCTC: added to the tip, regardless of the cost.

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UCTC: needs to go through

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UCTC: technical committee review, public 15 day comment period. Finally, policy committee review.

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UCTC: because we're adding a new funding source that is different than the original funding source. even though it's a relatively small amount, you still need to do public.

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UCTC: So that is the purpose of the amendment.

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UCTC: It does. And I wanted to just add some more information because we did receive some detailed questions during the technical committee meeting

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UCTC: from legislator lit that this does have significant funding for construction inspection. The total construction inspection cost

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UCTC: previous Cap funding, including carbon reduction funding, will be a hundred 45

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for the project.

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UCTC: It's basically the bare minimum

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UCTC: that you're going to have, I would assume, regardless of the size of scope of the project you're gonna have significant construction inspection call for them.

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UCTC: That's over a third

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UCTC: for construction yet, but it's a small, relatively small project. I don't know the length of linear feet of the sidewalks, but

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UCTC: we're happy

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UCTC: that the village is able to move it forward at this point. If the last meeting, I believe the question was, is, can we confirm that that was an actual cost, and the answer was, Yes, we confirmed it.

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UCTC: It's an actual cost, I mean, that's a size of a

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UCTC: relatively bridge side over

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Project

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UCTC: Mt. And P. Paving, and all of those

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UCTC: I find it amazing. That was the third with the Federal funds. You have to have same thing with the

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Path project. We have

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UCTC: much higher.

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UCTC: and you're trying to coordinate 2 projects together. Put the things out at the same time, but

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next week I'll

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UCTC: the design together until we're glad this has happened.

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UCTC: Even at the State level.

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UCTC: Any other comments council level.

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UCTC: anybody online. I see no hands from online participants. I'll call the question any any opposed.

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UCTC: any abstentions

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UCTC: so carried? Thank you.

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UCTC: Item CUCT. Resolution, number 2023, 0 7, apportionment of Federal funds, federal fiscal year 2023. Federal transit administration, section 53, 39, formula funds in the mid Hudson transportation management area. Do I have a motion for

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UCTC: discussion purposes. Thank you.

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UCTC: I'm sorry. Who made the most. I didn't get one

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UCTC: supervisor. Thank you. I have a motion and a second Brian

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UCTC: here. What do we have here. So this is Federal fiscal year 23 Fta program, 53, 39 funds. These are the bus and bus facility program funds. So they can be used for capital purposes.

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UCTC: That includes rolling stock for

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UCTC: or or facilities. So

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UCTC: for the Federal fiscal year 23, Ulster County is through formula program which is based primarily on the number of buses within the Ulster county area. Transit fleet

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UCTC: is scheduled to receive \$437,731 through the

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UCTC: Ffy. 23 full allocation.

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UCTC: And these are capital funds. Right, Brian. That's correct.

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UCTC: So these funds are now, if approved would be made available for feature use

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UCTC: by also kind of area transit

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UCTC: at this point in time. I do not believe they have a specific capital project assigned to them, but I'm sure they would at some point

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UCTC: any questions from council members

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UCTC: in the room.

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UCTC: any questions from council members online.

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UCTC: I see no hands raised.

0:24:20.670,0:24:24.600

UCTC: hearing none. I'll call the question any opposed

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UCTC: any abstentions.

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UCTC: Thank you. So carried.

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UCTC: Item number DU. Ctc. Resolution 2023. Apportionment, a Federal fiscal year 2023. Federal transit administration, 53, or section 53075340 formula funds in the mid Hudson transportation management area. And this is again Federal fiscal year 2023. Do I have a motion for discussion purposes?

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UCTC: Supervisor patees? Ed.

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UCTC: Thank you, my baby. Excuse me. Do I have a motion and a second Brian

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UCTC: sure in similar vein. These are section 53, 0 7 formula funds which can be used for capital and operating expenses by public transit agencies like transit

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UCTC: in Federal fiscal year 23. If you focus your attention on attachment one, it shows the breakdown and distribution of the figures. Ulster County is scheduled to receive \$760,605,

0:25:39.760,0:25:50.190

UCTC: along with the other public operators funding sources listed there. This funding also sets aside money for the inter county commuter bus services, such as

0:25:50.330,0:25:56.139

UCTC: Adirondack trailways that generate quite a bit of mileage and dollars

0:25:56.150,0:25:58.289

UCTC: through the formula program.

0:25:59.040,0:26:04.619

UCTC: It also sets aside for future transit purposes

0:26:04.830,0:26:15.569

UCTC: produced by the Mid Hudson Valley Transportation management area 2.3 million dollars, which is shown at the bottom is unallocated, so that will go into savings effort.

0:26:16.840,0:26:19.289

UCTC: This is Federal fiscal year 23.

0:26:19.460,0:26:24.610

UCTC: If approved, we should be completely up to date on our FDA allocations at that point.

0:26:25.160,0:26:31.610

UCTC: And just just regular, Alex. Thank you. If I just may add to that the

0:26:33.410,0:26:41.110

UCTC: access to Federal funds from trailways, by trailways or by the commuter carriers, is currently restricted

0:26:41.310,0:26:43.220

UCTC: in that

0:26:43.670,0:26:48.270

UCTC: The State is completing. I use that in word and quotes

0:26:48.500,0:26:50.480

UCTC: the

0:26:50.620,0:27:00.199

UCTC: necessary contractual work with trailways so that they can receive these funds that was required to be bid out as a carrier.

0:27:00.310,0:27:07.336

UCTC: So there is a substantial backlog of Federal funds that the Transportation Council has set aside

0:27:07.360,0:27:14.200

UCTC: for the commuters, that we cannot allocate. while my stock completes its necessary contractual work.

0:27:14.380,0:27:20.399

UCTC: I would also say that the Council is extreme with Council staff, and and is extremely concerned

0:27:20.500,0:27:27.439

UCTC: about the fact that these funds run through the capital District transit agency, Cda.

0:27:27.580,0:27:37.210

UCTC: And what that contract will look like between Adirondack and Cbta specifically how much money is going to be used for administrative purposes.

0:27:37.400,0:27:47.166

UCTC: and we have had no communication by either Cdta or Nystot relative to what that contract will look like, or how much money will be used for administrative purposes

0:27:47.190,0:27:58.739

UCTC: that may come back to the Council in the future relative to The allocation of these funds to Cdpa for administration purposes, depending upon what that contract looks like

0:28:01.000,0:28:02.500

UCTC: any other comments.

