Meeting Transcript
January 25, 2022
Meeting held via zoom at 10:00 am

0:00:13.980,0:00:15.210
UCTC: Objections will begin.

0:00:20.070,0:00:22.590
UCTC: may help me everybody understands better.

0:00:24.420,0:00:31.650
UCTC: Welcome to the Happy New Year and welcome to the January meeting of the Ulster County Transportation Councils technical meeting.

0:00:33.420,0:00:33.960
UCTC: What we.

0:00:35.610,0:00:36.510
UCTC: call the order.

0:00:38.190,0:00:39.720
UCTC: and welcome and introductions.

0:00:40.770,0:00:50.520
UCTC: Use etc staff, Brian slack is here principal transportation planner for us, etc, and also currently the the appointed.

0:00:51.930,0:01:03.030
UCTC: coordinator traffic's a coordinator of traffic, the traffic safety board they stopped a senior transportation planner with the office we're working on an appointment for David, yet we still haven't found something.

0:01:04.950,0:01:08.340
UCTC: We call him i'd make soon to be father, I think there's nothing how's that.

0:01:09.030,0:01:10.500
UCTC: in dentistry of planning director.

0:01:11.400,0:01:12.180
UCTC: When we start.

0:01:13.740,0:01:21.540
UCTC: When we why don't we start Brian like to call officer on the screen and they guess introduce himself or David, can you just run through.

0:01:23.130,0:01:30.210
David Staas (UCTC): Of course yeah i'd be happy to run through everyone that we have on the line, here we have Vernon Benjamin Anthony magnesium.

0:01:31.290,0:01:48.600
David Staas (UCTC): ED pine Andrew emmerich Chris K Chris Hanna diane ladle Greg crop john Volk lizzie Philip Martin hall Mike faden and amy mackenzie did I miss anyone on the line, this.

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David Staas (UCTC): Great.

0:01:53.250,0:01:54.480
UCTC: Thanks Dave appreciate it.

0:01:55.500,0:01:58.680
UCTC: Now, call for citizens comments any citizens comments.

0:02:01.410,0:02:06.810
UCTC: Hearing not any comments or or from the from Council members.

0:02:13.530,0:02:20.490
UCTC: Okay approval of the September 28 2021 technical committee meeting summary you'll have emotion for discussion purposes, please.

0:02:21.570,0:02:22.050
Vernon Benjamin: move.

0:02:22.050,0:02:23.100
Mike Baden: move my faden.

0:02:23.460,0:02:25.500
UCTC: Thank you and who was the second on that.

0:02:25.920,0:02:26.420
Vernon Benjamin: Learning.

0:02:26.880,0:02:30.150
UCTC: Thank you Bernie I have emotion and second any discussion.

0:02:33.210,0:02:34.890
UCTC: Hearing none any opposed.

0:02:37.710,0:02:38.880
UCTC: Any extensions.

0:02:39.960,0:02:52.470
UCTC: Thank you we'll move on communications and announcements Brian yeah I just have a couple brief announcements we received word on Friday that near State Department of Transportation will be issuing.

0:02:53.010,0:03:09.840
UCTC: Its call for proposals for the FDA section 5310 program, this is a program to provide process rolling stock, as well as Operation services to elderly and disabled populations.

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UCTC: we've used we and Ulster county organizations have used these funds Rocco we all start counting area transit.

0:03:20.250,0:03:28.950
UCTC: RC the NRC the Office for the aging have used these grants in the past to provide services for their clients.

0:03:29.640,0:03:37.320
UCTC: um we don't have guidance at this point in time, the call is not been issued, but it will be issued, I believe, by the end of this week.

0:03:37.830,0:03:50.010
UCTC: At which point you ctc will forward the the application materials to all of our Members, and if you have questions you can submit them directly to me.

0:03:50.340,0:04:01.260
UCTC: Regarding the application process, bearing in mind that I probably have the same questions, but I might be able to get to them a little faster than numbers, so please be on the lookout for that.

0:04:02.550,0:04:12.840
UCTC: I do we want to the, the only other update I was thinking was gma not in the tma but regarding the rfp for sure.

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UCTC: for private Sir transit providers, but we don't have finalization on that at this point in time we did participate.

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UCTC: This past fall in reviewing applications for the transit contract for the mid Hudson region that would be the private carrier contract their cto to be issued a rfp to provide the services, all the way from the capital region through mid Hudson.

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UCTC: To the metro region in the past that's been provided by adirondack transit lines, so I participate on that review committee it was a statewide committee and we're awaiting.

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UCTC: Further instructions from New York State do T on that process, it is a procurement process, so we can't provide detailed comment at this time, until a providers.

0:05:10.440,0:05:19.950
UCTC: So, and the other thing I want to just let everyone know is good meat, as the tma Those are the three counties dutchess county orange county and Ulster county.

0:05:20.730,0:05:31.410
UCTC: To discuss a number of things, one is to make sure that our you could have ups are synced the other issues that that we discussed was the the.

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UCTC: To try sending a review.

0:05:35.940,0:05:45.570
UCTC: By by this but New York state is shooting by the Federal federal highway administration and FDA and, last but not least, we did also discussed.

0:05:46.740,0:05:56.820
UCTC: Some of the transit funding that's coming into the region members should be aware that there's a considerable amount of transit funding that i've been allocated, both through.

0:05:57.420,0:06:16.980
UCTC: The jobs Act or the I can't call it, we can't call it bill right all right, but I J the again the investment in infrastructure jobs act and and then also with respect to the American recovery phones, we will probably be looking at.

0:06:18.690,0:06:26.640
UCTC: We normally get somewhere in the neighborhood of around 20 to $21 million between the three read the three counties and mta.

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UCTC: For transit funding will probably be getting at least 18 to $20 million Morris almost double our current our current.

