

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
August 24, 2021

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

0:00:51.450,0:00:54.030

DD: ..pretty well and survived the storm and had power.

0:00:55.620,0:00:56.460

So, moving on

0:00:57.075,0:01:00.330

we'll do a call to order. Dave you going to take roll?

0:01:02.490,0:01:06.769

DS: Sure. Ulster County? If the representative could state their name.

0:01:06.769,0:01:08.394

EP: Ed Pine. Ulster County DPW.

0:01:08.670,0:01:10.526

DS: City of Kingston?

0:01:10.526,0:01:12.326

GK: Greg Krupp Engineering Department.

0:01:12.326,0:01:13.530

DS: Town of Saugerties?

0:01:15.270,0:01:16.110

DS: Town of Ulster?

0:01:16.343,0:01:17.671

JM: John Morrow

0:01:18.090,0:01:19.227

DS: New York State DOT?

0:01:19.227,0:01:20.645

AM: Amy Mackenzie.

0:01:20.645,0:01:21.690
DS: New York State Thruway?

0:01:23.370,0:01:25.590
DC: Dan Coots New York State DOT Region 8 as well.

0:01:26.220,0:01:27.300
DS: Thanks Dan
DD: Thanks Dan.

0:01:27.960,0:01:28.650
DS: Town of Hurley?

0:01:30.780,0:01:32.193
DS: Town of Esopus.

0:01:32.193,0:01:35.670
LP: Laura Petite. I'm a proxy for the Supervisor.

0:01:36.216,0:01:37.860
DS: Thank you. Town of Marlborough?

0:01:39.780,0:01:40.500
DS: Town of Shawangunk.

0:01:40.686,0:01:41.716
JV: John Valk

0:01:42.870,0:01:44.016
DS: Village of New Paltz?

0:01:44.016,0:01:45.358
TR: Tim Rogers

0:01:46.050,0:01:46.950
DS: Town of Wawarsing?

0:01:48.450,0:01:49.380
DS: Town of Kingston?

0:01:50.520,0:01:51.600

DS: Town of Rochester?

0:01:52.830,0:01:53.700

BS: Eight members present. That's a quorum.

0:01:55.440,0:01:58.170

DS: And then on the line we have...

0:02:03.600,0:02:04.380

Chris Kate,

0:02:06.450,0:02:08.490

Dan Coots, already announced.

0:02:11.460,0:02:12.690

And, I think that's it.

0:02:16.380,0:02:17.700

DD: Thank you, we do have a quorum.

0:02:21.690,0:02:24.510

Call for citizens comments. Are there any citizens comments?

0:02:28.590,0:02:35.565

Hearing none, approval of the April 27, 2021 policy committee meeting summary. Do I have a motion for discussion purposes?

0:02:35.565,0:02:36.429

EP: I'll Make a motion.

0:02:36.429,0:02:37.894

JM: So Moved, second.

0:02:37.894,0:02:43.560

DD: Mr. Morrow, second. Ed Pine moved. Any discussion?

0:02:45.570,0:02:46.919

All in favor?

0:02:46.919,0:02:47.746

Various: Aye.

0:02:48.030,0:02:48.900

DD: Any opposed?

0:02:50.040,0:02:51.120

DD: Any abstentions?

0:02:53.377,0:02:54.450

DD: So carried. Thank you.

0:02:56.550,0:02:58.350

Communications and announcements. Brian?

0:03:00.360,0:03:15.480

BS: We announced at the last technical committee meeting that the transportation alternatives program grant opportunities have been announced by the New York State DOT that is still open program. Anyone who wishes to submit a proposal should have...

0:03:16.620,0:03:28.170

You have the option to submit a pre review submitted to get comments and feedback back on your application. That deadline has passed, that was August 17.

0:03:30.120,0:03:38.528

Final deadline for submissions is September 29. Ulster county planning department is putting forth a project

0:03:38.880,0:03:44.430

DD: We submitted, we submitted for consideration. Thanks Brian. We submitted for consideration for a..

0:03:45.570,0:03:59.730

The transportation Council did a feasibility study for trails from Highmount to Big Indian along the U&D corridor, consistent with the legislative policy that this should be a trails only section.

0:04:00.840,0:04:03.900

The feasibility study was used to essentially complete the TAP grant

0:04:05.040,0:04:10.650

for pre screening so that's that's out there, right now. The total amount was, how much Brian?

0:04:11.760,0:04:22.640

BS: Well it's a draft amount subject to change. There's a total limit of \$5 million per application. This application was somewhere in the vicinity of \$4.5m.

0:04:24.840,0:04:29.400

DD: So, we hope to be back to the legislature, perhaps the late resolution to authorize that.

0:04:31.050,0:04:42.690

Ulster County Transportation Council: there's a there's a it's an 80 20% match with 27% match so when in fact the legislature per week resolution in September, depending on that preliminary that application for that 20%.

0:04:44.550,0:04:47.340

Ulster County Transportation Council: want to make depth luminary deadlines, so I submitted it.

0:04:50.910,0:05:10.380

Ulster County Transportation Council: that's tap I do have one announcements regarding the pending infrastructure legislation that has been dry like a pinball seems through Congress, I received the brief from the American metropolitan planning organization association.

0:05:11.670,0:05:19.230

Ulster County Transportation Council: That summarizes some of the changes they it's called the infrastructure investment and jobs act and they described.

0:05:20.280,0:05:30.660

Ulster County Transportation Council: it's approved by the Senate as relatively unorthodox is the exact word that they use essentially what this does is.

0:05:31.950,0:05:49.590

Ulster County Transportation Council: reauthorize it's the existing surface transportation authorization the fast that simply read reauthorized all the existing programs, but then increases the amount of funding for each program and those increases are significant that's as much as 40%.

0:05:52.980,0:05:54.690

Ulster County Transportation Council: In addition, it adds.