0:28:05.560,0:28:07.060

UCTC: Anybody online

0:28:08.590,0:28:10.090

UCTC: see no hands from there?

0:28:12.330,0:28:16.620

UCTC: Hearing none, I'll follow the question. Any opposed.

0:28:19.910,0:28:21.410

UCTC: any abstentions

0:28:22.440,0:28:29.600

UCTC: so carried. Thank you very much. Item E. Am I correcting that folks are on? Item, I think so.

0:28:29.730,0:28:40.339

UCTC: Uctc. Resolution number 2023, dash 0 9. Apportionment of the Federal Trend Federal transit funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, otherwise known as Arpa

0:28:40.530,0:28:48.146

UCTC: in the Mid Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area. I have a motion for discussion purposes. Mike.

0:28:48.170,0:28:50.400

UCTC: Thank you do. I have a second

0:28:53.170,0:29:01.320

UCTC: Brian, or you want me to do this? Oh, great! I can't wait. Thank you. So

0:29:03.960,0:29:14.576

UCTC: you can get a sense if you look at the resolution, you can get a sense that there's a substantial amount of funding that's been available from the Arca funds relative to the mid Hudson transportation area.

0:29:14.600,0:29:30.626

UCTC: there was 66,000,066.5 million dollars that was made available through the Arpa program. Out of that we previously out, and and the the general sense of who is eligible for that funds are the 3 counties, Mta

0:29:30.650,0:29:44.660

UCTC: and the commuter carriers, to the extent that they are generating, helping to generate the funds, and also to the extent that they're in need of those funds we previously allocated through our through

0:29:44.670,0:29:53.576

UCTC: a call for projects we previously allocated about 37 million dollars, or 38 million dollars of that funding, leaving about 28 million.

0:29:53.600,0:29:55.460

UCTC: That is unallocated.

0:29:55.690,0:30:09.150

UCTC: We have gone through a look at methodology in terms of how to allocate that funding based on some of the methodology we use for allocating 53, 7 funds and 53, third and 53 40 funds

0:30:09.350,0:30:15.809

UCTC: that resulted in a substantial amount of money being allocated to the commuter carriers.

0:30:16.160,0:30:26.660

UCTC: quite frankly, Ulster County blocked with those allocations. And as part of that suggested that we needed to understand

0:30:26.790,0:30:36.000

UCTC: how that funding was being utilized by the private carriers because they had a substantial amount of cares funding. Don't forget we had care as prior to Arpa

0:30:36.390,0:30:44.100

UCTC: that was given to those agencies, and whether they had spent that money, and if so. can we provide some documentation of that?

0:30:44.340,0:30:48.176

UCTC: As part of that discussion. Moving forward.

0:30:48.200,0:30:55.979

UCTC: there was an understanding that some of these private carriers had not spent their cares funding and were not spending their cares funding.

0:30:56.970,0:31:03.439

UCTC: So the decision was made to allocate given the need at the public carrier level.

0:31:03.600,0:31:10.820

UCTC: The decision was made to allocate these funds to the public carriers rather than to a combination of the public and private carriers.

0:31:11.090,0:31:17.640

UCTC: Recognizing the fact that only arca funds can only be used for operational purposes. They can't be used for capital.

0:31:19.150,0:31:26.259

UCTC: So the allocation process basically asked the public agencies to provide their operating expenses for a two-year period.

0:31:26.430,0:31:34.650

UCTC: and adjusting them relative relative to a formula that was literally trying to figure out who who needed the money most.

0:31:34.760,0:31:37.486

UCTC: and as a result of that.

0:31:37.510,0:31:43.866

UCTC: monies were distributed to Orange County, Dutchess County and to Ulster County

0:31:43.890,0:31:52.216

UCTC: with Ulster County receiving somewhere well, not somewhere, and 5.2 million dollars in operating expenses to carry them through.

0:31:52.240,0:31:58.506

UCTC: 2 years of operating 2 years of operating expenses. So, recognizing that.

0:31:58.530,0:32:03.956

UCTC: We had discussions with Ucat in terms of what their operating expenses were.

0:32:03.980,0:32:16.990

UCTC: We had some discussions of whether they could obligate, spend that money relative to the period in which Arpa needs to be obligated and drawn down, and that's obligated by 24 and spent by 26 Federal fiscal year 26

0:32:17.210,0:32:25.870

UCTC: and so we're fairly confident now that we can do that, and we're fairly confident that the other public agencies can do that as well.

0:32:26.240,0:32:30.840

UCTC: So this resolution is a result of essentially moving at 28 million dollars

0:32:31.160,0:32:52.190

UCTC: out of the hands of the private carriers, and into all of the and into dealing with the operating expenses of the of the public carriers. One of the reasons also to do that was, the public carriers have substantial amounts of capital needs, and this allows them to redirect their 5307 funds, 53, 40 funds into capital rather than to operating funds.

0:32:52.940,0:32:55.920

UCTC: We have not seen this yet, and we're

0:32:56.140,0:32:58.920

UCTC: discussing whether or not this has to appear on our tip.

0:32:59.440,0:33:04.039

UCTC: But if it doesn't, we'll add it to the tip at that. At that particular point in time?

0:33:05.470,0:33:11.749

UCTC: Any questions? Question. I'm attachment one currently unallocated and resolved.

0:33:13.400,0:33:17.599

UCTC: Either one of them is either transposed or what is wrong.

0:33:17.880,0:33:19.999

UCTC: Yeah, the app. Yes, that's correct.

0:33:20.970,0:33:36.000

UCTC: 94

0:33:36.790,0:33:39.790

UCTC: as defined, and it's defined by FDA. Okay.

0:33:39.940,0:33:41.440

thank you.

0:33:43.200,0:33:44.700

UCTC: Any other questions.

0:33:47.380,0:33:51.569

UCTC: So this has to pass. I think it's past Dutchess county.

0:33:52.230,0:33:57.240

UCTC: It has to pass Orange County. Okay, thank you.

0:33:57.430,0:34:00.620

UCTC: any questions from anybody online.

0:34:02.230,0:34:03.730

UCTC: see? None.

0:34:04.820,0:34:08.060

UCTC: Hearing none. I'll call the question any opposed.