0:06:36.450,0:06:54.750
UCTC: Our current funding source so that was a major discussion in terms of what what how that funding should be utilized it will be back to the Council there's a number of discussions on going with regard to that we do have a methodology to essentially.

0:06:56.520,0:07:01.440
UCTC: divide up the funding that we currently have it's your question of why we're going to do with the additional front.

0:07:02.160,0:07:13.320
UCTC: I will say to you that Ulster county has a substantial amount of capital leads with respect to its transportation system we have a need to record a.

0:07:14.010,0:07:32.400
UCTC: A storage facility with currently over 50% of our food stored outside and as we move towards electrification, we have to move those buses inside we counsel did a study on the feasibility of various locations for that facility.

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UCTC: And we have a cost estimate in in the in the mid you know, in the mid teens in terms of billions of dollars somewhere between 15 and $20 million for that facility.

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UCTC: To be added, so we do have a substantial amount of capital needs The other thing I wanted to let you know, on on the transit side is that.

0:07:53.310,0:08:03.210
UCTC: we've been working with the, which is a micro transit operator and software producer and there was a.

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UCTC: An announcement, the funding from nicer that the county was not eligible for but private carriers were and we work with with via to essentially.

0:08:15.450,0:08:26.430
UCTC: Look at Mike returns in two areas, one is an Ellen ville and the other one was in city of kingston and I think we put together a strong.

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UCTC: Strong application with nicer and we was well we but via was awarded the funding to essentially begin to study process for.

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UCTC: For micro transit in those in those two communities and we're going to be working with them, so those folks from LM ville and kingston that are involved, be aware of the fact that there's going to be work being done on micro transit and they'll be public outreach for that.

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UCTC: The good news is is that we got funded and now the next hurdle is.

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UCTC: There are there is about a $7 million pot at the end of this if you if you come back with your study to actually implement the study to study recommendations.

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UCTC: So that could be pilot projects, it could be quite purchases, it could be turnkey operations, as we go through the study will they'll become more more parent V is a nationally recognized transit and software provider and just be aware that that's out there and that works in a start.

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David Staas (UCTC): I think Vernon had his hand raised.

0:09:31.380,0:09:32.160
David Staas (UCTC): yeah question.

0:09:32.610,0:09:42.090
Vernon Benjamin: Yes, well, I understand that the US facility is really in need a replacement on that there are some drawbacks of that are pretty serious, particularly about.

0:09:42.720,0:09:53.700
Vernon Benjamin: party buses for being have been worked on that, so I just wanted to point out that that's an essential problem, and I hope we can move on fairly quickly.

0:09:55.470,0:09:56.220
UCTC: Thanks Bernie.

0:09:56.280,0:10:07.110
UCTC: it's it's actually an expansion, we we we have a fleet of around 32 buses and we can't get anywhere near that in the existing facility.

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UCTC: And it really becomes critical, you can store some of these buses outside when their gas and diesel powered as they move to electric.

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UCTC: You really got to put them under some sort of shelter and we also have to take a look in terms of the existing facility and make some changes in there.

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UCTC: One to meet the requirements and the other one is to make sure that the facility can handle the electrification I would say that we have three electric buses in the charging stations during for those three electric buses.

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UCTC: they're currently going through some testing and they should be on the road toward.

0:10:40.770,0:10:41.270
Vernon Benjamin: Thank you.

0:10:44.970,0:10:49.920
UCTC: that's all for me any other communications and announcements for Members before we move on.

0:10:52.860,0:11:10.770
UCTC: Okay, new business item a use etc resolution dash oh one approval to use etc state fiscal year 2022 unified planning work program I can I get a motion for discussion purposes, I know, Brian has a has a brief presentation.

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Mike Baden: So move Mike Baden.

0:11:13.890,0:11:15.300
UCTC: Thank you, Michael I have a second.

0:11:17.640,0:11:19.140
Greg Krupp: Second grade crop.

0:11:19.650,0:11:26.820
UCTC: That Greg so I have emotion second Brian go through that presentation portion here and Dave he wouldn't mind bringing that up.

0:11:28.140,0:11:40.860
UCTC: Thank you, Sir, so good morning everyone here is the draft you ctc state fiscal year 2022 up wp annual presentation.

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UCTC: Those of you who have been with us for a while, you probably familiar with this presentation we give it every year, around this time.

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UCTC: and will provide a brief overview of the purpose of up wp and its contents during proposed contents for the next day fiscal year.

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UCTC: So to jump right into it, the purpose of a unified plan and work program is to plan and implement a transportation program supporting the goals objectives and recommendations of our long range transportation plan.

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UCTC: It is the core summary of all administrative technical transportation planning tasks to be performed by you ctc staff or consultants within the state fiscal year it's.

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UCTC: A perhaps a better description might be it's our annual work plan or budget as well as all the activities that the transportation Council will be.

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UCTC: Working on during the next state fiscal year.

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UCTC: Next slide please.

0:12:42.900,0:12:48.150
UCTC: I like to provide Members who have just a tracking of our allocation history.

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UCTC: Just as a great reminder the uc TC receives two separate.

0:12:56.160,0:13:14.310
UCTC: Planning grants from the US Department of Transportation on the federal highway administration side we receive an annual grant of what we refer to as P l funds, which I believe is an abbreviation planning funds and here's our allocation history, going back to.

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UCTC: you'll note that first state fiscal year 2022 there's a significant increase from the previous year to year funding allocation that's about an 18% increase.

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UCTC: From 21, and that is reflective of the I J a infrastructure investment and jobs Act, the bipartisan transportation bill that was passed and the increase in funding that has been provided through that new piece of legislation.

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UCTC: We don't see that the similar increase on the FDA side our FDA allocations have been relatively smaller in comparison year over year, but there is a slight increase in our FDA.

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UCTC: it's called section 5303 funds, these are planning funds they can only be used for planning purposes and cannot be used for engineering or construction purposes and it's called unified planning work Program.

