

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

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DD: You going to do roll call or not?

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BS: This tech so we'll just ask Dave to go through the participants.

0:00:13.090,0:00:13.870

DD: Good morning everyone.

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Good morning everyone, welcome to the November 23 meeting of the Ulster County Transportation Councils Technical advisory committee. Hope everyone is in good health and and looking forward to the holidays, I know I am.

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So with that we'll start. Call to order. Dave, rather than everybody introduce themselves, could you just run through who's on the line so everybody knows who's here.

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DS: Of course.

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Alright, so we have Sandra jobson, Amy Mackenzie Chris Cape Chris Hanna and pine Greg Krupp her blitz Mike Baden Peter Cristiano shelly Johnson Vernon Benjamin and then, I have a dial in number, ending in 8458.

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DD: You could identify yourself, please 8458.

0:01:09.340,0:01:10.630

DS: I believe they're muted, but.

0:01:15.940,0:01:19.210

DD: I appreciate it. 8458 could identify themselves we'd appreciate it.

0:01:28.240,0:01:31.120

GK: Do they have to press *6 to unmute themselves?

0:01:31.360,0:01:33.190

DS: Thanks Greg. I was trying to remember what it was.

0:01:34.186,0:01:35.182

LP: Lizy Philip

0:01:38.380,0:01:38.920

DD: Thank you so much.

0:01:40.270,0:01:41.800

DS: And Kristen Wilson just joined.

0:01:42.760,0:01:43.576

LP: Hello?

0:01:43.576,0:01:44.170

DS: Hi Lizy

0:01:45.610,0:01:46.110

LP: Hi.

0:01:51.670,0:01:54.550

DS: And Fred Mastroianni just joined as well.

0:01:56.350,0:02:03.550

DD: Well, again good morning everyone we'll start with the agenda items if we don't mind, I have a call for citizens comments. Are there any citizens comments?

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Hearing none, approval the July 27 2021 Technical Committee meeting summary. Can I have a motion for discussion purposes?

0:02:17.170,0:02:18.370

MB: So moved. Mike Baden.

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DD: Thank you Mr. Baden, and I appreciate you identifying yourself. Do I have a second?

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GK: Greg Krupp second.

0:02:29.770,0:02:31.330

UCTC: Thank you very much appreciate it.

0:02:32.080,0:02:33.340

18452408458: Have a motion and second.

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Any discussion.

0:02:37.750,0:02:40.540
18452408458: To make this simple, are there any opposed to the Minutes.

0:02:41.110,0:02:41.920
UCTC: being adopted.

0:02:44.290,0:02:45.250
UCTC: Any extension.

0:02:47.740,0:02:48.310
UCTC: disappearing none.

0:02:48.370,0:02:50.410
UCTC: minutes you're adopted so Carrie Thank you.

0:02:51.100,0:02:52.900
18452408458: communications and announcements Brian.

0:02:53.650,0:02:54.910
UCTC: Just you.

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18452408458: very brief announcements.

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The.

0:02:59.470,0:03:01.720
18452408458: metropolitan planning organizations.

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have been participating.

0:03:05.740,0:03:10.300
UCTC: On server if anybody who's not talking, if you could please mute themselves I'd appreciate it.

0:03:11.920,0:03:20.020
UCTC: Thank you, we participated in assisting year State do T with review of the transportation alternative Program.

0:03:21.610,0:03:42.580
UCTC: Projects minerals that has been completed, I would expect an announcement, probably to come, maybe an early 2022 regarding those awards, so our

recommendations were submitted to essentially they go to the region that they go up to central office for final words.

0:03:43.840,0:03:54.940

UCTC: The federal race grants we're going to back you up we had can you just explain the two projects that were submitted for most account sure those two projects submitted from Ulster county the also kind of planning department meeting Dennis.

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UCTC: prepared an application for the Austin Delaware railroad corn or in high amount.

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UCTC: To be converted into a route route that was a \$5 million project proposal 2.5 mile length from essentially the entrance to bel air down to.

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UCTC: To the bel air date use areas that's 2.5 miles two bridges and the double horseshoe curve, and that was a \$5 million project proposal, the other proposal came from the town of new colts for.

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UCTC: Excuse me rehabilitation of the bridge carrying the wall kill valley rail trail over the wall kill river.

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UCTC: Right near springtown road I think everyone's familiar with that structures pretty iconic structure that bridges in need of repairs.