0:05:56.190,0:06:07.290

Ulster County Transportation Council: Some new grant programs to address issues such as transportation zillion seat carbon reduction and safety, it also includes appropriations.

0:06:08.490,0:06:21.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: 184 billion appropriations to the supplement, so this means over the next five years, and additional 274 billion in addition to baseline we already have.

0:06:22.530,0:06:27.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: federal funds will be provided transportation infrastructure it's not live yet.

0:06:29.190,0:06:30.570

See again.

0:06:32.310,0:06:35.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: Congress, there is a significant emphasis on bridges.

0:06:39.090,0:06:41.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I hope to have.

0:06:43.320,0:06:51.990

Ulster County Transportation Council: Nothing materials this fall of the other note is that they expected it whatever iteration to be passed will be passed.

0:06:55.200,0:06:56.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: So when I have more information out.

0:06:58.560,0:07:03.180

Ulster County Transportation Council: Of the new transportation authorization act, but until we have an actual law I.

0:07:05.790,0:07:06.290

guess.

0:07:08.820,0:07:10.710

Ulster County Transportation Council: Those are the only communications.

0:07:13.980,0:07:16.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: Oh no touch, I do have one other.

0:07:17.970,0:07:31.710

Ulster County Transportation Council: I mentioned it at the last meeting that the MPs triennial review is approaching every three years, the new St ot reviews of them to to make sure it's adhering to its planning procedures policies.

0:07:32.430,0:07:52.020

Ulster County Transportation Council: This is a very comprehensive review it's conducted by fh who an FDA Stan they usually come to the M Eo for a week and pretty intensive day long interviews they like to do all three of the mid Hudson valley and he is the same time, so etc.

0:07:53.070,0:08:05.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: orange county dutchess county transportation houses, so we get reviewed as a tna and making sure that you're in here into the procedures on tma then we get reviewed as an individual MPs.

0:08:06.990,0:08:16.890

Ulster County Transportation Council: So the dates have been scheduled for the week of Monday September 27 where we will be having those interviews conducted.

0:08:17.910,0:08:20.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: The MP ios interview.

0:08:21.810,0:08:29.370

Ulster County Transportation Council: This is all going to be done virtually, by the way, I should add the end to use etc will be reviewed on Wednesday, the 29th.

0:08:30.390,0:08:43.050

Ulster County Transportation Council: During that time we've been requested to put together a stakeholder Roundtable of our Members, that is, everyone at this table plus other non voting members.

0:08:44.370,0:08:50.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: We don't have a time set, but it will be as simple as Wednesday, we would, it would be about an hour long duration.

0:08:51.270,0:08:59.430

Ulster County Transportation Council: They simply want to ask questions about the planning process taking place, are you satisfied with the process is taking place at this table.

0:09:00.090,0:09:12.030

Ulster County Transportation Council: on a monthly basis five monthly and are you aware of the the level of decisions that are taking place and and the resources that an npr should be providing to me.

0:09:13.620,0:09:14.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: Pretty rough.

0:09:15.510,0:09:19.050

Ulster County Transportation Council: questions, I suspect, but it's an opportunity for our.

0:09:21.240,0:09:36.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: staff at the federal level to get to know the sentence better so we would strongly encourage your support and participation in that meeting, if you are able, it will be virtually in the Members have a preference for time.

0:09:37.200,0:09:38.340

Ulster County Transportation Council: morning versus afternoon.

0:09:42.000,0:09:44.490

Ulster County Transportation Council: Well that's a sweater sweater to me okay.

0:09:45.960,0:09:46.500

Ulster County Transportation Council: Yes.

0:09:49.050,0:09:50.310

Ulster County Transportation Council: So it's virtual so.

0:09:52.560,0:10:03.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: we're at we're somewhat at the mercy of what the federal officials need, but if we can express a preference who would express that preference to the to the federal officials, I heard john say morning does anybody else want to say anything else.

0:10:06.270,0:10:07.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: Either one okay.

0:10:08.220,0:10:12.990

Ulster County Transportation Council: So we'll see what depends lot but we'll john will ask them about the morning that's okay.

0:10:14.670,0:10:21.870

Ulster County Transportation Council: Thank you don't misunderstand me that flexible doesn't really make a lot of difference, but this just works well for me understand.

0:10:24.180,0:10:25.260

Ulster County Transportation Council: All right, anything else, Brian.

0:10:27.150,0:10:34.500

Ulster County Transportation Council: I mean just understand that this is an important milestone for the for the MP oh it's not something to be looked at lightly, I mean.

0:10:35.160,0:10:55.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: The these are done once every three years it's been four or five hours because yeah because yeah but I mean the funding availability and the continuing to meet

the federal requirements are serious concerns for the MPA Oh, and for the for the Federal federal officials so.

0:10:56.310,0:11:02.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: We get right write ups on these are about you know, a couple hundred pages for the for the mobo and.

0:11:03.450,0:11:11.070

Ulster County Transportation Council: And we have responded to findings in from the past review we have to respond to them we're also giving them.

0:11:11.940,0:11:21.840

Ulster County Transportation Council: A lot of information, what they call a desk reference and all of the the demographics, of the mpl and what we've done all of our planning projects etc, etc, so it's a serious review and there.

0:11:22.410,0:11:27.180

Ulster County Transportation Council: are probably in the neighborhood of four to five federal officials that are involved in this region.

0:11:28.350,0:11:29.250

Ulster County Transportation Council: Just be aware of that.

0:11:33.150,0:11:54.810

Ulster County Transportation Council: 1020 3027 we anticipate that ours will be the 29th that's going to be down for the preamp ios so look at us together separately, stakeholders and public so that's that's kind of a kind of the sea agenda it's right there will be a public meeting as well.

0:11:55.860,0:12:13.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: When I will put out a notification to our Members, the all the relative meeting information, but I believe the public reading is also scheduled for actually it looks like it's scheduled for the week prior year September 22 so well send a notice.