0:14:17.850,0:14:26.910
UCTC: Next slide please state thanks so there's a multi step process that David Dennis and I go through every year in order to determine.

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UCTC: What our annual program is going to look like we keep a year to year tracking of all of our expenditures and allocations going back to the very beginning of the transportation console.

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UCTC: This is the actual chart that's taken from our excel workbook that shows our annual if you're looking the second column, that is the application sometimes there are adjustments being made by the state.

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UCTC: And then the second column from the right shows the expenditures that year, and then the savings is in the Far Right column, sometimes we spend more sometimes we don't spend all of it.

0:15:04.800,0:15:22.230
UCTC: Overall, we get a savings that's accumulated so this year we calculate, and this is an estimate, because we have not close the books on this current state fiscal year, but we are estimating the savings this year of 768 over 760 $8,000.

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UCTC: Combined with our annual allocation, we are estimating total on funding of PL funds of $1.2 million just, though.

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UCTC: Next slide.

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UCTC: We do the same thing for our FDA grants, and this is showing our year to year drawdown and expenditures of our FDA grants, these are utilized just a little differently in that.

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UCTC: The process for accounting is first in first out so you have to close the oldest state fiscal year or grant before you open a new one and it shows again savings.

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UCTC: including this year's allocation of about $200,000 in fca 53 of three funds all funds are required to have a 5% local match, as well as.

0:16:15.540,0:16:22.380
UCTC: A state match, which is provided in the form of tool credits to the New York State Department of Transportation.

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UCTC: So that's the overview of our budget and the amount of money that's available, the project categories from up wp are dictated to us by the US Department of Transportation in consultation with the state.

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UCTC: Department of Transportation so we await guidance from our State do T and they give us the all the various categories that we're supposed to them.

0:16:47.850,0:17:00.960
UCTC: program our annual project under and these categories have not really changed very much over the course of the past 10 to 20 years they always essentially these main core.

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UCTC: Areas program support administration is self explanatory it's all the admin activities that we're doing general development and comprehensive planning long range transportation planning short range transportation planning.

0:17:17.130,0:17:21.930
UCTC: The tip transportation proven program and then there's the catch all other category.

0:17:24.030,0:17:35.010
UCTC: These days, all of our FDA projects are categorized under the other category at the end of the program if you get into the document next slide please.

0:17:36.360,0:17:45.330
UCTC: So i'm going to talk about how we developed the the draft program this year, and all the projects that are in it i'm not going to go through every single project.

0:17:45.630,0:18:00.030
UCTC: In detail, but i'm going to just sort of hit on some of the highlights we do an annual call for projects, every year we usually issue that in the fall and that gives you ctc members to propose a planning project.

0:18:00.990,0:18:05.970
UCTC: Typically, that revolves around an issue of concern a transportation issue of concern.

0:18:06.660,0:18:23.970
UCTC: During this annual call we receive one proposal from the town of Woodstock which is was a well written proposal regarding a request to do a feasibility study on the route to 12 corridor state route route to 12 to.

0:18:25.560,0:18:40.770
UCTC: investigate the ability of creating a pedestrian by cord or along that state route from bearsville through to the town Center and then out of town two points east and south.

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UCTC: And we'll talk more about how we're addressing that proposal in just a few moments next slide.

0:18:48.330,0:19:01.650
UCTC: is to give a brief overview of some progress that we've made during this current state fiscal year that we're in the last quarter of we have several completed contracts that we closed during the state fiscal year.

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UCTC: Other you cat site selection and feasibility study that was done the dentist referred to earlier, we hire Bussereau associates, to give us.

0:19:12.480,0:19:28.590
UCTC: identify potential sites for an expanded you can't garage and then give us some schematics on what needs that garage that physical structure should incorporate, and that is available online we closed the.

0:19:30.630,0:19:38.520
UCTC: update we had one open contract to complete the graphic design elements of that project that was closed during the state fiscal year.

0:19:39.660,0:20:03.270
UCTC: We conducted the new mid quarter plan in the shandaken section of the casco park which looked at the feasibility of converting portion of the UN de corridor from closed railroad to a rail trail that would run from bel air down to big big India.

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UCTC: And that study allowed us to prepare a an application to the New York State do T transportation alternatives program for a phase one implementation.

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UCTC: and David completed the also county Road Safety Action Plan, which is sometimes referred to as a crash analysis which is received quite a bit of discussion during a number of use cases those are completed projects from this current state system next slide.

0:20:38.100,0:20:38.640
UCTC: Thanks Dave.

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UCTC: We currently have one project under contract working with the consultants the transportation vulnerability assessment, the our transportation resiliency study for about 25% through that project we've been doing quite a bit of data.

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UCTC: Analysis and data assessment data gathering on there haven't been too many exciting things to report as of yet I I don't even have much information.

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UCTC: Any information on the website, yet, but within the next several weeks, we should be able to unveil some mapping components at least some preliminary.

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UCTC: Data inventory, that we can begin to present to the public that shows all the various transportation assets, the roads, the bridges.

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UCTC: The railroads things of that nature that will be inventory and then also the hazards that will be assessing those assets against so that information will be forthcoming.

0:21:40.890,0:21:45.480
UCTC: And we expect to complete that project during state fiscal year 2022.

0:21:46.530,0:21:56.340
UCTC: And then we have quite a few projects and they're in the docket, so to speak, on deck town of all star route nine w quarter management plan that rfp has been issued.

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UCTC: we've received four responses and we will have an advisory committee reviewing those proposals soon, so we would expect to start.

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UCTC: The quarter management plan, probably in April or May of this year and that's going to look at largely the commercial corridor in the town of bolster on route nine w.

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UCTC: We also are on the verge of issuing an rfp for a city of kingston railroad safety plan we've discussed this quite often at length.

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UCTC: The scope of work is nearly complete, we need to just wrap that up put it into an rfp and issue, we expect to issue, it probably by the end of this month, which I think is this week so maybe early February.