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UCTC: And I believe the total project cost was just over \$1.2 million for that project Those are the two proposals originating from Ulster county so thanks Bernie wish them well.

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UCTC: and

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UCTC: I mentioned briefly the announcement for federal raise grants, these are major.

0:05:10.990,0:05:20.980

UCTC: project proposals, I think the minimum request would be \$5 million those awards were announced no awards in our region, unfortunately, I noticed that it takes them to.

0:05:21.430,0:05:38.650

UCTC: prepare an application, so I think it would make sense for applicants if interested in applying again to review the projects that were awarded and to see if there's any indication or tips that you can get from those awards.

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UCTC: bridge New York still have not heard anything on bridge in New York, I would hope we have here, shortly after thanksgiving which is traditionally been time when those announcements are coming out.

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UCTC: Those are all the communications and announcements, I can think of at this time.

0:05:56.650,0:05:59.920

UCTC: Thanks Brian any communications announcements from any Council members.

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UCTC: now's your time.

0:06:09.220,0:06:14.950

UCTC: Hearing none move on a new business in today's Policy Committee is devoted to transit.

0:06:16.570,0:06:17.710

UCTC: In terms of actions.

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UCTC: I had to pay on a new businesses address you ctc resolution 2021 dash 11 and the appointment of the apportionment excuse me of the federal transit administration's American rescue plan act of 2021.

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UCTC: And it's section 5307 5340 formula funds attributable to the kingston urbanized area of emotion for discussion purposes.

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Mike Baden: Like Baden so much.

0:06:44.440,0:06:46.240

UCTC: Thank you, Mr bain do I have a second.

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Greg Krupp: Greg crop.

0:06:55.390,0:07:07.600

UCTC: Thanks Greg much appreciate it have a motion and a second Brian discussion, as indicated in the project, or rather the resolution title, these are American rescue plan funds.

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UCTC: So it's a essentially a special allocation through the American rescue plan and their funds attributable to the kingston urbanized area.

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UCTC: If you draw your attention to attachment one on page three and kingston urbanized area by formula is set to receive just over \$1.3 million in funds, there is one designated recipients and also county, and that is the county of Ulster operating Ulster county.

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UCTC: area, transit and therefore they would are set to receive 100% of the share it's my understanding that there's no local requirements to match these funds and other hundred percent there 100% federal funds, which is great.

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yeah.

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UCTC: So 1.3 million, and I would say that the tma has the tma which is orange holster Duchess combined as a similar funding source.

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UCTC: The State of New York, the State of New Jersey in the state of Connecticut were involved in some negotiations about how those funds would be used because it's tied up in in a New York City metropolitan area.

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UCTC: The Governor did announce that they they've come to a conclusion, so there is at the at the tma level about \$66 million dollars that were what was made available under the under the second version of the cares at.

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UCTC: The American rest not wasn't American rescue plan funds yeah it was American rescue plan.

0:08:39.190,0:08:53.320

UCTC: So those monies those monies should be moving towards essentially becoming a front of the Council, in terms of what that portion that would be between the three designated recipients in those counties, as well as empty yet.

0:08:55.210,0:08:59.770

UCTC: So I have a motion and a second any additional discussion from Council members.

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Mike Baden: Dennis the question, it has, I know, with the most of the arpa money half has already been received, is that that the case with this at the funding has already been received.

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UCTC: know these are a grant these are grants FDA grants, these are not regular arpa monies, these are FDA grant money, so the applications have to go in into the FDA and be approved.

0:09:24.340,0:09:25.540

Mike Baden: Okay, thank you.

0:09:26.830,0:09:30.550

Vernon Benjamin: Are there specific aspects of the grant application that we're pursuing.

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UCTC: Right now it's an a portion of funds i'm not sure how it's going to be used we'll look at, they will take a look at that I suspect that this is probably for.

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UCTC: 57 5307 funds, so it can be used for operating administration or preventive maintenance or capital.

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UCTC: So, within those areas, so this is just an allocation of funds at this time.

0:09:56.020,0:09:56.520

Thank you.

0:09:59.740,0:10:00.640

UCTC: Anything else.

0:10:03.310,0:10:05.260

UCTC: To make things easy any opposed.

0:10:09.490,0:10:10.540

UCTC: Any extensions.

0:10:13.630,0:10:15.370

UCTC: hearing on so carrie Thank you.

0:10:17.080,0:10:17.620

Vernon Benjamin: Raw.

0:10:20.710,0:10:21.210

UCTC: Is that.

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Okay.