0:12:15.690,0:12:20.370

Ulster County Transportation Council: That we would the public meeting is important, but we would really like your participation.

0:12:21.780,0:12:22.710

Wednesday the 29th.

0:12:33.750,0:12:36.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any comments or questions from the Council members.

0:12:39.960,0:12:57.780

Ulster County Transportation Council: New business Item number five a use etc resolution 2021 06 it's the allocation of previously unallocated federal transit administration FDA section 5307 formula funds for regional transit projects and emotion for discussion purposes.

0:13:00.060,0:13:05.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: And Mr morrow is the first Mr Walker is the second is that are with everyone every emotion and, second, Brian.

0:13:07.260,0:13:11.010

Ulster County Transportation Council: sure if I could draw your attention to these three resolution.

0:13:12.360,0:13:21.840

Ulster County Transportation Council: Resolution 2021 dash six addresses previous unspent tma unallocated save.

0:13:23.460,0:13:34.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: Since federal fiscal year 2015 through federal fiscal year 2020 the tma has accumulated nearly \$16 million in unallocated funds these.

0:13:34.650,0:13:50.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: funds that are not allocated to any specific designated recipient they're there for the tma to decide how to district for various transit needs and we opened up a open solicitation for those funds to all.

0:13:52.410,0:13:54.780

designated recipients within tna.

0:13:56.910,0:14:14.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: And then we receive five applications to applications were rejected as incomplete those for for essentially sidewalk improvement proposals in orange Duches county and well they.

0:14:16.500,0:14:25.770

Ulster County Transportation Council: The merits of the proposals were good they did not meet all the specifications for these funding for this funds for.

0:14:27.540,0:14:41.850

Ulster County Transportation Council: The projects that were recommended by the three transportation Councils included facility rehabilitation improvements from the Duches county public transit system and a total of \$4.4 million.

0:14:43.110,0:14:51.270

Ulster County Transportation Council: signal improvements, as requested by the metropolitan transportation authority \$4.1 million, that is.

0:14:52.440,0:15:00.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: The full project costs 180 million, so they have more funding to wire, but we were able to provide.

0:15:02.310,0:15:06.480

Ulster County Transportation Council: and assistance for electric bus purchases.

0:15:08.640,0:15:17.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: electrification as well as design up a storage facility for the Ulster county area transit system for formula.

0:15:18.510,0:15:24.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: Three project awards, we recommend funding for so \$12.6 million.

0:15:27.390,0:15:35.730

Ulster County Transportation Council: With these allocations, we will have remained in savings \$3.2 million for future distribution, we will also have.

0:15:36.840,0:15:51.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: Our 2021 application, which is forthcoming, so we should still have a bounce out week by the end of this year after we can allocate for 2021 phones of nearly \$6 million dollars still savings going forward.

0:15:56.100,0:16:00.090

Ulster County Transportation Council: The details of each application are provided themselves pages.

0:16:02.910,0:16:03.840

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any questions.

0:16:04.860,0:16:05.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: comments.

0:16:10.380,0:16:10.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: Hearing none.

0:16:12.150,0:16:13.680

Ulster County Transportation Council: All in favor Aye.

0:16:14.820,0:16:15.750

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any opposed.

0:16:19.500,0:16:20.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any extensions.

0:16:21.840,0:16:22.380

Ulster County Transportation Council: So carrie.

0:16:23.610,0:16:28.620

Ulster County Transportation Council: Before I go on, I just wanted to share a little bit about the Ulster county area transit store to silly.

0:16:29.880,0:16:39.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: Maybe calls us to transit use etc conducted a feasibility study for the needs for that expansion that storage facility.

0:16:40.380,0:16:50.700

Ulster County Transportation Council: And a location for that storage facility and that study is available online it's also available to Council members, but the need for Ulster county area transits.

0:16:51.840,0:17:00.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: Right now, with respect to that storage facility facility would be over \$15 million, and as the as the county moves to electric buses.

0:17:01.320,0:17:10.350

Ulster County Transportation Council: That storage becomes more acute because you can't leave them out you can't leave them outside and currently and more than half the fleet for Ulster county area transit is stored outside.

0:17:11.550,0:17:18.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: So we we are moving to essentially match our need for that facility with our electrification of the bus fleet.

0:17:20.010,0:17:21.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: And i'll just leave it at that, but.

0:17:22.650,0:17:27.720

Ulster County Transportation Council: To be honest, we have not found that \$15 million for that facility so we're looking for that 15 million.

0:17:29.550,0:17:31.830

Ulster County Transportation Council: But it is, it is a need that's out there.

0:17:35.790,0:17:47.310

Ulster County Transportation Council: Thank you resolution be item be resolution 2024 seven it's to support the New York State Department transportation nice target for safety performance measures.

0:17:48.840,0:17:50.850

Ulster County Transportation Council: That have emotion for discussion purposes.

0:17:52.170,0:17:53.550

Ulster County Transportation Council: Some most Thank you.

0:17:55.470,0:17:56.010

Ulster County Transportation Council: Thank you Laura.

0:17:57.780,0:18:13.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: I have a motion and a second Brian sure transportation performance management has been a requirement of ios were roughly the past five years, first through the previous authorization act and carry during the fast deck.

0:18:15.240,0:18:25.170

Ulster County Transportation Council: There are a variety of different performance measures that NGOs have to maintain and keep checking on as well as New York State do T just as a requirement for department transportation as well.

0:18:26.040,0:18:32.160

Ulster County Transportation Council: As various topic areas for performance management and transit transit safety in terms of reporting stock.

0:18:33.300,0:18:38.130

Ulster County Transportation Council: infrastructure, including the conditions of roads and bridges congestion.

0:18:39.810,0:18:55.380

Ulster County Transportation Council: As well as a list of the safety performance target is one of the only measures that needs to be updated on an annual basis, so by now, you should be relatively familiar with this target has been passing similar resolutions annually.