0:34:14.000,0:34:15.500

UCTC: any abstentions

0:34:17.010,0:34:18.670

UCTC: so carried. Thank you.

0:34:19.760,0:34:24.546

UCTC: Item number FU. Ctc. Resolution 2023, dash 10.

0:34:24.570,0:34:27.579

UCTC: Of course, when the Federal Transit funding from the

0:34:27.750,0:34:38.349

UCTC: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, otherwise known as Cerisa, SCRR. SA. In the Mid Hudson Valley Transportation Management area.

0:34:39.040,0:34:41.239

UCTC: I have a motion for discussion purposes.

0:34:43.080,0:34:49.530

UCTC: Thank you, mister. Fine. Do I have a second? Thank you, Mr. Payton. I have a motion. Second, let me do this one as well.

0:34:50.370,0:34:52.510

UCTC: Yeah. Yep. So

0:34:54.530,0:35:11.266

UCTC: this is a similar story where effectively, what we ended up doing here is looking at this. And the only difference here is that this funding can be used for any purpose, that 53 or 7 funds are eligible for versus just operating costs, and as it relates to our quest.

0:35:11.290,0:35:21.960

UCTC: same discussion, same methodology. It resulted in Ulster County's receipt of about 300 and some odd \$1,000. As I recall, 318,000,

0:35:22.270,0:35:24.220

UCTC: so that

0:35:24.590,0:35:26.430

UCTC: if anybody has any questions.

0:35:32.590,0:35:35.890

UCTC: hearing none, any questions online.

0:35:36.540,0:35:39.440

UCTC: hearing none. any opposed

0:35:42.340,0:35:43.840

UCTC: any abstentions

0:35:45.240,0:35:48.229

UCTC: so carried. Thank you. Item number 6,

0:35:49.850,0:36:01.500

UCTC: other old business. New York state do team Trist transit master Plan 2050 community engagement tool. We discussed that in the beginning. I think we have to go over that again. Let's see anybody have any questions.

0:36:05.370,0:36:13.206

UCTC: Item, 2, tip performance and administrative modifications. I don't have any updates on admin modifications. We'll be doing quite a few

0:36:13.230,0:36:16.850

UCTC: ballot approvals today. Now that we have our final approvals.

0:36:17.070,0:36:19.020

UCTC: So

0:36:19.630,0:36:22.100

UCTC: basically for tip performance would be

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UCTC: rolling a number of projects, the construction phases into the next federal fiscal year which begins next week.

0:36:29.990,0:36:31.500

And again.

0:36:31.970,0:36:37.020

UCTC: So this and any questions, what we're doing, what what the Council staff is doing

0:36:37.530,0:36:54.936

UCTC: under the operating Procedures Council staff, along with nice thought, is allowed to make administrative modifications to the tip. Those administrative modifications generally consist of small additions to the tip and or moving projects in terms of their their allocation of funding. Yeah, the schedule

0:36:54.960,0:36:58.400

UCTC: as long as it's within the first 4 years of.

0:37:00.560,0:37:09.986

UCTC: And I know we're moving some bridge projects. I know we're moving some of your I think, some of your funding as well, some of the transit funding as well.

0:37:10.010,0:37:20.090

UCTC: We'll be back to you. depending upon what we hear relative to Artha and Syrissa. I know seriously, doesn't have to be edited to the tip, but Arthur may or may not. I just don't know

0:37:20.270,0:37:24.050

UCTC: but we may be back to you for further amendments relative to that.

0:37:25.430,0:37:30.539

UCTC: Any questions on the chip performance, administrative modifications, or the process involved.

0:37:31.780,0:37:38.310

UCTC: He's generally come from. We we moved quite a bit of Nigel projects as well. Not quite a bit. But we move some

0:37:38.720,0:37:41.340

UCTC: nice. I mean, it's always on time, right? Standard.

0:37:41.460,0:37:44.650

UCTC: just sayin just saying.

0:37:45.850,0:37:58.046

UCTC: project updates. Ryan, yeah, just a few. And then I'd like, also we could talk about some construction projects. I know I have Sandra give us some updates on some DOT. Projects.

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UCTC: I'd like to make everybody aware that our annual unified planning work program calls for training proposals

0:38:04.970,0:38:13.709

UCTC: will be open next month and October. This is an opportunity, if you request, would like to request a planning study

0:38:13.880,0:38:16.019

UCTC: to take place.

0:38:16.680,0:38:19.556

UCTC: You can apply through the unified planning work program.

0:38:19.580,0:38:24.946

UCTC: It's a very straightforward application. It really just asks you what the

0:38:24.970,0:38:27.260

UCTC: proposed scope of work is.

0:38:27.580,0:38:33.700

UCTC: and how does it align with our core key documents, like the long range transportation plan.

0:38:33.820,0:38:35.830

UCTC: it is designed to be

0:38:35.950,0:38:40.270

UCTC: straightforward, so that a municipal official can do it on their own.

0:38:40.940,0:38:46.030

UCTC: So that will be. I don't have a date scheduled yet, but that will be made available in October.

0:38:46.170,0:39:00.929

UCTC: We I usually make it early December. But it's flexible if there's interested and having trouble coming up with these amount sufficient time to give it in on time. Just kind of

0:39:01.280,0:39:02.870

UCTC: make accommodations.

0:39:03.010,0:39:08.470

UCTC: The types of projects that you could submit would be corridor and safety studies.

0:39:08.700,0:39:17.390

UCTC: the non-motorized studies or specific areas or roadways, parking studies, wavefinding and things.

0:39:19.120,0:39:25.700

UCTC: David, do you want to provide an update regarding the urbanized areas? Yeah, we can talk about the urbanized areas.

0:39:25.720,0:39:36.486

UCTC: So at our last meeting we had we showed the urbanized area adjustment process that we were starting to go through.

0:39:36.510,0:39:49.400

UCTC: We submitted our proposed this is this is the boundary essentially, that's developed. So we get the 2,000 as part of the 2020 census they go through and identify urbanized areas.

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UCTC: And as part of that. you know, they're they're looking at population density. So you do skips and jumps kind of in between locations where there's where there's people living and where there are housing units

0:40:01.030,0:40:17.200

UCTC: but frequently that those don't really match up with where your transportation facilities are. So there's a smoothing process that we go through to adjust those boundaries to kind of match up with transportation facilities, and where we anticipate growth to occur.