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UCTC: And that should go through the typical rfp process and we would hope to have that project started in spring of 2022.

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UCTC: As Dennis mentioned, we are participating on the nicer clean neighborhoods micro mobility award.

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UCTC: This award has been issued to via which is a national transit software provider and they do provide transit services as well, so we're a partner in that process.

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UCTC: will be contributing staff time to that process we're not the lead so we're not going to be contributing significant amount of.

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UCTC: Planning funds to the project, but we will contribute staff time and effort to guide that effort.

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UCTC: um we have a number of new or expanded projects that we're adding this year I just you can look up the detailed project description in the up wp document under these tasks codes.

0:23:44.130,0:23:53.430
UCTC: All star transportation safety board support as Dennis mentioned the county Executive has appointed me as the new.

0:23:54.420,0:24:06.060
UCTC: Traffic safety coordinator taking over the world from diane vital and we're happy to note that diane is still very much a partner on the traffic safety board, and we have her support and so we're.

0:24:07.140,0:24:23.880
UCTC: going to do provide the coordinating role for that board throughout the year, as we go forward and I anticipate providing somewhere in the vicinity of 10 to 20 hours a month in providing that of coordinating support.

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UCTC: we've provided a new task for electric vehicle planning, this is not a scope of work as a detailed scope of work has not been developed at this point in time, but we envision this.

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UCTC: As a task to provide either staff or consultants support to municipalities that are interested in inventory or expanding their capabilities for providing electric vehicle.

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UCTC: Support for essentially charging facilities and other infrastructure we may see some development of some model statutes right, according to this this this document.

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UCTC: Or the next new task is complete streets planning, this is a broad.

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UCTC: Again it's a similar to ev planning in that we envision we would be able to provide minute support to interested municipalities through the assistance of a consultant to do complete streets planning within municipalities.

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UCTC: We feel that this will capture the proposal from the town Woodstock and also.

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UCTC: Hopefully address some other needs that have been raised by other municipalities regarding the need to plan for.

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UCTC: Complete streets initiatives, these are streets that will address all the users of the transportation network, not just motorized vehicles but transit users and estrogens and bicyclists.

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UCTC: The scope of work again has not been developed, but we would hopefully identify potential projects and go through feasibility studies and municipalities to identify potential projects for future implementation these could be anything from.

0:26:14.910,0:26:20.340
UCTC: Safe routes to school projects sidewalk improvement projects other.

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UCTC: pedestrian or cyclist safety projects there, we would intend to focus this on the activity centers within the county be the villages or hamlet's.

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UCTC: that's where the focus would be on right so when we're ready, we can prepare a more detailed scope of work, but we would anticipate that municipalities could apply to receive this assistance, and we would have the application process for that.

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UCTC: Safety education support we have had a standing task code to provide financial support for safety, education and outreach regarding crash reduction and serious injury and fatality reduction on our.

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UCTC: Transportation network we've added additional funds to that task code is continuing to support that as a worthy endeavor arises.

0:27:15.660,0:27:31.680
UCTC: And we added significant funds to the coordinated human services plan that update is that plan is recording the update and five years and the update is do I believe in 2023 so we have the funding.

0:27:33.630,0:27:36.360
UCTC: Put there to support that update as needed.

0:27:38.520,0:27:47.340
UCTC: I don't believe we dropped any significant projects from the program so of their other projects that your municipality may have been interested in.

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UCTC: And that had been programmed in the past, I believe all those projects have been carried through to the existing to the proposed the next state disclosure program before we move on does anybody have any questions from the Council.

0:28:08.460,0:28:08.960
UCTC: Okay.

0:28:09.990,0:28:21.930
UCTC: So all said and done, this is table one in the appendix again, these are draft numbers and will continue to be draft and Dennis and I will continue to review them.

0:28:22.410,0:28:51.990
UCTC: The top section of the table shows how our federal fh who funds are being utilized will have our grant of 469 $246,000 we anticipate programming our from our savings for just over 480 $6,000 and that gives us a total fh who federal program budget and just over 950 $5,000 so.

0:28:53.010,0:29:05.220
UCTC: We will have a remaining on program balance of 280 $2,000 on the fh web site, these are excluding all necessary matches i'm just focusing on the federal.

0:29:06.150,0:29:20.430
UCTC: Aid side and then below that for our FDA funds, we have our allocation of $59,000 we will be programming carry over funds of $140,000 for a total FDA budget.

0:29:20.940,0:29:30.420
UCTC: proposed of $115,000, so we will have a carry over balance savings of just over $85,000.

0:29:31.380,0:29:40.830
UCTC: So just to just quickly a couple things one is is that carry over balances for transportation councils are not unusual nor unexpected.

0:29:41.760,0:29:47.220
UCTC: So if we go around the state and look at the carry over balances that are available statewide.

0:29:47.670,0:29:54.240

UCTC: we're on the lower end of a carry over balance and we continue to have a discussion with our Federal and State partners.

0:29:54.750,0:30:03.720
UCTC: About this, carry over bounds, and some of that has to do with the fact that in the past, we were very much concerned about whether or not we actually have a federal budget.

0:30:04.620,0:30:11.970
UCTC: And we need to be able to carry staff and activities through for a year, while there may have been some disruption federal funding.

0:30:12.900,0:30:24.840
UCTC: The other is is that it has to do with capacity at the at the planning department level in terms of the ability to manage and program these funding these funds as well.

0:30:26.010,0:30:34.260
UCTC: So that's why the carrier balances there, it is a fairly aggressive schedule and budget for.

0:30:35.280,0:30:39.330
UCTC: The 2022 season that's our.

0:30:41.580,0:30:42.570
UCTC: Next slide David.

0:30:43.740,0:30:54.240
UCTC: So I fully understand this is difficult to read, but I did want to make you aware of this table it is on the very last page of the draft up web document.