0:10:25.360,0:10:44.680

UCTC: I didn't be draft resolution 2021 dash 12 it's an amendment to the use etc fiscal year 2020 2024 transportation improvement program tip add to add new you cut project pins at us 009 and 80 010.

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UCTC: of emotion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: Anyway, have coffee this morning or.

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UCTC: what's going on here.

0:10:58.150,0:10:59.350

Mike Baden: So move my baby.

0:10:59.440,0:11:03.220

UCTC: I came this debate and I have emotion from this debate, do I have a second.

0:11:05.530,0:11:08.920

UCTC: Thank you very much appreciate it, so I have a motion and a second.

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UCTC: Discussion Brian.

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UCTC: You etc tip amendment procedures require a full amendment to be drawn when we add or remove a project from the uc T tip these are two new additions to the tip for for.

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UCTC: requires technical technical committee approval 15 day public notice and comment and then final policy committee approval before these pins can be added to our tip restores the funds were.

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UCTC: Essentially, approved under new etc resolution.

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UCTC: dash six.

0:11:49.180,0:11:58.870
UCTC: These are awards that you can applied for through the MID Hudson valley transportation management area they were unallocated.

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UCTC: carry over funds, the tma reserves for future transit purposes in the tna.

0:12:08.890,0:12:18.280
UCTC: Many of you i'm sure will recall the approval of Resolution six the detail those awards at that time.

0:12:19.270,0:12:27.940
UCTC: We did not do the tip amendment at that time, because we are still awaiting further project details from the project sponsor, which is also kind of area transit.

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UCTC: Those details are now shown here in attachment, one of the resolution, their project proposal included two separate components, one is the first component is.

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UCTC: Funding for architectural and engineering design services to design a new, you can bust storage facility.

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UCTC: The use etc did a preliminary analysis and study for this proposal, we did a site selection analysis and identified a parcel on golden hill.

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UCTC: And the basic parameters that would be necessary to accommodate a an expanded new cat fleet so based on that study they submitted this proposal for essentially taking the next step and do a detailed design.

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UCTC: Total project cost is \$1.2 million for design services.

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UCTC: The second component is the purchase of three battery electric electric buses and associated charging infrastructure, these would be three additional electric buses, to be purchased for the you cat fleet and a total cost of \$3.75 million.

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UCTC: Those are the two project pins separate pins shown an attachment of one.

0:13:53.950,0:13:55.060

UCTC: Any questions.

0:13:56.170,0:13:57.610

UCTC: Any additional comments.

0:14:03.970,0:14:08.650

UCTC: Hearing not I have emotion and second make things easy or any opposed.

0:14:12.400,0:14:13.510

UCTC: Any extensions.

0:14:14.770,0:14:19.810

Vernon Benjamin: Excuse me, I had a comment, I had a question I was muted what's the timeframe on this.

0:14:20.350,0:14:20.850

Oh.

0:14:23.200,0:14:31.510

UCTC: Well, we don't have you cat staff here to answer on the buses, the, I can tell you that, regarding bus infrastructure.

0:14:33.340,0:14:54.340

UCTC: That is scheduled to receive its first three fully electric vehicles later in December and when charging infrastructure is being brought online around that same time, so these bosses probably would be ordered I think at the earliest next year, would you guess, we had to guess.

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UCTC: yeah that's what that's what we're shooting for on the tip the tip would would schedule these into in the next year 20 2030 for the next three bosses and yeah there's typically a what is wicked 1218 month turnaround because the buses are manufactured according to order.

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UCTC: Then regarding the design of the facility, I would like to assist Of course you can't has lost their director side on that has gone on to work for the district attorney's office and they're currently being.

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UCTC: assistant by an interim director Tony Rocher, so I think it's safe to say that they have their hands full at this point in time, however, I think you ctc can play a role in.

0:15:42.310,0:15:55.810

UCTC: Helping to draft a scope of work for the design of the new facility, so I would like to assist them with that project and begin to move sometime around April of 2022.

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UCTC: In the procurement process drafting the scope of work, getting an rfp and and going through potential proposals that we receive.

0:16:06.790,0:16:17.800

UCTC: And that's what scheduled on the tip burn so it will begin and it would begin in April this year the process design and we would anticipate that construction would be some time in 2024.

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Vernon Benjamin: Thank you to new era.

0:16:20.890,0:16:21.700

UCTC: it's a new era.