0:18:56.700,0:18:57.200

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0:18:58.590,0:19:08.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: Specific measures are included in an attachment one for this year's update essentially it's a five year rolling average for the five focus areas.

0:19:10.020,0:19:11.580

Ulster County Transportation Council: This is a statewide are.

0:19:13.110,0:19:17.970

Ulster County Transportation Council: All of our traffic statistics for Ulster county are essentially aggregated.

0:19:19.260,0:19:36.600

Ulster County Transportation Council: data that is used here, so I want to emphasize this is a statewide target, I should also emphasize that all 14 MPs throughout New York state are passing a similar resolution essentially accepting New York state deities safety.

0:19:38.490,0:19:44.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: So, as in previous years, we dropped the oldest year of record out and we had the newest record.

0:19:45.900,0:19:51.900

To establish the five year baseline or sorry five year moving average the trend.

0:19:53.280,0:20:15.480

Ulster County Transportation Council: I circulated during the technical committee, a very good faction of the target setting methods that fh who the floors nice stuff to follow, I will circulate that in for anyone who is interested, it does show the trend lines associated with the data behind stable.

0:20:17.550,0:20:32.040

Ulster County Transportation Council: If we follow our five year moving average the percent change that is predicted through that moving average is significant there's we're looking at number of fatalities a projected decreased by 10% and seeing the.

0:20:33.990,0:20:41.220

Ulster County Transportation Council: column over and so forth the federal requirements state that you can CAP your projected.

0:20:42.660,0:20:45.840

production or increase and so these.

0:20:47.100,0:20:52.110

anticipated projections are capital 1% that explains the.

0:20:53.850,0:20:56.400

columns all the way to the right side.

0:20:58.020,0:21:05.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I will circulate the methodology for those who are interested in the questions i'm happy to answer.

0:21:06.480,0:21:06.980

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0:21:10.110,0:21:11.010

Ulster County Transportation Council: Little more in depth.

0:21:20.970,0:21:27.360

Ulster County Transportation Council: Right, can you explain the importance of safety data as it relates to adoption region and what the direction is at the federal level.

0:21:30.210,0:21:36.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: The importance of safety data well it's important that we track safety, so that we can keep a sense of.

0:21:37.770,0:21:47.280

Ulster County Transportation Council: focusing our federal transportation expenditures on the areas that require them if there are certain locations where we're experiencing crashes had a.

0:21:48.000,0:21:58.950

Ulster County Transportation Council: Great higher than average or higher than to be expected, then we in our role as transportation professionals, as members of transportation pounds in the field Nice.

0:21:59.820,0:22:13.800

Ulster County Transportation Council: need to be doing our due diligence, to make sure that the resources were allocated to stable are going to where they're needed most where they receive a classroom that is really the main focus of tracking this data to.

0:22:14.850,0:22:27.000

Ulster County Transportation Council: At least into having a discussion again, this is a statewide trend line you don't really get down to the weeds at the county level, with this resolution done that, through other planning projects.

0:22:28.200,0:22:37.020

Ulster County Transportation Council: But this is beginning to get the MPs and we are sitting here to to have the discussion about transportation resources are.

0:22:40.020,0:22:42.360

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any comments questions.

0:22:50.940,0:22:52.620

Ulster County Transportation Council: Right, so that.

0:22:53.850,0:22:58.890

Ulster County Transportation Council: If you do have the five year moving average trend, if you look on step one.

0:23:00.660,0:23:11.790

Ulster County Transportation Council: What are trends or show we have fortunately right now it's declining trends and the trend line shows or a 10% reduction if you follow the trend number of fatalities.

0:23:12.600,0:23:24.450

Ulster County Transportation Council: 10.84 fatality rate so forth the federal requirements State will have to cap it so you don't have a huge jump for spike data if you have a big jump one year.

0:23:25.620,0:23:38.250

It could affect your trend line, and so, because of that to suit the data they recommend CAP, the trend line 1% so that's the way to suit up.

0:23:41.190,0:23:42.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any other questions.

0:23:44.130,0:23:44.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: Hearing none.

0:23:46.980,0:23:49.860

Ulster County Transportation Council: All in favor Aye any opposed.

0:23:52.290,0:23:53.130

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any extension.

0:23:58.620,0:24:07.290

Ulster County Transportation Council: Number see on the Agenda Resolution 2021 00 816 mimic the Ulster county transportation Council state fiscal year SF y.

0:24:09.960,0:24:15.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: Unified planning work program to add a new project and that new project is.

0:24:17.190,0:24:26.130

Ulster County Transportation Council: Is an update to the to the transportation council's website to have emotion for discussion purposes so movie Thank you Mr morrow do I have a second.

0:24:28.260,0:24:30.300

Ulster County Transportation Council: With that sorry to hear.

0:24:32.610,0:24:42.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: of emotion and, second, Brian yes decided that it's time for an update to the CDC website, you can pass we relied on family support through our.

0:24:42.930,0:24:52.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: office of information services, and we feel that it would be more efficient if the mbo takes it upon ourselves to do the update.

0:24:52.740,0:25:09.810

Ulster County Transportation Council: Using consulting assistance we therefore would like to set aside \$30,000 to make available for a consultant, as well as \$5,000 for steps, for that would be david's time densest mind time devoted to this project.

0:25:10.920,0:25:18.960

Ulster County Transportation Council: From our savings for the purposes of updating the website, we would keep the same URL.

0:25:20.310,0:25:28.950

still be posted essentially through the county but the design would be significantly updated and reorient obviously.

0:25:29.970,0:25:46.260

Ulster County Transportation Council: If this is approved, we presently have an fh who on program bouts of just over \$313,000 in federal PL funds, if approved, we would then have a savings of 278 608,000 without.

0:25:48.210,0:25:49.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any questions.

0:25:50.220,0:25:54.480

Ulster County Transportation Council: Just to another comment part of this is the fact that we have to not only.

