

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**June 28, 2022
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Location: Rosendale Town Hall • Room M1

This is a hybrid remote/in-person meeting. Members may join remotely through the following link

Topic: UCTC Technical Committee
Time: Jun 28, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and
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1. Technical Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of March 22, 2022 Technical Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

5. New Business

a) Draft UCTC Resolution 2022-04: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Amend Town of Lloyd PIN 875781 as Shown in Attachment 1.

PIN 875781: Tillson Ave Safety Alignment Work was advertised for construction by the Town of Lloyd in early 2022. The lowest bid received was greater than dollars available on the UCTC 2020 TIP. To provide the funds necessary to construct the project, an additional \$2.268m for construction, construction inspection, engineering and right of way acquisition as detailed in Attachment 1 would be necessary.

An offset of federal dollars was identified through Ulster County PIN 805111 (County Rtes 7&8 Shoulder Widening) addressing the additional costs. PIN 805111 was rolled into FFY2023, making funds available to projects scheduled in FFY2022 for use as offset. In addition, this offset of \$2.268 would allow for the elimination of a previous local overmatch (beyond the 20% local share); project now aligns the federal/local share to the traditional 80/20 cost share.

UCTC Operating Procedures and TIP Amendment Procedures dictate that project amendments to the TIP exceeding \$500,000 (federal funds) require a TIP amendment with 15 public comment period.

Recommended Action: Discuss the proposed amendment and consider opening the action for public comment and forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

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b) Draft UCTC Resolution 2022-05: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New Ulster County Area Transit PINs 8TU011 and 8TU012 as Shown in Attachment 1.

Ulster County Area Transit – as part of its ongoing efforts toward fleet modernization and greenhouse gas reduction – has requested to add new projects to the UCTC TIP as shown in Attachment 1. New UCAT PIN 8TU011 will allow for the purchase of 2 Battery Electric Buses for the UCAT system. Total project costs equal \$2.105m utilizing \$1.2m in FTA 5307 funds and \$0.411 in FTA 5339 funds.

In addition, New UCAT PIN 8TU012 will utilize FTA 5339 funds for the purchase of up to 8 EV support vehicles to support UCAT operations. Total project cost: \$0.426m utilizing a federal share of \$0.341m of 5339 funds.

UCTC Operating Procedures and TIP Amendment Procedures dictate that the addition of any new project PIN to the UCTC TIP requires Technical Committee review and approval and 15 day public notice prior to Policy Committee review.

Recommended Action: Discuss the proposed amendments and consider opening the action for public comment and forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

c) Draft UCTC Resolution 2022-06: Distribution of Federal Transit Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.

Federal Fiscal Year 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Supplemental Public Transportation Apportionments and Allocations – the American Rescue Plan Act includes \$30.5 billion nationally in supplemental appropriations allocated to support the transit industry during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Draft UCTC Resolution 2022-06 outlines the ARPA apportionment to the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA and details how those funds will be split among designated recipients via formula as agreed upon by TMA members. Ulster County as the designated recipient eligible to receive funds would receive \$1.311million; in addition, over \$28 million will be set aside as ‘unallocated’ and available for future programming within the TMA.

Recipients must follow rules as set forth under the FTA 5307 program; however, ARPA funds may be used at 100% federal share.

Recommended Action: Discuss the proposed resolution and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

d) Draft UCTC Resolution 2022-07: Distribution of Federal Transit Funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), which includes \$900 billion in supplemental appropriations for COVID-19 relief, \$14 billion of which will be allocated to support the transit industry during the COVID-19 public health emergency,

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was signed into law. FTA subsequently announced \$25 billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in April 2020.

Similar to the CARES Act, the supplemental funding will be provided at 100-percent federal share, with no local match required. Funding will support expenses eligible under the relevant program, although the Act directs recipients to prioritize payroll and operational needs.

Draft UCTC Resolution 2022-07 details that the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urbanized Area (UZA 89) was apportioned a total of \$4,035,019 with the amount being further apportioned by an agreement between the States of New York and New Jersey, where New York would receive \$3,980,142 and New Jersey \$54,877. Ulster County as designated recipient eligible to receive funds would receive \$79,835; in addition, \$1,734,674 will be set aside as 'unallocated' and available for future programming within the TMA.

Recommended Action: Discuss the proposed resolution and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

e) UCTC Resolution 2022-08: Adoption of the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

UCTC updates the TIP every 2-3 years in accordance with federal rules and regulations. The Preliminary Draft UCTC TIP was revised and updated based on TIP/STIP Policy Guidance and Instructions issued by NYSDOT in March 2022. In accordance with those instructions, UCTC staff, working closely with members of the UCTC Technical Committee and New York State Region 8 Planning staff, developed a list of recommended projects for inclusion in the 2023-2027 program based directly on local sponsor input and available federal funds. Those recommendations were then presented at the April 26, 2022 Policy Committee meeting for preliminary review.

That draft program has similarly been reviewed by NYSDOT and entered in draft format into NYSDOT's accounting software in order to confirm that the UCTC local program conforms to local planning targets. The draft 2023-2027 TIP programs over \$37.5 million in Federal Highway Administration funds and \$33.4 million in Federal Transit Administration funds for a variety of local and state transportation projects over the 5-year Transportation Improvement Programming period. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, the TIP is required to be presented to the public and be available for 15 day public review and comment period. The public review period will commence on Tuesday July 5th and will end on Wednesday July 20th. A public meeting has been tentatively scheduled for July 13th.

A copy of the Draft 2023 – 2027 UCTC TIP will be circulated for Technical member review and approval.

Recommended Action: Discuss the proposed resolution and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
- Project Updates

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 10am.