0:16:23.950,0:16:41.410

UCTC: and part of the reason for that bus garages to handle the electric fleet as a county electrified the goal from the county's electrify its entire fleet by 2030 or at least a major portion of its food by 23rd in order to do that most of its current fleet.

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UCTC: More than half what's currently to store it outside right now, so we need a place to essentially charge them and move them inside.

0:16:51.220,0:16:55.120

UCTC: And that's why we did the initial feasibility study.

0:16:56.170,0:16:59.830

UCTC: For a garage no emotion, the second any additional discussion.

0:17:01.330,0:17:08.110

Greg Krupp: yeah Greg crop, I had a question I don't know if I missed this but is there money for construction of the bus storage facility yet or no.

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UCTC: We anticipate that there will be Greg we're looking at the allocations that I just mentioned, right now, which is the 66 million.

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UCTC: that's coming into the tma area and then there's more money behind that and then there's a there's a new infrastructure jobs at so we're anticipating that we will be able to obtain that money into calories committed to that facility moving forward so The short answer is yes.

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Greg Krupp: Great Thank you.

0:17:42.490,0:17:43.810
UCTC: Any additional comments.

0:17:46.000,0:17:48.910
UCTC: Hearing none make this easy any have caused.

0:17:51.760,0:17:53.140
UCTC: Any extensions.

0:17:54.640,0:17:55.750
UCTC: So Carrie Thank you.

0:17:58.330,0:17:59.770
UCTC: So other old business.

0:18:01.240,0:18:06.760
UCTC: You want to do that, that now yeah sure so we're we're going to put up a a.

0:18:07.210,0:18:18.430
UCTC: slideshow that was just released to the highway superintendent this morning by RON Epstein from nice. we don't have all the context behind the slide, but we wanted to give you a.

0:18:18.670,0:18:27.310
UCTC: sense of what's in the infrastructure investment in jobs act but otherwise known as the I J, so we let Brian run through this.

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UCTC: relatively quickly, because we don't have the context, we wanted to give the Council a sense of what's out there, this is a little bit more detail about the jobs act.

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UCTC: than we've seen in the past from from neko and others, so we thought the Council would be interested this it gives you a sense of dollars also gives you a sense of priorities and programs sure next slide Dave.

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UCTC: So thank you Dennis and that's also think New York State do T REX team for providing this overview, we received an overview On Friday we being the association metropolitan planning organizations in New York state.

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UCTC: And RON was participating on that call and as Dennis said this was just presented this morning, so it's very hot off the presses the total infrastructure investment in jobs act.

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UCTC: Was \$1.2 trillion, this is what is referred to as the infrastructure bill i'm just about half of that is for surface transportation \$567.5 billion.

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UCTC: it's really hard to get a sense of the scale of these numbers i'll tell you that, right now, I have to keep counting the zeros and all the figures to make sure I have them straight.

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UCTC: um and you'll know that when we say transportation we're talking about highway bridge transit safety projects rail airports and multimodal projects go ahead to the next slide date.

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UCTC: So this is a good overview of.

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UCTC: What the funds mean in comparison to previous years.

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UCTC: it's a.

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UCTC: let's see total highway all the different programs and the get guaranteed appropriation general fund subject to appropriation go to the next slide.

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UCTC: So.

0:20:24.250,0:20:25.660

UCTC: You sleep wins.

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UCTC: guaranteed funding new bridge formula we're going to go over in this slides ahead, some of the new programs and the existing programs head to the next slide.

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UCTC: This is the slide I was looking for, because it gives a good comparison between the previous fast act and this act so we're looking at a 42.9% increase in funding.

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UCTC: Over the course of this is a five year total from what we saw in the previous fast act so it's a very significant increase in funding for students to New York state.

0:21:10.870,0:21:15.670

UCTC: And then here's the total share of the the full bill by Program.

0:21:17.080,0:21:20.740

UCTC: And we're going to go through each of these programs now in detail go ahead.

0:21:23.530,0:21:32.500

UCTC: So, as I mentioned, provides a five year fully funded surface transportation reauthorization act so for the next five years, we have a funded Program.

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UCTC: prioritize is formula based funding.

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UCTC: increases flexibility improves the project development process one federal decision i'd like to learn more about that, but this, I believe.

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UCTC: continues to put forward previous priority of cutting through red tape and approval of federal transportation problems.

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UCTC: And it does add construction materials, in addition to manufactured projects for by America the by America components included a requirement that a certain proportion steel and other components.

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UCTC: used in these projects needed to be American made polluted ads now exempt note exempts cement materials areas and bonding agents and.