0:25:55.710,0:26:06.270

Ulster County Transportation Council: The the, the best way to describe the current website is it's insider baseball if you know what you're looking for you can find it, but if you if you don't you're you're pretty hard pressed.

0:26:07.440,0:26:12.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: And quite frankly that's a statement for the rest of the county website as well.

0:26:13.830,0:26:14.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: But.

0:26:15.630,0:26:22.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: We also have some federal requirements with respect to being seen as a separate distinct organization from the county.

0:26:22.770,0:26:30.990

Ulster County Transportation Council: And that's the first piece of this, the second piece of this is, is that we also have some Ada compliance issues that we have to deal with as well, and the current website.

0:26:31.770,0:26:48.510

Ulster County Transportation Council: will not meet those requirements so that's a that's another driving factor here and we do have some quotes with respect to this so that the numbers are not just sort of made up the numbers are based on the conversations we've had with other people that people that do website updates.

0:26:49.530,0:26:51.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any other questions this.

0:26:53.250,0:27:05.700

Ulster County Transportation Council: Time determined, I mean we have to do it again five years you know or well on that the short answer would be is is that we want to keep the website up to date, current and we want to make sure that it meets.

0:27:06.960,0:27:17.700

Ulster County Transportation Council: The various trends and technology, whether it be accessible from a mobile phone or etc, so I wouldn't say that there's an actual timeframe, but the idea would be.

0:27:19.200,0:27:23.070

Ulster County Transportation Council: The other thing that we are currently working on is a.

0:27:24.180,0:27:32.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: resiliency plan that we've we've signed a contract with it was in the unified planning work program we find that we signed a contract with a company called gta.

0:27:34.260,0:27:45.030

Ulster County Transportation Council: And we're moving away from essentially PDF reports and the typical report formats that we've seen in the past and what we're moving towards is essentially an Arc hub.

0:27:46.440,0:27:56.610

Ulster County Transportation Council: What are called web based applications for most of our reports, if you want a good example of this, take a look at moving forward it's dutchess counties newly transportation plan.

0:27:57.330,0:28:05.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: So the short answer is, is that we would think that this is a step to update the look and feel of the site and the ability to get information out of it.

0:28:06.420,0:28:19.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: But it's only the first step in terms of trying to make the transportation capitals reports much more easier to understand and and responsive to essentially the the interest of the of the individual that's looking at the website.

0:28:21.030,0:28:23.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: The example I would give you is is that.

0:28:25.500,0:28:36.270

Ulster County Transportation Council: If you're reading a if you're looking at a report in the idea that you would essentially have to go through the entire table of contents and then flip through it or do word searches on what you're particularly looking for.

0:28:36.870,0:28:43.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: But essentially moving towards our hub site or moving towards a web based application, you can provide.

0:28:43.890,0:28:50.940

Ulster County Transportation Council: Basically, a click a clickable way to to get to where you wanted to go and then rather than just contain information in the report.

0:28:51.270,0:28:58.800

Ulster County Transportation Council: You can also supplement that information so that if you're having a discussion about the demography, for example with demographics.

0:28:59.100,0:29:12.960

Ulster County Transportation Council: You can put a lot of demographics out there that are separate and distinct from the transportation Councils work, but are also part of the transportation Councils data needs to turn to make decisions, so if you think of it that way, and if you look at various our hub sites.

0:29:14.160,0:29:22.140

Ulster County Transportation Council: It allows you to to peruse documents at a high level and pick your area of interest and then move into that level.

0:29:22.470,0:29:29.790

Ulster County Transportation Council: satisfy your interest and if it's even more, you can move, you can move through you can move through those into a much, much greater level of detail.

0:29:30.660,0:29:38.610

Ulster County Transportation Council: So we think that that's the that's the wave of the future, and we think that that's where we're going that's a long answer your question you have updated every five years, but.

0:29:39.030,0:29:49.890

Ulster County Transportation Council: The short answer is we're we're moving in a direction that effectively takes us away from what we what we currently have out there, what just here's a copy of the final report PDF you can download it right yeah.

0:29:52.650,0:29:53.700

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any other questions.

0:29:57.180,0:29:59.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: Hearing none all in favor Aye.

0:30:00.810,0:30:01.650

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any opposed.

0:30:02.790,0:30:03.290

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any.

0:30:07.650,0:30:17.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: Other old business Brian I mentioned that the technical committee last month that the UCC annual performance and expenditure report that's now.

0:30:18.150,0:30:28.710

Ulster County Transportation Council: available in draft form, I have not posted this online, I would like to as soon as it is through by the first sentence New York State do T potato.

0:30:30.840,0:30:40.770

Ulster County Transportation Council: a wonderful resource for me ios and the all the planning bureau of Nice dot she needs to review it and proven and then we submitted to whichever.

0:30:41.970,0:30:48.750

Ulster County Transportation Council: Is a very detailed account of how our time resources transportation spent.

0:30:49.800,0:30:51.960

And it follows the format of our w.

0:30:53.040,0:30:59.730

So if you are ever interested if we spend time on a certain project or task, that is, the report to you.

0:31:01.680,0:31:02.190

So.

0:31:03.240,0:31:08.490

i'd like to make you aware of that and we will post, it is on our website as soon as it's been approved.

0:31:10.770,0:31:19.470

Ulster County Transportation Council: already mentioned presentation alternatives program funding going if the question is, do you know any anyone else in the Council members have applied for cat funding.

0:31:22.920,0:31:26.250

Ulster County Transportation Council: I know the city, the city things like yeah.

0:31:29.520,0:31:40.380

Ulster County Transportation Council: I spoke with Kristen Greg last week I know she was under the gun and there are were a couple of projects, they were considering, and I think we're on the fence.