0:30:54.630,0:31:06.300
UCTC: On the i'll show the URL in just a moment, but it is a full summary of all the projects, all the individual task lines that are included in this year's up wp.

0:31:06.690,0:31:16.140
UCTC: And I may clean this up so it's a little easier on the eyes and the final document, but I think it's a good quick reference that shows how.

0:31:17.490,0:31:28.050
UCTC: That shows what projects are programmed what the budget for each project is and how we arrived at the full and total program today.

0:31:29.880,0:31:35.970
UCTC: Next slide so to talk about the process for commenting and moving forward.

0:31:38.220,0:31:57.570

UCTC: comments on this draft program will be accepted from the technical committee now through the end of the 15 day public comment period, David and I will issue the up wp is required to go through a 15 day public review and comment period, we will issue that.

0:31:58.680,0:32:06.000
UCTC: press release next week and that which will make the deadline for public comments February 18.

0:32:06.900,0:32:17.610
UCTC: And then they use etc Policy Committee is required to approve the final up wp and that meeting is scheduled for February 27 the state has asked us.

0:32:18.090,0:32:29.880
UCTC: To essentially be able to correct present grew up at the local level by the first launch then has to go through review at the State level and finally be proved effective.

0:32:31.440,0:32:48.660
UCTC: I would also say that what Brian didn't mention is that some of the things that that influence what's been up get up is is we're trying to make sure that we need an implement the recommendations and concerns that were addressed in our long range transportation.

0:32:49.950,0:32:59.700
UCTC: So we're not just making projects up or I just responding to local concerns and also responding to the fact that the Council has adopted and put forward a long range transportation plan.

0:33:00.180,0:33:08.820
UCTC: And we have to basically make sure that we begin to implement that and one of the reasons, one of the ways to do that is to do the necessary studies in accordance with those recommendations.

0:33:10.320,0:33:12.300
UCTC: I should also know, we sent out the.

0:33:13.800,0:33:22.770
UCTC: packet the agenda packets last week, and that was that included reference to a first draft of the unified planning work Program.

0:33:23.220,0:33:41.280
UCTC: We provided a second draft on the website yesterday, that is what I presented here, and that is what all the budget figures at been presented in this presentation, are the same as in the second version of the second draft of the so that is now.

0:33:42.300,0:33:53.070

UCTC: So that that's a lot to take in in a very short period of time there's any other Council members have any concerns comments discussion etc and i'll give you some time to think about it.

0:34:07.650,0:34:10.770
UCTC: The Council comforted by emotion out of Florida second.

0:34:12.240,0:34:14.130
UCTC: The council's comfortable move on.

0:34:16.830,0:34:17.760
UCTC: Going once.

0:34:21.660,0:34:23.580
UCTC: Okay, any any post.

0:34:25.290,0:34:27.540
UCTC: The draft up wp any post.

0:34:29.520,0:34:30.660
UCTC: extensions.

0:34:33.180,0:34:34.470
UCTC: Thank you so carrie.

0:34:36.000,0:34:37.110
UCTC: be on the agenda.

0:34:40.500,0:34:58.110
UCTC: You see TC resolution 2022 dash to its amendment to the ctc federal fiscal year 20 2024 transportation improvement program tip to add a new town of Rochester New York pin we don't have that number yet, as shown an attachment one.

0:34:59.580,0:35:03.990
UCTC: Do I have a type of emotion for discussion purposes, please, Mr.

0:35:04.440,0:35:07.890
Mike Baden: Mike Mike bane of very happily will make this motion.

0:35:08.580,0:35:10.650
UCTC: Thank you very much, Mr made do I have a second.

0:35:12.510,0:35:13.290
Greg Krupp: Second Greg.

0:35:14.190,0:35:16.470
UCTC: Thank you Greg I have a motion and a second discussion.

0:35:17.910,0:35:21.720
UCTC: Short, this is a late submission of from.

0:35:21.870,0:35:25.080
UCTC: The UK who received the final.

0:35:27.090,0:35:47.640
UCTC: initial project proposal, the IPP from New York City iot late yesterday afternoon, so we do have a pin and I apologize for not providing that information sooner, but we do have it now, so the pen is going to be 876264 and David if you see, can you put the.

0:35:49.230,0:35:55.590
UCTC: There is great, thank you, so this is the draft text strip that David prepares.

0:35:57.030,0:36:07.890
UCTC: Probably about 30 minutes ago and it shows the project description replacement voicemail road bridge over falls in the brook with the been in the town of Rochester.

0:36:08.250,0:36:31.170
UCTC: town of Rochester applying for a bridge New York funding and was awarded that funding, I believe this is a 95 five federal local split for the project, the total project cost is $2.1 million for the design and construction of the voicemail brokerages has to go through a.

0:36:33.150,0:36:40.200
UCTC: Public comment period, yes, this is thank you Dennis, this is a new addition to the transportation improvement Program.

0:36:40.710,0:36:56.370
UCTC: Any addition or deletion to our tip requires a full amendments therefore this projects after technical committee approval will require a 15 day public comment period prior to use etc policy word review and approve.

0:36:59.070,0:37:00.060
UCTC: Any discussion.

0:37:04.710,0:37:06.600
UCTC: Hearing none any oppose.

0:37:08.460,0:37:09.690
UCTC: Any extensions.

0:37:10.860,0:37:12.090
UCTC: So carrie Thank you.

0:37:14.100,0:37:23.220

UCTC: And thank you to Nice staff local projects unit, for I think we were probably the first nba once you receive an IP and they got out to us the script.

0:37:26.400,0:37:32.580
UCTC: Other old business new members yeah well i'm going to jump around just a little bit since Obama topic of.

0:37:33.240,0:37:54.060
UCTC: off system bridge funding on, as indicated in the past, you see TC has blocked programs essentially savings unallocated federal aid utilizing what's called the off system bridge program those are federal funds for bridges off the national highway system.