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UCTC: i'm.

0:22:25.480,0:22:27.910

UCTC: go on to the next slide thinking Dave.

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UCTC: hi one child bridge initiative.

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UCTC: So 351 billion over five year period 307 the portion directly to states rich initiative 40 billion transit safety go ahead to the next slide national okay good So these are the program islands, these are the.

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UCTC: Traditional programs that we're very familiar with and MPs, along with a few new programs, and I think there'll be a useful.

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UCTC: provide some useful insight the national highway performance program, which is a very important program for New York state.

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UCTC: and new eligibility for projects, including resiliency projects and resiliency is a recurring theme throughout this bill of which is now law.

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UCTC: allows up to 15% of program to be used for protective features on design designed to reduce risk of recurring damage so again highlights the importance of planning for a resilient transportation system.

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UCTC: The surface transportation block grant program the stb GP grover and there's another important program for New York state, we have a number of projects and Ulster county funded through this program.

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UCTC: expands eligibility for ev charging facilities vehicle to grid and wildlife crossing infrastructure so again new project eligibility under an existing Program.

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UCTC: And projects that facilitate installation deployment of intelligent transportation systems that again adds the opportunity for resilience projects.

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UCTC: it's still important to know and in the presentation we received from Mr Epstein on Friday.

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UCTC: One comment that you made that really stuck with me was that this was an important law and it's significant funding, it is no panacea for New York state is wrong, it said.

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UCTC: The needs of the existing transportation system in New York state are great we have a significant backlog of bridges and paving projects that needs to take place.

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UCTC: Therefore, while we're adding new eligibility for new projects, the needs of the existing system are still going to be a major priority of near state to ut going forward.

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UCTC: and congestion mitigation the air quality improvement program does not directly.

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UCTC: Impact Ulster county so let's go to the next slide.

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UCTC: New program carbon reduction program, this is a new program formula based program to states for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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UCTC: The way these formula based product programs work is that near state will not receive an la allocations statewide and will be.

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UCTC: Up to the State Department of Transportation to determine how those funds will be distributed throughout the state.

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UCTC: it's also important to note that a lot of the rules and regs for this lot have not been drafted at this point in time, so we don't know exactly how those funds are going to be distributed or exactly.

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UCTC: How what proportion they're going to be distributed to to the regions but there's a lot of activities that are included under the crp Program.

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UCTC: Funds for transit technology improvements civilization impact improvements coordination of signals to reduce idling times ev charging stations truck stop electrification.

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UCTC: And it requires states in consultation with the npr to develop the carbon reduction strategy of course New York state is miles ahead of many of the other states in the country for in the development of those strategies.

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UCTC: So we look forward to part to participate in that.

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UCTC: consultation process.

0:26:44.260,0:26:53.200

UCTC: Promoting resilient opportunities for transformative efficient and cost saving transportation, the protect program another.

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UCTC: Great acronym there's a lot of acronyms and used to this is really a program committed completely to resilient.

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UCTC: resiliency projects so provides formula based discretionary grant program to fund resilience improvements.

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UCTC: And I want to note the importance of the planning projects that also county is conducting right now we're engaged in a resiliency study to identify potential projects within Ulster county that would be eligible, we hope for.

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UCTC: Funding through these new sources.

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UCTC: So eligible activities include Community resilience evacuation and across coastal projects.

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UCTC: A next active transportation infrastructure investment program this again, this is a new Program.

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UCTC: That will provide grants to construct and provide safe and connected active facilities that generally means non motorized transportation.

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UCTC: An active transportation network or spine, this is a really exciting opportunity again we don't have very many details that at this point in time, but it could really provide some great opportunities for Ulster county considering.

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UCTC: The where we're at in terms of the development of our non motorized system and network.

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UCTC: electric vehicle charging program provides formula funds for the strategic deployment of ev charging infrastructure next slide date.

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UCTC: Transportation alternatives plan, this is the return of this program with additional funding.

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UCTC: Having participated in the review of applications for region eight, this is a very popular.

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UCTC: source of funding many communities have been applying for funds simply to maintain or upgrade their sidewalks system.

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UCTC: It speaks to a great need throughout the region to address aging pedestrian facilities can also provide funds for a host of other types of non motorized alternative transportation facilities.

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UCTC: And it does include a new requirement that were MPs in areas and over 200,000 population which is new etc to give priority to projects that support high need areas.