0:40:18.090,0:40:19.736

UCTC: we had.

0:40:19.760,0:40:37.740

UCTC: you know, they change the the definition for the urbanized areas which resulted in our area shrinking quite substantially. I believe we're now the fifth or sixth smallest Mp. The sixth, smallest urbanized area that meets the definition for an Mpo. Which is 50,000

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UCTC: so if we had dipped, dipped below that 50,000. There's a question of whether or not Uc. Ttc. Would have continued to exist. But

0:40:46.920,0:41:10.566

UCTC: we do exist. And we met that threshold. Some very small areas. But anyways, so we go through and smooth this out. So we have the Kingston urbanized area. This is what we need to have to hit 50,000 and then

0:41:10.590,0:41:19.729

UCTC: so this green background that we have here was the 20 to 10 what we had previously the adjusted, and then the blue is our new adjusted areas.

0:41:19.880,0:41:23.289

UCTC: So we had the Kingston urbanized area which hit it. Actually.

0:41:24.190,0:41:28.520

let's see here, we can zoom into some points of interest. Or maybe not.

0:41:28.920,0:41:31.139

UCTC: we'll see on the level. Yeah.

0:41:32.760,0:41:42.450

UCTC: So previously, this is kind of an interesting one. We had it extending out, yeah, soft hill road.

0:41:42.840,0:41:46.430

Out of kind of necessity. I believe those were required areas.

0:41:46.850,0:41:59.419

UCTC: This time. This is the required area that we have to include. So we have to include anything that's defined in the census. But then we can smooth to include things that aren't there was a new addition along 3, 75 here.

0:42:00.040,0:42:07.129

UCTC: or 28. Sorry, and then up 375 so we've kind of included 28, and then

0:42:07.340,0:42:20.879

UCTC: felt that it was more relevant to go up 28, 3, 75, to make the connection into and into Woodstock. When the Woodstock, as opposed to this area, which was no longer required. It no longer met the definition, so we were dropping that out.

0:42:21.040,0:42:27.640

UCTC: But we still do continue all the way up into Woodstock, and you know, capture me, you know, Tinker Street and all that.

0:42:28.040,0:42:33.929

UCTC: That was a big kind of change. A few other areas where it just contracted a little bit

0:42:34.060,0:42:36.269

UCTC: all the surrounding yeah

0:42:36.420,0:42:43.699

UCTC: on down. So that pretty much takes care of the Kingston urbanized area. Then we have new palts.

0:42:43.850,0:42:45.809

UCTC: just a smaller urbanized area.

0:42:45.920,0:42:48.096

UCTC: This was another kind of

0:42:48.120,0:43:13.620

UCTC: hold over that we had and and issues that were occurred with the 2010 version was that the distinction between these urbanized areas wasn't necessarily defined. There was bigger issue in Orange County where they they didn't split them at all, and they have many different small urbanized areas kind of that combined together. We just have the 3, and then Ellenville worsing, which is

0:43:13.640,0:43:18.536

UCTC: distinct and kind of separate as far as their their urban cluster goes.

0:43:18.560,0:43:26.520

UCTC: so yeah, we have to define this. So we have new Paltz in there and then Fukipsey, New York, New Jersey, have

0:43:26.780,0:43:29.130

UCTC: connection. That kind of extends over here.

0:43:29.640,0:43:40.280

UCTC: So we wanna make sure that we're matching up with Orange County and with Dutchess County. So this is what was submitted to the State State, has compiled all these different boundary adjustments from all the Mpos

0:43:40.300,0:43:53.330

UCTC: together into one statewide viewer. And right now we're going through a regional and local review of those. So if we have any comments, now is a good time to submit those, and that's at the the regional level as well.

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UCTC: we're looking to get comments back into and support from region, and the Mpo.

0:44:02.300,0:44:07.679

UCTC: Was December, October sixteenth is what they're looking for for comments.

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UCTC: Then Dot will submit the the adjustment to FHWA. At the end of October, October thirtieth. and they're anticipating Appwa to accept them, you know at the end of November.

0:44:20.490,0:44:24.890

UCTC: and then final Fha. Approval in November 29.

0:44:25.250,0:44:31.299

UCTC: So we will still need a resolution from the Council to approve these contracts which we have not yet submitted.

0:44:32.060,0:44:47.130

UCTC: Right? We've reviewed them. Yeah, we haven't. But we need a resolution. Yeah, we need, we will need a resolution. But this is the review process that we're in right now. So if we do have comments, now would be the time to do it. And if we have to have changes. That would be the time to do it. Can you remind us, Dave.

0:44:47.240,0:45:03.236

UCTC: again? These are F. Hwa boundaries. So what does the Fha use these boundaries. That's that's a great question. Something I completely glossed over. So these are really relevant for your functional classification of roadways. So it determines what roadways are eligible for Federal aid.

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UCTC: And it also brings into

0:45:08.570,0:45:17.280

UCTC: question, you know, eligibility for like emergency funding as well in case of extreme weather events. You know, fema funding.

0:45:18.040,0:45:19.176

UCTC: So

0:45:19.200,0:45:48.439

UCTC: we try to ensure that the functional classifications of roads is kind of continuous in in within the context of the roadways. And that's what a lot of these adjustment adjustments are doing is just making sure that you're including the entirety of a roadway. And that way. It's not switching between our rural and urban up in along the roadway, which which that we did, some smoothing that adjust, adjusted a couple of issues that we had with the previous one, where it would switch between the 2, and

0:45:48.880,0:45:56.870

UCTC: you know it never really came up as an issue for for funding some of those projects, but it definitely could. So we wanted to make sure. It's it's nice and smooth.

0:45:57.620,0:46:03.390

UCTC: 2 online corridors connection. Now in in

0:46:03.630,0:46:05.130

UCTC: the other counties.

0:46:06.050,0:46:28.539

UCTC: Why is the whole world? Yeah, we could. It couldn't make that. Yeah, exactly as they said. And I think with that one because of the functional class that it is. It's it's such a high functional class, it is. It maintains its federal aid eligibility. It really kind of comes down under those border ones where you're like a little bit above the local road. But you're not quite, you know.

0:46:28.980,0:46:48.590

UCTC: it's a Us. Designated route. So nothing. Major Roads are going to be dropping out of funding for that. It's really the the smaller smaller roads.