0:37:55.500,0:38:01.320
UCTC: Initially, those funds are going to be awarded to the town of Rochester for this bridge project, but the town.

0:38:02.070,0:38:16.110
UCTC: was wise to also apply to bridge New York, since they have received the a better deal essentially virtually art those funds are available to the runner up and that is also accounting department public works.

0:38:17.640,0:38:32.640
UCTC: I don't have the bridge details in front of me, so please forgive me it's a bridge, I was gutter gutter in denting yeah it's a it's a it's a ways away it's there so yeah so those funds will be made available to Oscar county dp w there were no other applicants.

0:38:34.080,0:38:44.220
UCTC: It remains to be seen, the funds are in federal fiscal year 23 they cannot move them any earlier so as soon as that project could begin.

0:38:44.700,0:38:57.240
UCTC: would be October of 2022 during the when the next federal fiscal year begins, we will enlighten that probably just roll it up through the tip update, which is forthcoming.

0:38:57.600,0:39:09.510
UCTC: will be doing a full update of the transportation proven program this break I didn't want to make members aware that those funds are being moved forward to use by Members.

0:39:10.980,0:39:12.570
UCTC: Well, what are the things that go ahead.

0:39:13.860,0:39:34.410
UCTC: So one of the things with respect to off system bridges, is the the infrastructure investment in jobs act may result in additional monies being made available for our

system bridges, there is a specific funding within the act for the for those those things to occur.

0:39:36.330,0:39:44.610
UCTC: I would strongly suggest that municipalities that have bridges that are yellow or red flag really take a good hard look at them.

0:39:45.630,0:39:49.980
UCTC: and begin to have a conversation in terms of whether or not they should apply for funding.

0:39:50.940,0:39:58.800
UCTC: it's not clear what whether that money is going to be kept by the State of New York and then become a competition in terms of diversity or funding which uses.

0:39:59.520,0:40:11.010
UCTC: which uses off system bridges, or whether will be made available to the MPs to essentially program off system bridges, I will tell you that other NGOs are.

0:40:11.790,0:40:17.730
UCTC: have requested that the state, make sure that some of that money becomes available to local NGOs.

0:40:18.360,0:40:25.320
UCTC: For programming purposes, so I know we're worse, it has a bridge that's in some dire straits, I would ask them to.

0:40:26.250,0:40:36.180
UCTC: Make sure that they pay attention and other communities there's a lot of communities and Ulster county that have own own local bridges and often they're all system bridges.

0:40:36.810,0:40:45.480
UCTC: To make sure that they have a good handle on them, and if they're flagged in one way or another, what what needs to be done in terms to fix them.

0:40:46.650,0:40:59.100
UCTC: We also received indication that under the new transportation authorization act off system bridge funding will not require a local back 100% hundred percent federally.

0:41:00.210,0:41:05.130
UCTC: which should come as a relief to allow our local towns.

0:41:06.210,0:41:19.260
UCTC: So just be aware of that and keep that in mind, I also just while i'm on the I J just to understand we've there's been a number of presentations by the state, with respect to the funding.

0:41:20.820,0:41:32.040
UCTC: And I guess the simplest way to put this is, I think that a nice that it's doing its best to temper expectations with respect to how much money is going to be made available.

0:41:32.970,0:41:39.420
UCTC: Although there is going to be a significant amount of new funding available, how much that will get down.

0:41:40.350,0:41:58.440
UCTC: To the kinds of projects that we do versus the transformative projects such as orange county's interstate system changes down there or some of the some of the major bridges is still have some concern us, we are waiting to see and have.

0:41:59.670,0:42:03.690
UCTC: made request at the back of the central office to see the state.

0:42:04.980,0:42:18.000
UCTC: Capital program the state has worked on the capital program we're told that they're still working on it, where we would like to see this nice dots capital program and how it affects us academy and the region.

0:42:18.780,0:42:26.850
UCTC: we're still waiting to see that just the way to complete it, there was a completion at the state level of a final budget for transport for transportation.

0:42:27.900,0:42:30.090
UCTC: Out there, and if anybody has chance.

0:42:31.530,0:42:47.820
UCTC: Please take a good hard look at the state of the State message from governor hopeful there's quite a number of really interesting things on the transit side and on the transportation side as well as as on the housing has inside the investment in the investment in house.

0:42:48.870,0:43:03.180
UCTC: So it's a I know it sounds like a boring read, but it actually isn't it's actually quite a quite a good documented and communities would do well to take a real good hard look at it, because there's some initiatives in there, it can really help some communities and then also.

0:43:07.200,0:43:13.350
UCTC: Since around the topic of the transportation prevalent program and just going to jump down to the tip update.

0:43:14.370,0:43:23.550

UCTC: As we've been indicating to Members a update to the transportation improvement program and the statewide step is imminent.

0:43:24.300,0:43:33.090
UCTC: We are awaiting guidance and essentially a way a green light, we being all the amp ios all 14 ipos across the state.

0:43:33.930,0:43:47.130
UCTC: That guidance I is anticipated to arrive in February, at which point you ctc will form a subcommittee of the technical committee and we will begin our own review of the existing tip.

0:43:47.790,0:43:57.570
UCTC: And against available allocations, essentially, it was referred to as a funding target and Dennis indicated, we don't know what our targets, going to be.

0:43:58.350,0:44:08.310
UCTC: it's been held flat, for the past several tip updates cycles on, even if there is this is increased to our targets we don't know.

0:44:09.150,0:44:14.130
UCTC: If we'll be able to utilize those for a call for projects, but we will certainly.

0:44:14.670,0:44:23.550
UCTC: keep our members and forums and involved in that process and be seeking volunteers and Members that are short money and existing projects.