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UCTC: This will be low income transit dependent or rural areas or what we generally referred to as our environmental justice areas, so this potentially could mean a significant funding and opportunity competitive opportunity for places like kingston or Allen ville or new polls.

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UCTC: I always say the improvement program continues.

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UCTC: that's an existing program authorizes construction of leading pedestrian intervals that's a signal feature technology feature.

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UCTC: to update traffic control devices for cadet bicycles bicycles and pedestrians.

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UCTC: This is a feature that I believe the Broadway quarters, probably the only quarter and also currently that that will include this type of technology.

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UCTC: Once I think we see its deployment on Broadway and people motorists and users of the system become familiar with it and they were going to see.

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UCTC: We would like to see it being deployed more widely throughout the region, so this would potentially provide an opportunity to do that.

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UCTC: And the national highway for a program expands highway miles a statement designate as critical world freight.

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UCTC: And so it increases funds, it can be used for multimodal projects, this is more of a statewide and regional initiative that the npr is currently participating.

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UCTC: With the tna and developing a free plan at this time, so we hope to identify potential projects here go ahead to the next state wildlife crossing safety pilot program a railway highway crossings.

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UCTC: broaden the use of funds to reduce pedestrian trespass fatalities and injuries increases accurate closure incentive.

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UCTC: emergency relief funds hundred percent of federal share for temporary or permanent repairs and the bridge program there's just been a significant increase.

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UCTC: In funding for bridges.

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UCTC: Especially off system world bridges and for the first time it will include funding for the rehabilitation replacement of conference typically coloreds have not been eligible for federal funds, so I think town should be very interested in that.

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UCTC: i've seen a few questions come into the chat kristin this presentation was provided to us this morning i'm i'm not necessarily authorized to share it.

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UCTC: um, but please talk to me if you would like more information on it, I can certainly address it later until we get that authorization I can reference it until we get that authorization.

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UCTC: And regarding the rollout no, we have no further information and what's included here we're going to roll out schedule, but.

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UCTC: I mean the rollout is now and the tip is being updated next year, so we well we don't know how these formula programs will be rolled out with the schedule will be, we can anticipate within probably the next two years.

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UCTC: So just trying to wrap these up nationally significant freight and highway projects, these are the major awards for regionally significant.

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UCTC: Infrastructure improvement programs usually in the range of five to 10 to \$15 million.

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UCTC: So there are a variety of large scale programs that are being.

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UCTC: Continued and some new ones as well.

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UCTC: Smart programs strengthening mobility and revolutionising transportation.

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UCTC: smart city or Community technologies and systems and variety of communities to improve transportation, efficiency and safety, I would assume that this could include micro mobility.

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UCTC: Implementation trucking missions imports and then again culvert removal replacement and restoration 5 billion over five years for culvert covered projects on which also includes.

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UCTC: Improving restoration and fish passage which is great news, again, I think, also county will be in a good position to apply for those types of funding sources.

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UCTC: The protect program promoting resilient operations for transformative efficient and cost saving transportation.

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UCTC: It was really trying to drink from the firehose to certain extent, these are programs that we have been hoping and wishing for for.

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UCTC: quite a while now, and here they are so we're happy to see them included in the final film and reconnecting communities pilot, this is a another prod program area that essentially involves the removal of.

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UCTC: interstate system components.

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UCTC: Where those interstate systems have.

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UCTC: disproportionately impacted.

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UCTC: Communities of color or communities in general we've seen in the city of buffalo Rochester Syracuse and Albany.

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UCTC: have their belt ways and interstate systems have had impacts and they have used funding like this to essentially remove components and repair those neighborhoods based on the impacts that were made from the system in the 50s and 60s, there is potential I think in the city of kingston.

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UCTC: to explore the use of these funds.

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UCTC: Bridges charging and fuel and infrastructure congestion relief.

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UCTC: or competitor competitive right but formula based right competitive programs.

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UCTC: and

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UCTC: These final two I think they're the file to again.

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UCTC: Competitive programs that i'm happy to see were included, they will include now, in addition to the transportation alternatives Program.

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UCTC: We now have the health and streets program to mitigate urban heat island improve care, quality and reduce the extent of impervious surfaces, so the environmental impacts of transportation infrastructure.

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UCTC: What can utilize this funding source typically these types of projects would have been eligible under tab but they usually would have gotten drowned out by other.

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UCTC: higher priority safety projects so it's great to see a new designated source of funds for health and streets and then say streets for all users 5 billion over five years that's a significant amount of money.