0:46:48.870,0:47:01.090

UCTC: And you you heard us talk about on system and off system bridges. This will also affect on system and off system bridges as well. The road is in the urbanized area. It's a system where it's not a zoom off system.

0:47:01.250,0:47:03.309

UCTC: So

0:47:03.810,0:47:11.330

UCTC: any questions if we have one. Kevin? Yeah, I'm just curious about

0:47:11.770,0:47:14.470

UCTC: example.

0:47:14.930,0:47:17.230

UCTC: something in a significantly shift.

0:47:17.540,0:47:19.040

Okay

0:47:19.160,0:47:22.160

UCTC: or not. I guess that's my software

0:47:22.370,0:47:23.870

UCTC: road. And

0:47:27.350,0:47:28.850

and what what

0:47:30.650,0:47:39.100

UCTC: I? Well, one the one thing is, is it just dropped out so that yeah, Tolka road quarter just dropped out as a as a viable connection.

0:47:39.260,0:47:45.279

UCTC: where it was in 2,010 versus where it is in 2,020, in terms of whether it's an urbanized area or not.

0:47:45.590,0:47:55.516

UCTC: and the reverse happened on Route 28. They added substantial. Not a substantial, but a portion of the 28 became an urbanized area. So the thought was that we would make the connection

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UCTC: up to up to the

0:48:00.030,0:48:02.586

UCTC: up, to the to handle the Woodstock

0:48:02.610,0:48:09.776

UCTC: on the 28 quarter, and then up. We've 75 versus the secondary road which is Socal, which is Soco Road.

0:48:09.800,0:48:13.650

UCTC: In the past. We had to make that connection because it was considered a normalization.

0:48:14.310,0:48:19.616

UCTC: So the functional classification of Cellkill road is what a collector would you guess? Yeah.

0:48:19.640,0:48:22.439

UCTC: So right now, it's classified as an urbanized

0:48:22.560,0:48:25.989

UCTC: urban collector under the new

0:48:26.190,0:48:32.016

UCTC: assuming these are approved would then be a rural. So it's still

0:48:32.040,0:48:38.786

UCTC: a high functional class. and would be eligible for it. But before you change the

0:48:38.810,0:48:43.846

UCTC: it it it's just changing it from from rural to urban. And you know it.

0:48:43.870,0:48:53.969

UCTC: It dropped out just because, yeah, the density along the route. And so so I don't think there are any major implications. It does change fema reimbursements right and

0:49:01.930,0:49:05.019

UCTC: imperative energy and headed towards use.

0:49:05.240,0:49:32.280

UCTC: It actually, was, it actually was the Transportation Council actually put it into the urban system. Well, it's it's right there. Yeah, that's right. That's right.

0:49:32.390,0:49:37.210

UCTC: So it's actually better off, not being in an urbanized area. And you.

0:49:40.510,0:49:43.009

UCTC: he's how I believe is in or out. We can look.

0:49:48.220,0:49:51.669

UCTC: We're having significant significant development. There.

0:49:52.290,0:49:55.010

UCTC: you probably hear me. Yeah, but

0:49:56.130,0:50:03.649

UCTC: it would be in the system. It hasn't. I don't think there's any change, no change. Yeah, there's nothing was in before, and we'll be in under.

0:50:04.520,0:50:06.020

UCTC: Yep.

0:50:09.010,0:50:13.060

UCTC: Oh, you're you're way south. We just gotta keep going once

0:50:14.840,0:50:17.590

UCTC: it's either in or out one of the 2. But it hasn't changed.

0:50:19.250,0:50:26.869

UCTC: I thought, Yeah, I thought, that's too funny. There you go! That's it. That's

0:50:28.330,0:50:29.830

should, I think.

0:50:30.570,0:50:36.300

UCTC: Zoom in on it what? There wasn't any changes up up in Kingston up in. Sorry.

0:50:38.480,0:50:41.110

UCTC: See if it's south of that. Yes.

0:50:43.460,0:50:44.960

UCTC: there's the village

0:50:53.150,0:50:54.650

welcome.

0:51:04.310,0:51:05.350

UCTC: Exactly.

0:51:05.360,0:51:06.566

So. Yeah.

0:51:06.590,0:51:08.090

UCTC: Yeah.

0:51:21.630,0:51:23.130

UCTC: See? Ya, yeah.

0:51:27.380,0:51:36.020

UCTC: It was within an urbanized area last time in 2010. Yes, it was. It seems to be. Yeah, it would would stay in. Yeah.

0:51:37.360,0:51:39.249

UCTC: okay, any other questions.

0:51:41.510,0:51:45.236

UCTC: So again, this, these boundaries will need to go through

0:51:45.260,0:51:48.259

UCTC: Uc. Ttc. Approval, new resolution

0:51:48.660,0:51:53.750

UCTC: before the end of the year, I think right. This done before December thirtieth.

0:51:54.460,0:52:03.340

UCTC: So during the next round of meeting next round. Yeah, we'll do it, and I'll see if we can detail out the changes that we're gonna have in functional plans, and we'll send. We'll send Dpw.

0:52:03.620,0:52:04.616

UCTC: I'm at.

0:52:04.640,0:52:08.490

UCTC: so that you know what the changes are as they propose. As it relates to the county Rook.

0:52:11.420,0:52:12.920

UCTC: That'll be cool.

0:52:13.870,0:52:17.189

UCTC: There are system money still available.

0:52:18.770,0:52:20.270

UCTC: No.

0:52:20.440,0:52:41.250

UCTC: We asked me that a few weeks ago

0:52:41.580,0:52:44.740

UCTC: Arpa funds beyond transit.

0:52:44.940,0:52:48.389

UCTC: We're not eligible to be used for transportation purposes

0:52:48.620,0:52:55.229

UCTC: because of the the amount of money that went into the infrastructure. Investment and Jobs Act in terms of transport transportation.

0:52:55.490,0:52:58.600

UCTC: My understanding is is that there's been a shift.

0:52:58.800,0:53:06.400

UCTC: and that you can use. Now use, for example, the county's arpa allocation, or or town's arpa allocations.

0:53:06.670,0:53:22.589

UCTC: Can now be used for trans transportation purposes. I will check that to make sure. I've got that second hand, and I haven't seen anything. I haven't been able to find anything that confirms it on the web. But I was told that it's there now.