0:44:24.090,0:44:39.120
UCTC: Now is the time to update your engineering estimates are in and look at how we can find more money for those projects that were short funding on some exceptions to that are funded funding that have been done to tap into are kept.

0:44:40.140,0:44:43.200
UCTC: As their as their health they're held flat.

0:44:45.690,0:44:51.000
UCTC: Thank you anything else, Brian and I just want to briefly welcome some new members.

0:44:51.450,0:44:59.670
UCTC: town of US opus town of Marlboro town of hurley all have new town supervisors I don't believe any of them were able to attend today's meeting but.

0:45:00.240,0:45:08.280
UCTC: I have indicated we've reached out to them to appoint an update their proxies and let them know about our meeting cycles.

0:45:08.850,0:45:26.880
UCTC: I anticipate offering a brief webinar training to new Members to give a overview of the purpose and function of the use, etc, and I will make that open to all Members, if you have proxies that maybe newly appointed or you just want to.

0:45:28.800,0:45:40.890
UCTC: learn a little more about the mtl process, you are more than welcome to attend, so that is something that will be forthcoming in though in the weeks ahead but welcome to our new new voting members.

0:45:42.150,0:45:52.320
UCTC: Then, finally, briefly, I want to make members aware of the uc TC federal fiscal year 2021 obligation report.

0:45:53.640,0:46:10.440
UCTC: date, if you could bring that up through the screen share and i'll just give a brief introduction MPs are required to provide a listing of all federal aid obligations that occurred in the previous.

0:46:11.760,0:46:28.170
UCTC: federal fiscal year and within several months of the closure of that fiscal year so every year the ctc publishes this document, the annual obligation report, this is draft I really David I started working on last week.

0:46:30.270,0:46:38.820
UCTC: And we're still trying to verify and finalize some of the numbers, but the main document here is.

0:46:39.570,0:46:50.610
UCTC: The three tables and the end of the document we break it up by into three different categories federal aid obligations for state projects which are shown here.

0:46:51.150,0:47:00.180
UCTC: local projects which will be all our locally sponsored fairly projects on the tip and then transit projects, which is the third table.

0:47:00.570,0:47:13.380
UCTC: it's the third table that is still undergoing revision at this point in time and we're working closely, you can verify these numbers, so if you can go back to the State projects, David.

0:47:15.750,0:47:31.710
UCTC: near State do T does a report essentially it's just an output, through our software system that indicated that 29 21.9 million in federal aid was obligated in Ulster county alone through State projects.

0:47:32.160,0:47:46.260

UCTC: These are the state very state projects and project phases, where those funds were obligated remember obligation does not necessarily mean fully spent just means they're authorized to utilize those funds through that project phase.

0:47:48.720,0:47:51.660
UCTC: The next this is now the local projects.

0:47:52.830,0:48:13.140
UCTC: which shows we had just over $7 million in local federal aid transportation projects of funding that was obligated you'll notice there might be some negative integers on some of these projects, these are accounting quirks for lack of a better explanation.

0:48:14.250,0:48:29.730
UCTC: The funds are anticipated the obligated but then they're not obligated sensing some negative integers there we haven't really decided on a clear method for providing those figures and being.

0:48:31.050,0:48:37.050
UCTC: transparent so that they still are included on the on the document just overall.

0:48:39.120,0:48:46.260
UCTC: yeah There are a variety of explanations from local local projects as to why those negative integers are shown.

0:48:47.040,0:49:02.100
UCTC: And then, our transit obligations, this shows a full accounting of all the proposed obligations, as listed on the on the tip and again i'm just need to verify these obligations with our.

0:49:02.910,0:49:19.020
UCTC: Transit provider Ulster county area transit we had just over $7 million in federal aid proposed for obligation and federal fiscal year 21 so again it's a very significant investment.

0:49:20.130,0:49:36.540
UCTC: Behind these obligations are purchases and jobs and improvements to the transportation system so it's a pretty significant amount of funding being made available to Ulster county for transportation.

0:49:37.980,0:49:53.310
UCTC: sure you have there's no Council action required, no, no Council actions required simply a reporting mechanism as soon as we are able to verify and finalized its numbers, this document will be posted on the tip page of the CDC.

0:49:54.090,0:49:59.550

UCTC: And I will tell you that the federal government pays a significant amount of attention to.

0:50:00.780,0:50:06.600
UCTC: The projects that are on the chip, and when that funding is obligated.

0:50:07.800,0:50:12.300
UCTC: There they're tracking very, very much so tracking the.

0:50:13.440,0:50:23.370
UCTC: The ability of local governments to meet their to spend their funding allocation a timely manner, and I believe that they're looking at least a 70%.

0:50:25.110,0:50:29.700
UCTC: obligation of funds that are they're obligated on an on.

0:50:31.470,0:50:41.070
UCTC: an amended tick to make sure that that that the Communities and the state can meet its obligations and spend different from the dead skin.

0:50:44.640,0:50:55.920
UCTC: Anything else Brian i'll just one other I guess announcements and clarification that the Ulster county traffic safety board has reconvened and is meeting on a regular basis.

0:50:57.000,0:51:05.880
UCTC: We do have a web page set up through the Ulster county government website, if you just search by departments traffic safety board is listed up there.

0:51:06.330,0:51:24.030
UCTC: And our meeting information is published on that webpage the safety board typically meets day if you do take that down, please i'm starting to get the first the the tsp typically meets the first Monday of every month I don't think we'll be having a February meeting.

0:51:25.140,0:51:40.560
UCTC: But we will be having a March meeting, so I would urge Members and their constituents if they have a traffic safety concern to participate in the traffic safety board we have we're rebuilding our membership, we have local law enforcement.

0:51:41.370,0:51:54.300
UCTC: Public advocacy and other interested citizens are appointed members of the board, there are three vacancies pending appointments at this time, and we hope to begin to.

0:51:55.800,0:51:56.580
UCTC: Do develop a.

