

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
**Technical Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Summary**

July 24, 2018

Rondout Municipal Center, Cottekill, NY

Members Present:

Ralph Swenson	City of Kingston
Shannon Harris	Town of Esopus
Rich Parete	Town of Marbletown
Al Lanzetta	Town of Marlborough
Fred Costello	Town of Saugerties
Joel Brink	Town of Ulster
Ed Pine	Ulster County DPW
Dan Coots	NYS Dept of Transportation
Amy Mackenzie	NYS Dept of Transportation
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Anne Noonan	Adirondack Trailways
Barry Hecht	Adirondack Trailways
Glenn Gidaly	Barton & Loguidice

Staff:

Dennis Doyle	U.C. Planning Board/UCTC Staff
Brian Slack	UCTC Staff
David Staas	UCTC Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:00am. Roll call was conducted by Mr. Slack.

**CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments received.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 1, 2018 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion of the minutes from the 5/1/18 meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee. Motion made by Joel Brink; second by Fred Costello.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Slack discussed the potential shift towards a regular meeting schedule in place of meeting as needed. Regular meetings will allow for more in depth presentations and provide clear deadlines for actions that require UCTC Technical and Policy Committee approval.

Lizzy Philip asked about the possibility of conference call availability.

Mr. Doyle stated that he was reluctant to add a conference call option but that it may be possible for the technical committee.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Draft UCTC Resolution 2018-13: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Amend NYSDOT PIN 881126: I-587 @ Albany Avenue and Broadway Intersection Reconstruction Project Costs and Schedule.**

At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is proposed, as a result of a need for schedule and cost changes to NYSDOT PIN 881126. The Amendment adds \$3.461 million in state and federal funds to the project and adjusts the schedule of various project phases. According to NYSDOT, cost increases are attributed to work zone traffic control, nighttime work, landscaping, hardscaping, truck aprons, RRFBs, field change payment, mobilization and incentive payment (maintaining 10% contingency). Construction Inspection phases is programmed at 15% of Engineering Estimate based on project complexity (typically only 10%). In addition, while not a federal requirement, the change also adds \$1.634 million in private utility and local municipal funds for the purposes of underground utility betterments that will be made in conjunction with the project. Cost changes to projects on an approved TIP that exceed either 25% of the phase or over \$500,000 require a TIP Amendment. An offset from PIN 881359: Bridge Painting has been identified to cover the amendment costs. In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, amendments to the TIP require 15 day public notice and comment period prior to Policy Committee approval.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Al Lanzetta; second by Fred Costello.

Mr. Slack explained that this change was requested the day after the previous Policy Committee meeting. No public comments were received.

Ralph Swenson explained that a portion of the cost increases provide for betterments utilizing local funds.

**No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

### **Draft UCTC Resolution 2018-14: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Local National Recreational Trail Program Awards Under PINs 876199 and 876200 per New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation as Shown in Attachment 1.**

NYSDOT has requested to add various project PINs to the UCTC 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program National Recreational Trail Program awards to local sponsors. The National

Recreational Trail Program is administered by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation using Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP. Resolution 2018-14 programs PIN 876199: City of Kingston Hudson Landing Promenade North Street to John Street; PIN 876200: Town of Lloyd Hudson Valley Rail Trail Program.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Joel Brink; second by Fred Costello.

Mr. Slack noted that these funds are administered by the NYS Parks with NYSDOT and need to be added to the TIP as they are federal funds.

Glenn Gidaly noted a typo in the agenda regarding the rail trail system in question. The resolution has the correct system referenced and no changes to the resolution are required.

No public comments were received.

**No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

**Draft UCTC Resolution 2018-15: Resolution to Support New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Targets for Performance Measures Related to Bridge and Pavement Conditions on the National Highway System (NHS), and System and Freight Performance on the NHS.** 23 CFR Part 490 states that all State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations shall establish performance targets for the following measures:

- Bridge Performance on the NHS
- Pavement Performance on the NHS (by Interstate and Non-Interstate)
- System Performance on the NHS (by Interstate and Non-Interstate)
- Freight Performance on the NHS (for Interstate Only); and,

NYSDOT established their statewide performance targets effective May 20, 2018. MPOs are required to either establish their own separate targets or recognize NYSDOT targets within 180 days of NYSDOT establishment. Resolution 2018-15 resolves that the UCTC agrees to support NYSDOT's performance targets for each of the four performance categories.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Al Lanzetta; second by Rich Parete.

