ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Technical Committee Meeting

REVISED AGENDA

Thursday April 18, 2017 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER

(Joint Rosendale/Marbletown Town Hall -- Former Rosendale Elementary School)
1915 Lucas Avenue
Cottekill, NY 12419
Room M-15

- 1. Technical Committee Call to Order Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)
- 2. Call for Citizen Comments
- 3. Approval of the February 14, 2017 Technical Committee meeting summary
- 4. Communications and Announcements
- 5. New Business
 - a) Draft Resolution 2017-07: Establishment of Ulster County Transit Providers' Transit Asset Management Plan Performance Management Targets. The FTA Transit Asset Management Rule, which became effective on October 1, 2016, requires transit operators to develop and adopt a Transit Asset Management Plan that addresses State of Good Repair for rolling stock, infrastructure, equipment, and facilities. As part of that rule, MPOs are required to agree to and support transit operators' targets or set their own quantifiable targets. Note that there has been no specific guidance from FTA on the issue of multiple Designated Recipients in an MPO's metropolitan planning area, which could result in multiple targets. Key implementation dates are as follows:
 - January 1, 2017 and each year thereafter: targets for each of the asset classes must be submitted to the National Transit Database
 - June 30, 2017, and each year thereafter: MPOs must adopt targets. Based on the Final Rule on Metropolitan Planning, the MPO has the option, as with all other performance targets, to (1) agree to program investments in support of the transit operator(s)' target, or (2) set their own quantifiable targets. It seems likely the first option will be selected, particularly prior to the completion of the Transit Asset Management Plan
 - October 1, 2018: First Transit Asset Management Plan is due.

Draft Resolution 2017-07 seeks to put UCTC in compliance with the Rule within a reasonable period of time, although at this time targets are still being developed by area transit providers. UCTC is therefore weighing options for maintaining compliance.

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2017-07, review available targets, and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

b) <u>Ulster County Transit Integration Study – Project Update</u>: Draft materials pertaining to fact finding and analysis associated with the Ulster County Transit Integration Study have been completed and are presently under review. On April 4, 2017, UCTC staff and TransPro

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consultant staff met with the Ulster County Executive, Mayor of Kingston and their staffs to review preliminary findings. A summary of that presentation will be provided to the UCTC Technical Committee for their information. Meeting attendees determined that more information would be required pertaining to possible route alternatives before a final proposal could be presented to stakeholders. UCTC has therefore directed TransPro to prepare a draft proposal for additional services as an addendum to the existing contract which expires on June 30, 2017. The addendum will postpone the public involvement component of the study to a later date and require TransPro to perform a detailed route optimization study. Route optimization will explore alternatives to the existing Citibus service and route structure and explore the implications therein applicable to costs, service efficiency and likely impacts to ridership and service area. An amendment to the SFY 2017 UCTC Unified Planning Work Program will be required; the UCTC Technical Committee will be presented the draft cost proposal for their information.

Recommended Action: For information and discussion purposes only (45 minutes).

C) UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs. NYS Department of Transportation Local Project Unit has submitted Initial Project Proposal (IPP) forms to local sponsors; this is the first step necessary before UCTC can program new bridge and paving project PINs on the Transportation Improvement Program. UCTC staff and NYSDOT will provide a summary of any necessary TIP actions that may be required and address any questions that may arise between UCTC, local project sponsors and NYSDOT regarding next steps.

Recommended Action: For information and discussion purposes only (30 minutes).

d) Resolution 2017-08: Distribution of the FFY 2014 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Small Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area. On April 13th MPOs received correspondence from NYSDOT Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Planning Ronald Epstein notifying direct recipients of an additional sub-allocation of SUZA 5339 funds for FFY14; this letter supersedes previous notifications from 8/28/14, 1/25/16 and 2/23/16. Resolution 2017-08 seeks approval for the apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds to the two designated recipients in Ulster County: City of Kingston (Kingston Citibus) and Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit). A combined total of \$165,348.22 is available to DRs in the Kingston Urbanized Area. A portion of those funds was previously released in 2014 and split under UCTC Resolution 2016-13.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2017-08 and consider adoption (10 minutes)

6. Other/Old Business

- Count Locations
- 2 Year Voting Member Turnover June 4, 2017
- Shandaken Mt. Tremper Local Flood Analysis
- TAP
- Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area Regional Transit Plan

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Policy Committee will meet at 10:00am on May 25, 2017 at the Rondout Municipal Center.