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UCTC: On support local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets count in the refrigerator Vision Zero or towards zero deaths initiatives.

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UCTC: it's important to note that says kingston is currently involved in a pedestrian bicycle master plan the projects identified in the planning initiative of that scale will definitely.

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UCTC: Make it put it in a good position to compete for these types of things.

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UCTC: I don't really have the context of these points, well, I think the main thing is, is that there's a match required for a lot of these funds and that's why this adventure the 2% property tax is their.

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UCTC: Labor we already know with respect to the ability to carry this out and then we're already in process right now dealing with issues that are terms of.

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UCTC: The availability of materials we're seeing that in our own projects right right now, so those are the Those are the three that i'm certainly familiar with.

0:37:32.830,0:37:37.930

UCTC: Any questions for Brian went tickets screen sharing down Dave if you could Thank you.

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UCTC: or comment or discussion at this point um I also want to note that, while I neglected, to put it on other old business, you should have noted in the meeting invitation.

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UCTC: There is currently a call for project planning project proposals through our unified planning work program I would stress the importance of having a.

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UCTC: planning document that has been conducted by the NPA oh with consultant assistance and Community input, if you have a planning document like that in place.

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UCTC: you're going to be your municipality is going to be much stronger position to apply for these competitive funds than it otherwise would be without it.

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UCTC: So if you are interested in these types of projects and funding sources, if they are drawing your attention and interest I would strongly consider.

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UCTC: Thinking about how it can fit within the context of a potential future planning study and how that planning studying might begin to lead our potential costs and schedules and for potential projects in your community.

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UCTC: So there is out there, right now, a call for planning projects, the county the mpl is going through its annual update and or that update, but this annual.

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UCTC: Put building of its unified planning work program so if anyone has projects that they want the npr to consider, now is the time to begin that ask.

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UCTC: And one of the things that we don't know is is we don't know whether this we don't have a sense yeah, this is what the impact of this.

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UCTC: Jobs act will do with respect to the availability of planning funds we suspect there will be more but we just don't know how much more we will be there because of the because of the increase in funding so just be aware of that, the other thing I would say is is there's also.

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UCTC: A uc uc TC is also looking at a tip update that needs to be done, and while we, while we don't have the allocation of funds, and we do have a lot of legacy prod projects.

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UCTC: The idea of having local governments and in the county to start to think about those things that are coming into the new programs, particularly the resiliency program or the protect Program.

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UCTC: Or the smart program those things I think would be very important for you to begin to think about in terms of whether or not there's a project out there, and even if we don't have the money.

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UCTC: The idea of submitting illustrative projects to the to the to the transportation Council is something that should be that should be on our minds.

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UCTC: So that when and if there is a discussion about these projects, we can make the case as to why the local governments and or county government should be the project should be fun.

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UCTC: Just a few notes on the tip update process, we are still we being empty oh statewide are still awaiting guidance from the New York State do T I see amy and Sandra are on the call do you have any further insight regarding when that guidance might be released.

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i'm sorry I don't.

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Sandra Jobson: Thank you.

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UCTC: So obviously the guidance from New York State do T is going to be critical before for us to kick off the process of updating the tip in years past.

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UCTC: When we do the tip update, we will.

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UCTC: Request members to participate through a tip update subcommittee.

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UCTC: We will have several special meetings with that subcommittee to review our.

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UCTC: target dollar amounts that we have the money to spend and then Compare that to the projects that are currently on the tip which are always received the highest priority.

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UCTC: If there is any funding leftover you then consider how those funds can be used for future projects and.

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UCTC: If we can assume that there will be additional funds as Dennis indicated that we can do what is called a call for new projects.

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UCTC: And so we are presently considering updating the selection criteria if we are to conduct a call from the projects.

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UCTC: Whether we do or not is really at the discretion of the use, etc, and of the subcommittee if and when it's formed, so I think probably we should.

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UCTC: In December meeting begin to ask volunteers to step forward to sit sit on that committee, I would hope so we'll ask now and then, and then in December, if.

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UCTC: We don't have volunteers, then we'll we'll be we'll be more concerned but we'll ask now if anybody wants to volunteer to be on a tip update.

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UCTC: Once you just reach out to Brian and let, let us know that you're going to volunteer to do that, I appreciate it any municipality that presently has a project on the tip I would strongly recommend that you participate in the tip update.

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UCTC: Thank you, thanks, Brian and thanks for that update and my thanks to Tehran Epstein for providing that back through the highway superintendents where this was this presentation was given this morning.