0:31:46.860,0:32:02.490

Ulster County Transportation Council: Thank you for others funding announcement and where are the events, the transportation Council when you receive that from Nice when you do send them out through our mailing list it's easy to sign up for our mailing list you go to our mvp out there, so like right at top.

0:32:04.080,0:32:12.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: If you're not at work and we get runs across we actually also send it to the legislature as well, so there should be.

0:32:13.050,0:32:23.760

Ulster County Transportation Council: There should be some notification to the legislative channels as well we get a lot of updates from our Federal and State partners we try to cure rate will be sent out to Members because.

0:32:25.140,0:32:26.550

Send too many notices.

0:32:28.140,0:32:29.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: tab funding is one.

0:32:33.330,0:32:39.420

Ulster County Transportation Council: So both New York State do T CAP yeah 21 culture and we'll come right up.

0:32:44.130,0:32:51.090

Ulster County Transportation Council: Anything else Brian locally sponsored project yet locally sponsored fairly projects, this is going to be a standing.

0:32:52.470,0:33:00.150

item on the agenda for our Members updates a local sponsor federally projects.

0:33:01.980,0:33:05.850

I don't know if we want to get into this out desk we have a specific questions and projects.

0:33:07.620,0:33:22.440

Ulster County Transportation Council: Well, I guess, the key is is that we know that we've moved we've done we've done a substantial amount of administrative amendments to the tip to push

projects back and Dave you want to talk about those a little bit I know you prepare the ballots and i've approved them so.

0:33:24.180,0:33:30.870

Ulster County Transportation Council: We had a number of projects kind of come through with New York State do T specifically LP you and.

0:33:32.250,0:33:40.920

Ulster County Transportation Council: staff at the you know region eight that kind of we go through and take a look at where projects are and if they're going to meet their application dates and.

0:33:41.610,0:33:56.790

Ulster County Transportation Council: If they're not going to meet it for the fiscal you know federal fiscal year usually shift them out and adjust the schedules as needed and that helps with to performance, to a degree from the reporting standpoint, even though the projects are being advanced.

0:33:58.620,0:34:11.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: So we ask that you know if you do have any projects that aren't going to be meet your meet your deadlines that we adjust those Scott schedules and the tip accurately reflects the the current scheduled dates of the project we move back.

0:34:13.140,0:34:21.900

Ulster County Transportation Council: A couple of sidewalk projects, I think we move back Tilson Angela channel Lloyd, we will back the never ending Tilson avenue in town.

0:34:23.190,0:34:24.030

Ulster County Transportation Council: We move back.

0:34:25.590,0:34:29.610

Ulster County Transportation Council: there's a you know we're we're still looking at the county's kingston rail trail.

0:34:31.140,0:34:45.720

Ulster County Transportation Council: In terms of it being moved back, partly because of the issues with respect to right away we're still trying to acquire right away, through an eminent domain process, and we think we have a three time we think we have an agreement principle, the party adds another.

0:34:47.190,0:34:55.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: Another shoe drops, and they want another concession so we've been negotiating for about a year now on this right away, I think, hopefully.

0:34:57.300,0:35:03.630

Ulster County Transportation Council: we'll have some agreement by the end of end of this month, it can have a closing on that right away.

0:35:05.310,0:35:10.320

Ulster County Transportation Council: i'll just leave that out there and I think we have to remove the bridge back and aliceville as I recall.

0:35:11.340,0:35:20.940

Ulster County Transportation Council: So there's a couple of administrative modifications that the Council is asked to move by the ot and under our bylaws for the tip the tip procedures.

0:35:22.020,0:35:36.360

Ulster County Transportation Council: We can move them back the administrative committee can listen back, we just project selection or administrative participations to the tip as compared to adding new projects are over leading projects so that that's been happening.

0:35:38.160,0:35:40.440

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any other project updates from any of the members.

0:35:42.900,0:35:44.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: If you got a bridge don't you.

0:35:46.860,0:35:52.200

Ulster County Transportation Council: Why don't you got one that's federally funded that's my question yeah we're all set with those.

0:36:01.530,0:36:02.030

yeah.

0:36:05.280,0:36:10.440

Ulster County Transportation Council: Okay anything else i've got one thing I wanted to talk about briefly and.

0:36:11.700,0:36:19.410

Ulster County Transportation Council: As you're aware of the transportation Councils been involved as the leading a safety highway safety study countywide.

0:36:20.580,0:36:31.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: And that project is coming to conclusion leading up to report to be published, but a lot of that data we picked out the top 10 and correct me here when i'm wrong David.

0:36:32.220,0:36:41.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: We picked out the top 10 locations in the county and we divided by intersections five intersections and five highway segments.

0:36:41.970,0:36:56.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: And one of the intersections that we picked out as a as a real problematic intersection because it exceeded the statewide average of accidents substantially was an intersection of brunswick turnpike and 4455 and the town of gardiner.

0:36:58.680,0:36:59.490

Ulster County Transportation Council: That was.

0:37:00.720,0:37:07.710

Ulster County Transportation Council: That was seen as a highly problematic intersection because of the number of accidents that occurred and and when we looked at the accident data.

0:37:08.340,0:37:21.330

Ulster County Transportation Council: it's what I would call an equal opportunity intersection where, in spite of the fact, when you see it in the field, the The examples are that the accidents occur on all four legs, with almost equal frequency.

0:37:23.730,0:37:32.430

Ulster County Transportation Council: The county executive acting as a chair of US etc wrote a letter to the Department of Transportation relative to.

0:37:33.060,0:37:42.510

Ulster County Transportation Council: The need to make changes they're having call this accident out, it was called out by the Supervisor, the town of Gardner who reached out to the transportation Council and asked us to.

0:37:44.010,0:37:45.360

Ulster County Transportation Council: To see if we could do anything.

0:37:47.310,0:37:51.450

Ulster County Transportation Council: I think, within a week after we wrote that letter, there was fatality at that intersection.

0:37:52.980,0:37:56.850

Ulster County Transportation Council: And that sort of set off alarm bells everywhere.