0:51:57.810,0:52:05.850
UCTC: list of goals for the next calendar year, including a work plan which may be developed this calendar year.

0:52:06.990,0:52:26.100
UCTC: But it's important that we get participation and input from interested and for members of the public, and so I again would encourage you ctc members to visit the webpage mark on your calendars all meetings are being held remotely at this point in time, and if you have.

0:52:27.720,0:52:34.830
UCTC: Items or issues of interest, please bring that to our attention and, if appropriate, we can address them through the traffic Satan for.

0:52:37.440,0:52:43.710
UCTC: Thank you, Brian so our next meeting is on the 28th or 22nd of February, thank you.

0:52:44.760,0:53:00.480
UCTC: For the for the policy committee and I would basically asked anyone that has questions or concerns about the up Devon P, to give Brian a call or give myself a call we'll try to help you through the answer those questions are for address those comments, if you have them.

0:53:01.650,0:53:08.850
UCTC: And then, before we before we go does anybody have any comments or questions before we before we end the meeting.

0:53:12.870,0:53:15.180
UCTC: Well, this is a quiet group today, I have to tell you that.

0:53:16.590,0:53:27.180
Mike Baden: I apologize Mike Baden is there any information on the additional infrastructure bill that count came from the Federal Government, separate from the rp funding.

0:53:28.140,0:53:40.170
UCTC: Now, and what what were the short answer is, is what we're seeing is is that we're not sure how it's going to translate out into allocations, that we can use in our tip.

0:53:40.830,0:53:50.970
UCTC: Okay rich there is that also the governor's proposal has significant amount of transportation investments in it as well, none of those are.

0:53:52.500,0:54:07.200

UCTC: To the best of what I can determine none of those are focused in Ulster county they're focused on regional regional transit or regional regional infrastructure improvements from what from what we can, from what I can see.

0:54:08.640,0:54:19.260
UCTC: One of the things that did happen here is that we did get an additional planning fun allocations, but beyond that we have not seen any anything from Nice relative to that.

0:54:20.640,0:54:23.280
UCTC: We did in Nice did indicate that.

0:54:24.300,0:54:29.370
UCTC: They were going back because the federal funding has been held flat the state has been.

0:54:29.880,0:54:38.130
UCTC: Investing more and more of state money in terms of its own projects and they were going to go back and try to reestablish over time.

0:54:38.550,0:54:48.240
UCTC: The normal relationship between state funding and use of State use of federal funding by the state and raising move above the above the 40% line.

0:54:49.140,0:55:05.850
UCTC: So that so that will take some of the money as well, but there's been I think an effort to make sure that while we, everyone is is extremely pleased to see the bill passed there's been a sort of a management of expectations in terms of what that means on the ground in terms of projects.

0:55:06.150,0:55:07.920
Mike Baden: Okay, thank you.

0:55:09.390,0:55:10.170
UCTC: anyone else.

0:55:10.530,0:55:12.570
David Staas (UCTC): As I see her bed is Andrew.

0:55:13.830,0:55:14.330
UCTC: Bird her.

0:55:14.580,0:55:21.870
Herb Litts: Yes, thank you, I just attended the New York state county highway is.

0:55:23.490,0:55:34.650

Herb Litts: superintendents association meeting and the do T budget analyst was there, and also the lobbyists for that organization.

0:55:35.340,0:55:52.470
Herb Litts: And they did say they were going to try to get an increase in chip funding yeah i'm with you know this, this new allocation and federal funding and they were going to try to push that along here pretty soon, so we may be seeing more money, as well as.

0:55:54.150,0:55:55.380
Herb Litts: The ot said that.

0:55:56.670,0:56:01.290
Herb Litts: The Governor would like to infuse maybe some more bridge funding.

0:56:03.060,0:56:04.650
Herb Litts: Maybe even this fiscal year.

0:56:05.550,0:56:08.640
UCTC: yeah we've heard a similar things that sort of a state of good repair.

0:56:09.360,0:56:18.600
UCTC: work, but I mean I think some people were thinking that this was really transformative in that we have a larger application and take on more projects etc night.

0:56:18.990,0:56:24.900
UCTC: What we're hearing is that, yes, but there's there's there's other focuses here for this for this kind of on.

0:56:25.800,0:56:35.820
UCTC: that's that's that's my takeaway it's not anybody else's saying that but that's my takeaway on it, but you're right the state of good repair funding, we should be available to us where where it may not have been before.

0:56:37.110,0:56:53.850
Herb Litts: The other thing to know is, you know they want to get more participation and advocacy day I think it's like the eighth and ninth of March and it's going to be virtual this year, so if we could get more of the towns and the county involved.

0:56:54.990,0:57:07.050
Herb Litts: In speaking with our legislative people up in Albany and and push this momentum, maybe we can get more chips money, maybe we can get some more emergency winter funding.

0:57:08.040,0:57:22.530

Herb Litts: Maybe we can get some more bridges and culverts money, so you know, the more people that participate, it shows the strength of the towns, the counties in the villages in the cities.

0:57:23.790,0:57:39.630
Herb Litts: So if you can put that on your calendar and participate it's virtual this year, so you don't have to drive to all many, but if we can get a lot of people pushing that advocacy we hopefully will go in the right direction.

0:57:40.950,0:57:41.520
Thanks for.

0:57:43.560,0:57:44.400
UCTC: anyone else.

0:57:48.360,0:57:52.230
Greg Krupp: I just wanted to say thank you for the presentation, Brian has great.

0:57:53.580,0:57:55.650
UCTC: you're welcome Thank you Greg.

0:57:56.940,0:58:03.420
UCTC: So hearing none I wish everybody a mild winter going ahead and we'll see you on the 22nd.

0:58:05.220,0:58:07.620
Herb Litts: Take care of everybody be safe stay healthy.

0:58:08.340,0:58:08.840
Thanks.
Meeting concluded at ~10:58 am