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UCTC: And with that we'll move on to.

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Mike Baden: Another sentence it's Mike bay and I apologize I just coming back on the the the presentation itself so.

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Mike Baden: I think, because this is going to be really groundbreaking territory for a lot of things that I know there's not a lot known about what it actually means yet and it's a little premature, but I think our group and in particular the, the Council is really going to need to.

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Mike Baden: sort of hand-hold town boards and and highway superintendents through this process because.

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Mike Baden: I think you know it's one of those you don't know what you need until you really start thinking about it, and some of this process and project, some of these.

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Mike Baden: Projects we're going to need to really get them to think out of the box, because I I don't anticipate we're ever going to see this type of funding again.

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Mike Baden: So just want to make that recommendation that maybe we schedule some special presentations or meetings or Whatever the case may be, for the town boards and the in the highway superintendents to really give them ideas of how this money can be used.

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UCTC: I appreciate that Mike and thank you so much, and we'll we'll take a look at that, as more guidance becomes available my senses, is that the one thing about the I hate to say this, but, as well as i've been called transportation family.

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UCTC: there's been a really great.

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UCTC: sense of communication all along and I always think at any time, some of these new funding comes out that the best the folks at best handled handled best or the transportation community.

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UCTC: They they're really it there's really good structure for decision making and it's really a good structure for planning.

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UCTC: And there's always some good guidance that comes out from NIH start with respect with respect to this and then our federal officials participate as well, so.

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UCTC: The training kit the plan that planning and infrastructure routes and transportation always see better prepared to how to deal with these kinds of things and i've been say the water and sewer folks.

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UCTC: i'll just leave it at that and i've seen that repeatedly on jobs bills or or or other kinds of.

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UCTC: One time funding that comes out from the from the feds and I would caution us that I think that there's so much need that.

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UCTC: It sounds like a lot of money, but we're happy to be judicious in terms of how it's used and there's a great deal of need, on the state systems that we need to be aware of.

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UCTC: i'll just leave it at that, but thanks for that and we'll we'll so i'm gathering your you're willing to volunteer my.

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Mike Baden: Good yeah I was just gonna say to Brian i'll volunteer.

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UCTC: one.

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Mike Baden: One more committee.

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Vernon Benjamin: it's burnin I wanted to ECHO mixed feelings and i've taken notes on this and i'll do a memo from my principles, but you know, obviously over time we're going to need a lot more education on this stuff in any way that can happen would would be useful.

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UCTC: Thanks for yeah We understand that and localities yeah.

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UCTC: Anything anyone else.

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UCTC: All right, let's move on to the last item on the agenda with this festival to federal fiscal year 2021 to performance and obligations, I know this sounds like a I know that sounds Dave if you could just take that Danielle Thank you.

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UCTC: If I know this sounds like a sort of a boring topic, but it's a very important one and i'll just leave it at that I need, we need to make sure that our.

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UCTC: performance is, you know as a region and as an MP to that we're delivering projects on time and hopefully on budget, and we need to make sure if that's the case and.

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UCTC: we're going to have to as as a transportation capital begin to monitor local project sponsors a little bit more carefully than we have in the past.

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UCTC: To make sure where you are and to make sure that if you're not going to be able to deliver a project on time that we make the necessary tip amendments so that we can.

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UCTC: So that we can make sure that the obligation reports and the and the work that gets done does not hurt the region and or this this npl in terms of the availability of funds so Brian do you have anything to add to that or no not at this time, any questions from the Council.

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UCTC: Anything that the Council wants to air under other old business.

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UCTC: Before we move on to a German, I do want to note that we have a change in schedule for our December meeting.

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UCTC: We will not be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month, which would put us into the winter break between Christmas and New year's.

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UCTC: So we've rescheduled our December meeting to Wednesday December 15 will provide notice in advance 10 days like we always do.

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UCTC: That will give us just enough time to do the public notice for our tip amendment and receive comment prior to the meeting on the 15th please make note of that again will send out the usual agenda packet 10 days prior to that windows.

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UCTC: Anything else any other comments questions.

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UCTC: solicitations solicitations from the Council members.

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UCTC: hearing on Thank you all for this morning and have a great very great and and hopeful thanksgiving we really appreciate your participation.

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Herb Litts: Happy thanksgiving thanksgiving.

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You say.

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Vernon Benjamin: Thank you.

Meeting concluded at ~10:50 am