0:37:58.140,0:37:58.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: and

0:38:00.360,0:38:08.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: The Department has we asked a department that have been with the with the committee to discuss it, we were invited to that meeting that department.

0:38:10.110,0:38:13.440

Ulster County Transportation Council: brought its its safety folks to that meeting.

0:38:15.180,0:38:31.710

Ulster County Transportation Council: And, in short answer the department has decided that the intersection deserves a signal, and it will be civilized, but they will move as soon as possible to essentially put flashers on the approaches to that intersection.

0:38:33.150,0:38:41.820

Ulster County Transportation Council: And there was a general sense that this was a really important step from the department to recognize that the intersection deserve the signal.

0:38:43.110,0:38:43.950

Ulster County Transportation Council: here's the problem.

0:38:45.570,0:38:51.390

Ulster County Transportation Council: The next signal contract, according to the department would not be available until 2024.

0:38:53.700,0:38:54.210

Ulster County Transportation Council: So.

0:38:55.470,0:39:00.480

Ulster County Transportation Council: The general sense from everyone is that that's just not an acceptable timeframe for response.

0:39:01.980,0:39:02.490

Ulster County Transportation Council: So.

0:39:05.850,0:39:15.960

DD: The county executive and the planning department is is planning on a response to that which congratulates the department for recognizing the need, but also essentially

0:39:16.950,0:39:26.880

indicates that there needs to be a faster way to respond. So, what I'm asking is, is there an opportunity here for the Council to essentially weigh in on this as well.

0:39:28.740,0:39:29.240

Ulster County Transportation Council: Her.

0:39:30.750,0:39:35.520

Ulster County Transportation Council: department has were on track, whereby they they make.

0:39:36.570,0:39:39.570

Improvements where they're necessary.

0:39:40.740,0:39:43.710

Ulster County Transportation Council: I won't say on an emergency basis but close to.

0:39:45.240,0:39:47.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: Why can't take, but the signal, where.

0:39:48.720,0:39:50.610

Ulster County Transportation Council: The question was asked, but not answer.

0:39:52.410,0:39:52.910

I can.

0:39:54.840,0:40:04.170

Ulster County Transportation Council: See if we can't really answer you know you say a signal, you're talking about a traffic light? yes i'm sorry john yes, it is a traffic light, you have to traffic, because you talk about flashers..

0:40:04.590,0:40:14.940

Ulster County Transportation Council: Well, the the thought being is is, this is a, this is a major state road and the signal would be oddly place let's put it that way on that major state road.

0:40:15.570,0:40:25.110

Ulster County Transportation Council: So the department has you know to their credit has designed an incremental approach which effectively starts with flashers on the on the State legs.

0:40:25.650,0:40:39.540

Ulster County Transportation Council: Right and then, as we move to civilization the flashers then become a warning for the civilization ahead, so it is a really good design option and a good and a good safety it'd be simpler than what they did in my floors.

0:40:41.490,0:40:53.010

Ulster County Transportation Council: i'm not familiar with that, but when you have prototype falls right now, they have a flashing sign got your Lucas to 13 know it's it's just East of the great okay.

0:40:54.360,0:41:04.980

Ulster County Transportation Council: The word ratio markets yeah I know where you're at now Okay, I was but yes The short answer I mean I without we are going out there, looking at it see what departments proposing the short answer is is that's a.

0:41:05.340,0:41:10.260

Ulster County Transportation Council: that's the incremental approach and the maintenance department put those up so they were up in a matter of weeks and.

0:41:11.310,0:41:18.420

Ulster County Transportation Council: Months and then have to wait for that to happen, analysis, what reason for the accidents are there is it.

0:41:19.050,0:41:24.570

Ulster County Transportation Council: Like a psychic distance or is it speeding or people run into stop sign up brother, the road.

0:41:25.140,0:41:34.950

Ulster County Transportation Council: We had done as part of it we you know this was identified as one of the top locations that we looked at, so we go in, we just the crash diagrams and the analysis, the crashes it's like.

0:41:35.700,0:41:48.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: Nearly all the crashes Are these the right angle crashes, and when you look at the site, it seems like you have you know site distance for days, but you have curve that's very deceptive and.

0:41:49.290,0:41:57.900

Ulster County Transportation Council: it's difficult to judge the gaps that are even though you have quite site distance speeds were you know it's like 60 to 85th percentile which.

0:41:59.130,0:42:01.170

Ulster County Transportation Council: wasn't that excessive for the area.

0:42:03.180,0:42:15.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: And it really is just it's it's one of those instances where it the treatments that are available, you know, there are already existing existing signage there and it really does.

0:42:16.350,0:42:24.060

Ulster County Transportation Council: get to the level where signal would be required, one of the difficult issues, though, when we did a signal Warren analysis is that the volumes are so low.

0:42:25.440,0:42:34.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: That doesn't necessarily trip the warrens but from a crash standpoint it's it's very excessive in a very clear pattern that you see too it's not just.

0:42:34.980,0:42:48.270

Ulster County Transportation Council: You know, random crashes it's really a pattern yeah so you almost liken it to the crossovers on the taconic parkway where people are used to stop at a stop sign, they have the traffic at 55 miles now we're going by.

0:42:50.640,0:42:57.900

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I raised the question again it's their support from the Council to write a letter just appeared its weight to that letter and.

0:42:59.250,0:43:01.740

Ulster County Transportation Council: to expedite 2024 days, yes.

0:43:03.600,0:43:09.270

Ulster County Transportation Council: i'm not going to do something again my my question about on comparison to section.

0:43:10.290,0:43:11.520

Three feels odd.

0:43:15.450,0:43:15.950

I just.

0:43:17.280,0:43:31.320

Not not understand why you can't consider things like our road die for intersection like that I feel like the forest and it really fast, and you know why not just like tighten it up so.