0:53:22.600,0:53:25.110

UCTC: adopted yet. But I think it's in her

0:53:25.580,0:53:34.059

UCTC: publish stage. Okay, it's got an Update the other day is like email about the client. And I remember right, that's what it was about.

0:53:34.300,0:53:45.169

UCTC: So if you're if you're, I'll I'll let the Council know. But I will. I will go back. Well, I'll let you know for Fourx. Now, how? How is that?

0:53:46.120,0:54:01.760

UCTC: Okay. Other project updates. I've got 2, Brian, if you I was gonna defer to construction projects this time, there are no major updates for our planning project. I want to do 2 that are on the horizon, if I may thank you.

0:54:03.050,0:54:09.740

UCTC: the Council has could. Council staff has completed an rfp. Process and a contractual process

0:54:09.960,0:54:14.389

UCTC: to do a coordinated human services. Transportation transit plan

0:54:14.680,0:54:22.200

UCTC: that's required by the by, our Federal under Federal guidelines. And it basically deals with

0:54:22.560,0:54:27.560

UCTC: transportation needs of those folks that are either aged or disabled

0:54:27.910,0:54:42.059

UCTC: and that project has gone through the legislative approval required in Ulster County, and it was approved. My understanding was approved last Tuesday.

0:54:42.440,0:54:48.780

UCTC: at the at the at the Legislature meeting, and that project will be getting underway

0:54:48.950,0:54:53.400

UCTC: as soon as we complete contractual. The final contractual negotiations

0:54:53.510,0:54:54.680

UCTC: with the

0:54:54.690,0:55:19.999

UCTC: with the with the company that's involved. We we've chosen a company called Transpo Transpo Transpo and so they've done quite a bit of work in the region, and they've done Orange County services. Tran. Transit plan. So that project will start in in council. Members should be aware of that. It's a fairly.

0:55:20.420,0:55:33.719

UCTC: We thought of this as as originally as an update, but we're thinking about it a little bit more comprehensively, and which is why we decided to go with a consulting firm on top of that, the legislature at

0:55:34.010,0:55:37.846

UCTC: at somewhat of at urgings from others, and

0:55:37.870,0:55:40.870

UCTC: given where we are in the transit

0:55:40.880,0:55:46.479

UCTC: planning cycle. We generally end up doing transit plans about once every 3 to 5 years.

0:55:46.960,0:55:57.299

UCTC: we were asked by the Administration to program funding to do a routing optimization study for yeah. Ucab.

0:55:57.660,0:56:06.276

UCTC: to take a look at some of the things that legislator Earner brought up in his comments as well as

0:56:06.300,0:56:11.429

UCTC: what we can do with respect to the transit system right now, both on a fixed route basis

0:56:11.590,0:56:21.010

UCTC: and remembering the fact that the county was engaged in a clean neighborhoods program to look at microtransit in 3. In 3 communities, New Baltis, Kingston.

0:56:21.130,0:56:22.630

UCTC: and Allenville.

0:56:22.820,0:56:33.259

UCTC: That study has gone through an Rp process a contractual process, and it again was approved at the legislative meeting on the nineteenth

0:56:33.610,0:56:41.156

UCTC: and we'll start those 2 studies. I would say, prior to the end of the year. Certainly.

0:56:41.180,0:56:53.276

UCTC: By the end of November, early December we should start with 3 studies. It'll be quite lengthy in terms of timeframe, particularly the routing study. But it'll address some of the comments that the legislator are

0:56:53.300,0:56:59.920

UCTC: looked at, and there is a bit of what we call scenario planning in there, looking at how much

0:57:00.030,0:57:01.456

UCTC: funding

0:57:01.480,0:57:06.660

UCTC: the legislature wants to put towards its transit facilities.

0:57:06.960,0:57:11.159

UCTC: Versus the service that that will essentially be able to provide.

0:57:11.520,0:57:13.580

UCTC: so

0:57:13.990,0:57:16.136

UCTC: those studies will be on vellum.

0:57:16.160,0:57:24.099

UCTC: One of the things that was mentioned briefly in the public comment. Period by register her was the unsustainability of

0:57:24.300,0:57:32.739

UCTC: of the transit system right now, and and I'm not sure whether that's a correct characterization. But it certainly is a concern that has been expressed

0:57:32.840,0:57:37.009

UCTC: by the Council with respect to its long-range transportation plan

0:57:37.420,0:57:43.476

UCTC: and that being is that when we updated our financial projections

0:57:43.500,0:57:48.756

UCTC: for the Long Range transportation plan as requested by F. Hwa

0:57:48.780,0:57:50.340

UCTC: and FDA

0:57:50.540,0:57:56.676

UCTC: one of the things that we uncovered as we look forward, considering a flat rate of return

0:57:56.700,0:58:06.036

UCTC: on Federal funds for transit is at the end of this process. We were somewhere in a neighborhood of about between 60 and 65 million dollars, short

0:58:06.060,0:58:12.230

UCTC: by 2045, in terms of the cost of transit system versus the Federal dollars that were available.

0:58:13.070,0:58:16.560

UCTC: and so that we've we've

0:58:16.970,0:58:27.449

UCTC: provided some of that conversation back to the legislature in terms of their ability to essentially meet some of these policy decisions that are being made by resolution at the legislative level.

0:58:27.580,0:58:33.239

UCTC: Primarily as a trans as a, not as a transportation counsel, but primarily as a planning office.

0:58:33.610,0:58:34.906

UCTC: Looking at this.

0:58:34.930,0:58:42.149

UCTC: we'll get a lot better answers and a lot more detail when we start through this routing study, and we start to look in terms of

0:58:42.290,0:58:49.739

UCTC: the utility. And who's utilizing the buses, and whether we're spending our money in the best way to essentially make the service more

0:58:49.890,0:58:52.880

UCTC: more accessible.

0:58:52.990,0:58:54.936

UCTC: We do have one time

0:58:54.960,0:58:57.106

UCTC: availability funds

0:58:57.130,0:59:08.740

UCTC: for transit, which we are actively pursuing as you can say by today, in terms of trying to obtain about 5.3 million dollars in operating costs.

0:59:08.870,0:59:11.769

UCTC: so that we can devote more money towards capital.