Mr. Slack explained the performance measures and circulated a handout providing further details as to how the metrics are calculated.

**No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration.

**Draft UCTC Resolution 2018-16: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT Rail Crossing Safety Upgrade Projects Under PINs 893244, 893245, 893295, and 893296 as Shown in**

**Attachment 1.** NYSDOT has requested to add various project PINs to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program various Rail crossing upgrades using Highway Safety Improvement Program Rail funds. These projects utilize Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP. Resolution 2018-16 programs PIN 8893244: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Grant Avenue Town of Ulster; PIN 893245: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Leggs Mill Road Town of Ulster; PIN 893295: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Glasco Turnpike Town of Saugerties; PIN 893296: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Peoples Road Town of Saugerties.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Al Lanzetta; second by Ralph Swenson.

Mr. Slack noted that this item has not been put out for 15 day public comment as of yet and will not be passed by the policy committee until the comment period requirement is met.

Al Lanzetta expressed concerns that there is a crossing in the Town of Marlboro that does not allow for sufficient crossing of emergency vehicles and pedestrians. Supervisor Lanetta requested that the crossing be added for consideration.

Mr. Doyle further commented that the crossing was removed by CSX on a public road without any further treatments.

The council has requested that a letter be written to the rail safety division, the commissioner, and CSX to address safety concerns at Boices Lane in the Town of Ulster and the discussed crossing in the Town of Marlboro.

**No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration pending 15 day public comment.

**Draft UCTC Resolution 2018-17: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add a New Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Award for the City of Kingston under PIN 876207 as Shown in Attachment 1.**

The City of Kingston and NYSDOT has requested to add project PIN 876207 to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program pedestrian safety improvements awarded under the PSAP. This project utilizes Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP. Resolution 2018-17 programs PIN 876207: City of Kingston Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Fred Costello; second by Shannon Harris.

Mr. Slack noted that this item has not been put out for 15 day public comment as of yet and will not be passed by the policy committee until the comment period requirement is met.

**No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed -- Motion Carried.**

Resolution to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration pending 15 day public comment.

**Resolution 2018-18: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley**

**Transportation Management Area.** This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). This action is a routine occurrence that takes place after the FTA apportions 5307 funds to the TMA (UZA 89) and NY and NJ come to an agreement on a fair and rational sub-regional allocation. FTA Section 5307 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Dutchess Transportation Council (DCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and DCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2018, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive an allocation of \$589,763 to the Unallocated balance as repayment for a temporary loan provided under UCTC Resolution 2018-04. Private commuter bus carriers in Ulster (ADK Trailways) will receive \$2,455,047.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Joel Brink; second by Rich Parete.

Mr. Slack explained the purpose of the resolution and informed members that this resolution has not been reviewed by TMA staff and is not to be recommended for passage at the policy committee until that review has been completed.

Mr. Doyle further noted that the Council does provide direction as to how the funds are utilized.

**No further discussion. – Motion Tabled.**

**Resolution 2018-19: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation**

**Management Area.** Resolution 2018-19 seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from federal authorizations to the TMA (UZA 89) under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation, prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and DCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2018, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive a total of \$443,626.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion for discussion. Motion made by Ralph Swenson; second by Al Lanzetta.

Mr. Slack explained the purpose of the resolution and informed members that this resolution has not been reviewed by TMA staff and is not to be recommended for passage at the policy committee until that review has been completed.

**No further discussion. – Motion Tabled.**

**Other/Old Business**

**UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs.** Staff will provide members with a summary of recent TIP administrative modifications under these two block PINs.

Mr. Slack noted that the distribution of UCTC off-system bridge funds will await the award of BRIDGE-NY funds as the town of Gardiner has applications into both programs for the same facility.

**No further discussion.**

Rich Parete requested additional training regarding what the transportation council can offer.

Mr. Doyle indicated that UCTC staff will provided one on one training and also provides training during the 2-year membership turnover.

Mr. Doyle requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Fred Costello; second by Joel Brink.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at approximately 11:10 am.

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