0:43:32.400,0:43:33.570

you're not on it so.

0:43:34.860,0:43:45.150

Ulster County Transportation Council: I think they were also thinking Lisa Mandela explained to me just like David did my my reply was as a non traffic engineer oh it's not fung Shui.

0:43:46.590,0:43:51.240

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I think she was also talking about they're going to add paint to make it.

0:43:51.570,0:44:03.780

Ulster County Transportation Council: yeah they're like an intersection yeah I think that the short answer is, is that there are things that they can do, but it's not changing the geometry of the road it's more exchanging the warning signs they've added a second stop sign.

0:44:04.140,0:44:10.050

Ulster County Transportation Council: Is our understanding, but in the end the thought being is is that the accident levels are so high.

0:44:10.530,0:44:13.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: And there's just a when you go out there and you look at the intersection you're like.

0:44:13.980,0:44:22.260

Ulster County Transportation Council: what's the problem here, but then the accident data just shows that there is a need for a second and they're very you know serious crashes as well you know.

0:44:22.620,0:44:27.270

Ulster County Transportation Council: A lot of serious injury number of fatalities it's it's a very deceiving intersection.

0:44:28.080,0:44:40.380

Ulster County Transportation Council: They looked at a speed reduction on 44 when you start doing the you know the the 85th percentile when you're out there, doing traffic study and seeing what the speeds are that's what drivers are naturally doing you can change the sign but.

0:44:40.800,0:44:58.620

Ulster County Transportation Council: it's not going to really change driver behavior and you know that might just make people feel that you know oh it's 45 now that i'm going across right so so again why can't they consider some sort of rose rose rose and intersections travel through.

0:45:00.720,0:45:02.190

6070 miles an hour.

0:45:03.570,0:45:06.660

Ulster County Transportation Council: I the answer I I feel like you know.

0:45:08.100,0:45:15.930

i'm actually not supportive of this season here is simply traffic signal, I think you're probably.

0:45:17.070,0:45:19.350

Maybe a little bit of the traffic signal, but.

0:45:21.000,0:45:28.950

Let me just encourage vehicles to travel at these high speeds on each row roads were for drivers are not anticipating anyone else to be around.

0:45:30.360,0:45:31.020

This is what today.

0:45:32.310,0:45:36.300

None, so we got a couple interceptions in our county full circle.

0:45:37.980,0:45:49.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: Excellent Rachel had to drop write down what you're looking for this Council to take a stand that three years is unacceptable and that's that's what i'm hoping for us on my emotions, a lot of fun.

0:45:51.210,0:45:53.460

Ulster County Transportation Council: On a second I have emotion and second.

0:45:55.140,0:45:55.830

Ulster County Transportation Council: All in favor.

0:46:00.420,0:46:04.620

Ulster County Transportation Council: would thank you have a similar promise that 44 have a focus group.

0:46:05.520,0:46:17.910

Ulster County Transportation Council: So let me, let me address TIM being opposed to 10 we operate on consensus, if you're opposed and then the Council cannot move forward I just feel like no one's taking a hard look at lower tech solutions to problems like this.

0:46:18.090,0:46:23.670

Ulster County Transportation Council: I see it all, but I think the safety folks from the from the city from your key have recommended it to say.

0:46:24.660,0:46:32.880

Ulster County Transportation Council: I will say that during the meeting we had with the iot they they really did take an incremental approach to have bought for short term solutions at the location.

0:46:33.240,0:46:40.680

Ulster County Transportation Council: To try to address it don't posting signage you know the flashers that are further out alerting people of the the intersection coming ahead.

0:46:42.900,0:46:51.240

Ulster County Transportation Council: You know, with advisory signage as much as they can But aside from doing geometry changes which would you know he has bigger projects, I think that point.

0:46:51.930,0:47:07.560

Ulster County Transportation Council: You know that's, what do you have a percentile rule is is incredibly problematic yeah you know I sat in numerous meetings with various supervisors everyone gets incredibly frustrated with with that, as the response to something you know why.

0:47:09.990,0:47:19.890

Ulster County Transportation Council: He designed growth for part two, where they are supposed to do something that has been shown to be a major safe the improvement by traffic engineers on a national level.

0:47:23.760,0:47:31.410

Ulster County Transportation Council: From traffic lights the remainder was yes, thank you good the letter include the recommendation.

0:47:34.740,0:47:35.280

needs to me.

0:47:36.930,0:47:38.280

Ulster County Transportation Council: And she says this way.

0:47:39.540,0:47:42.720

Cheaper but i'm not sure I don't know the intersection.

0:47:44.100,0:47:48.720

Ulster County Transportation Council: I certainly don't want to write a letter that basically discourages department from installing a second.

0:47:51.960,0:47:56.790

we've got a section that twinkle lights that didn't do anything until the signal.

0:48:00.600,0:48:01.100

Ulster County Transportation Council: Okay.

0:48:08.730,0:48:10.680

Ulster County Transportation Council: Any other additional business for the Council.

0:48:13.410,0:48:26.400

Ulster County Transportation Council: On thank everyone for attending today we weren't sure we're going to be able to pull this off August after storm summertime and that's another circumstance, so thank you everyone.

0:48:27.660,0:48:31.080

Ulster County Transportation Council: next meeting is scheduled for September 28 technical.

0:48:34.560,0:48:35.070

Ulster County Transportation Council: Your summer.

0:48:36.690,0:48:41.640

Ulster County Transportation Council: Day Oh, by the way, somebody grabs a Danish back here so take it back to the office.

0:48:43.050,0:48:43.550

Ulster County Transportation Council: All three.

0:48:50.940,0:48:51.930

Ulster County Transportation Council: contracts and let.

0:48:53.250,0:48:54.870

Ulster County Transportation Council: me update the contract.

0:48:56.370,0:49:01.620

Ulster County Transportation Council: So I don't know time frame is constructed, so we can't remember.: 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 ~11:53 am