0:59:11.940,0:59:16.316

UCTC: But I just wanna let you know those studies are ongoing or trying our best to

0:59:16.340,0:59:20.086

UCTC: some, both from the legislative side and from the executive side.

0:59:20.110,0:59:28.669

UCTC: as requested by the Council to respond to some of those concerns and needs that are being expressed in terms of how to base how to improve our transit system.

0:59:30.430,0:59:34.349

UCTC: Could I just add that the the 2 projects well.

0:59:34.510,0:59:40.580

UCTC: very different scopes of work? They both have pretty robust public engagement components to them.

0:59:40.920,0:59:45.239

UCTC: And I think when we engage with the public regarding

0:59:45.390,0:59:51.989

UCTC: transit level of service bus transit level of service and human service transportation.

0:59:52.340,0:59:56.046

UCTC: you're talking to a lot of the same groups and individuals to.

0:59:56.070,1:00:00.100

UCTC: There's a risk of, I think, public engagement, fatigue.

1:00:00.290,1:00:16.950

UCTC: where I think, members of the public we would like to get their opinions from might say, well, I didn't. I just tell you this last week at a different meeting, so we're going to do our best to try coordinate these public engagement processes. So that

1:00:17.080,1:00:26.019

UCTC: we, we hear all the and receive all the input that we that we can. But we don't have too many repetitive or duplicative needed.

1:00:26.530,1:00:29.396

UCTC: So it's a goal that we're striving to be.

1:00:29.420,1:00:41.089

UCTC: You want to say something about a long range. We also have recently closed a request for proposals for assistance with our long range transportation plan.

1:00:41.250,1:00:42.426

UCTC: We're

1:00:42.450,1:01:01.176

UCTC: pretty still pretty happy with how this plan reads and the layout of the document and a lot of data within it. So we're going to do largely an in-house update of the plan whereby David and I are doing most of the data analysis

1:01:01.200,1:01:05.086

UCTC: and compilation of information for the document.

1:01:05.110,1:01:15.020

UCTC: But we are asking for assistance from a professional forum to do 2 things, one, public engagement assistance for public engagement, and 2.

1:01:15.200,1:01:20.049

UCTC: Turn this paper document into a digital document

1:01:20.070,1:01:23.100

UCTC: that will live online in perpetuity.

1:01:23.300,1:01:25.949

UCTC: Those are 2 pretty

1:01:26.220,1:01:38.919

UCTC: significant undertakings that require a lot of time to plan and prepare for the digital elements. I'm not even sure we have the capabilities to perform that in-house.

1:01:39.190,1:01:44.326

UCTC: So I do know that we have received 2 responses.

1:01:44.350,1:01:48.639

UCTC: and we'll be assembling a review committee to review those responses

1:01:48.660,1:01:59.909

UCTC: and hopefully select a firm by the end of the year. The other element that we're looking at doing is performing an update to the transportation model

1:02:00.080,1:02:04.400

UCTC: which is in David's wheelhouse, and we'll look to see if we can get

1:02:04.720,1:02:08.909

UCTC: consultant assistants to do that. That is a very technical

1:02:09.150,1:02:10.910

UCTC: element as well.

1:02:11.100,1:02:28.850

UCTC: So 2 small contracts I don't know. Actually, the the public engagement contract might be a large contract. We'll see what sort of proposals we have. I know the unified planning work program set aside 80,000. But we'll see what the proposal said. These are always qualification based proposals.

1:02:30.490,1:02:35.669

UCTC: So the Lrtp. Is due must be completed no later than September 30, 20.

1:02:37.780,1:02:47.349

UCTC: Ii bring them up primarily, because if we're having a conversation about Uvw. Being the projects next door

1:02:47.480,1:02:50.489

UCTC: have some concern about staff resources

1:02:50.680,1:02:59.616

UCTC: relative to taking on additional projects. We also have some concern quite frankly, because, as we mentioned before, we, we have shrunk in size.

1:02:59.640,1:03:03.519

UCTC: which generally means you shrink in allocation of funding.

1:03:03.690,1:03:14.099

UCTC: So we do have some concerns with respect to that as well. So when we we don't have those numbers yet from from a nice dot relative to what our allocations are going to be.

1:03:14.350,1:03:20.206

UCTC: But we do have some concern that that the Transportation Council may have fewer resources

1:03:20.230,1:03:23.110

UCTC: going forward. And we found that

1:03:23.510,1:03:31.879

UCTC: that's a question that and Ii know on the on the town level we're able to do this. I don't know about. Are you able to hire

1:03:32.120,1:03:33.830

UCTC: temporary staff

1:03:52.630,1:03:58.796

UCTC: able to hire temporary staff much as a municipality project.

1:03:58.820,1:04:25.330

UCTC: manage. Nature relied on someone from outside the organization to manage projects. I'd much rather hire somebody to manage bookkeeping, and I wouldn't hire somebody to manage

1:04:25.350,1:04:42.349

UCTC: professional staff that are in engaged in these projects. And well, they're consulted by another name. They'd be contractual employees. So they're they're still consulting. Yeah.

1:04:42.880,1:04:52.809

UCTC: So thank you for that. Any other comments, any other old business, Brian. I had asked New York State Department transportation to provide for the few updates on some construction projects.

1:04:59.650,1:05:11.489

UCTC: That project has been awarded, the contractor doing some kind of site prep, work survey this fall. But I think you'll really see most of the work started

1:05:12.660,1:05:22.330

UCTC: given to that. Since that all started. There's a new new construction of a new

1:05:22.470,1:05:30.869

UCTC: entity on one of the corners that we take it. So make sure that that is now included in the discussion. Because

1:05:30.890,1:05:32.829

UCTC: that's certainly going to increase

1:05:33.110,1:05:35.949

UCTC: traffic homes for more than 3 years for families.

1:05:36.230,1:05:49.139

UCTC: Yeah, we've reviewed that the site plan for that and set everything back. I think you've reviewed it as well at at Dpw. To make sure that the access is only off or front approve setback, so that the queuing is going to

1:05:49.380,1:05:54.469

UCTC: it wouldn't interfere with the city of Worship.

1:05:54.790,1:06:17.976

UCTC: And then next year

1:06:18.000,1:06:19.649

UCTC: and that's the emphasis on

1:06:19.760,1:06:32.889

UCTC: and then zoom 20. We share these plan. That will be completed this fall. So that's what's the year. What's the extent of that? Do you know the extent of that shared use path

1:06:33.020,1:06:34.116

I'm

1:06:34.140,1:06:40.240

UCTC: I think it goes from. and I'm

1:06:40.440,1:06:56.210

UCTC: right, and I do understand. I did hear from the project manager. That they will be relocating the crosswalk on 28

1:06:56.450,1:07:07.519

UCTC: so that it's in advance, or rather east of the main entrance school. And Kevin, have you observed that in the field of that exact

1:07:12.940,1:07:15.659

UCTC: and put in 2 or 3 back that way.

1:07:16.050,1:07:19.689

UCTC: Yeah, the the

1:07:21.130,1:07:22.920

UCTC: or even inside

1:07:24.190,1:07:25.710

Thomas one.

1:07:26.030,1:07:28.680

UCTC: And we pretty much visit here.

1:07:29.780,1:07:31.280

Interesting process

1:07:36.710,1:07:39.700

UCTC: I'll scroll through. Let's see here.

1:07:42.790,1:07:44.290

Oops.

1:07:47.770,1:07:49.270

UCTC: go meet

1:07:53.000,1:07:54.500

your book.

1:07:55.850,1:07:58.290

UCTC: So I give it a other page.

1:08:11.900,1:08:22.930

UCTC: Okay?

1:08:23.590,1:08:33.220

UCTC: So I think one of the things I just want to thank to Nice that for the quick response. Well did when we reached out to Nice that on the the

1:08:33.859,1:08:42.585

UCTC: Cross Walk at honey or high school. I think that was really great response by the department. They looked into it immediately.

1:08:42.609,1:09:05.959

UCTC: And I also wanted to thank one of the staff here, Brian, for sort of the back of the napkin drawing, and said, How come we can't do this? And I think between it. Between those kinds of things putting eyes on and response, we gotta. I think we're gonna get a really good outcome. And it's embarrassing. They they had to do something instead of leaving it going into.

1:09:06.319,1:09:08.750

UCTC: So that was it. Incredibly good. Appreciate that.

1:09:09.580,1:09:13.580

UCTC: I would second that things

1:09:13.800,1:09:15.300

UCTC: on

1:09:15.810,1:09:17.310

to

1:09:23.310,1:09:25.350

UCTC: you're extremely good

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project

1:09:31.779,1:09:33.489

UCTC: and sending me.

1:09:39.319,1:10:08.109

UCTC: yeah, just be aware that also, county government has a new public engagement platform. Participate also, and we will be uploading our projects that have public engagement components to it as well. It's a very easy very easy to engage and learn about project progress, and any opportunity for providing public input. It's a very

1:10:08.260,1:10:27.826

UCTC: Kingston Crossing study up on participate. Also, page, we still have a survey that's open available to

1:10:27.850,1:10:35.940

UCTC: get responses for how people interact with the Csx rail corridor through the city of Kingston and a little bit beyond.

1:10:35.950,1:10:44.279

UCTC: Currently with the project we just had traffic counts out at all the crossings, and we were doing video counts and attorney movement counts.

1:10:44.910,1:11:02.560

UCTC: So we're gonna be setting up a tap meeting coming up shortly mid October. Hopefully to look at some of the data that that comes in. So still anticipating getting the count data in, and then we'll be able to start taking a look at that product moving along. So yeah.

1:11:02.670,1:11:03.956

UCTC: you wanna have some.

1:11:03.980,1:11:06.030

UCTC: Oh, you did the construction time.

1:11:06.300,1:11:13.546

UCTC: Emily, when

1:11:13.570,1:11:25.459

UCTC: had participated in equity in in roadway safety. Webinar series that she wanted to share and got them from FHWA. Provided a link to

1:11:26.000,1:11:37.389

UCTC: implications of that Phwa urban area boundary adjustment process. So I have a functional classes, Hms. Reporting a few other things that we discussed.

1:11:37.540,1:11:38.456

Yep.

1:11:38.480,1:11:40.680

UCTC: any other business before the Council

1:11:42.560,1:11:44.429

UCTC: and the Public Crime Allies.

1:11:51.860,1:11:57.706

UCTC: We're submitting our count locations into the contractor. We had to get the

1:11:57.730,1:12:08.020

UCTC: Kingston Rail crossing counts through just due to timing of the project. But we'll be getting our regular account program, which will include oakings highway

1:12:08.390,1:12:13.140

UCTC: in there out this fall. Fiscal. Yes.

1:12:13.880,1:12:18.570

UCTC: I know the second thing is, what about you?

1:12:19.490,1:12:26.239

UCTC: Sure it's good. Thank you. Yeah. The the website is being updated. We are on schedules.

1:12:26.340,1:12:33.406

UCTC: We have a contractor out of the Altman area called Bron media consultants, and they're doing

1:12:33.430,1:12:35.350

UCTC: an excellent job

1:12:35.510,1:12:43.466

UCTC: on on essentially setting up a wireframe. So we talk about the the format and the layout of what the new website would look like.

1:12:43.490,1:12:44.656

UCTC: And then

1:12:44.680,1:13:03.800

UCTC: we're getting right now what I would refer to as the outline of the website, and what we've seen this, the new website will be much, much better organized than what is currently up there. And David and I have both commented, that even right now the

1:13:04.030,1:13:12.450

UCTC: I think all county government websites are very difficult to manage on a mobile device. I have trouble finding

1:13:12.560,1:13:20.840

UCTC: documents through the use of Tc website on my phone and just can't access the menus. So a lot of these issues will be resolved.

1:13:20.980,1:13:25.480

UCTC: and the schedule for completion is December of this year, and we are on schedule

1:13:25.880,1:13:27.380

UCTC: next meeting. Brian

1:13:27.620,1:13:33.049

UCTC: scheduled for October 20. Fourth, we'll have very likely

1:13:33.150,1:13:40.070

UCTC: performance management safety targets to update as well as the urbanized area boundary field.

1:13:40.850,1:13:44.839

UCTC: You think it's a any other officials from the Council

1:13:46.090,1:13:49.430

UCTC: one month. See no comments coming in from online.

1:13:49.740,1:13:54.760

UCTC: Thank you very much. We're finished with the day and agenda. We'll stand adjourned. Thank you.

Meeting concluded at ~11:14 am