

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
October 24, 2023

Meeting held in-person and via zoom at 10:00 am

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Alex Wade: Hello!

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Alex Wade: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the

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UCTC: transportation.

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UCTC: Welcome, everybody. And right

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UCTC: thank you, everyone. Why don't we go? Call for citizens. We need to do introductions.

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UCTC: Yes, okay.

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UCTC: So I'm Dennis. Dough from playing director. We'll go around the room and and we'll have Dave call the name for people on the

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on remote. Thank you.

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UCTC: Neil Patel's new past town Supervisor. Only, Charles, yeah. How are you drifting that works minute or you change it curb lit

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UCTC: Ubi county legislative

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UCTC: public name, Highway and Sergi

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UCTC: on the line we have Alex. Wade, Chris, Kate Leanne Thornton.

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UCTC: Oh, sorry! Bounced around there. Ruth Ann

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UCTC: from City, Kingston, Shelley, Johnston. and John Scholtice. Did I miss anyone?

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UCTC: Okay. okay, thank you. Everybody. Call for citizens, comments. Any citizens comments

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UCTC: anybody on the line. See none from the line.

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UCTC: Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion for approval of the August 20, s 2023 Technical Committee meeting summary.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr. List, do I have a second? Thank you. Supervisor. For Tess, I have a motion, and a second, any comments

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UCTC: hearing none, any opposed

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UCTC: any abstentions.

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Yeah. Okay? Hmm.

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UCTC: okay, yeah. One of the censorship. Thank you.

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UCTC: Communications and announcements, Brian. Sure, the biggest communication. I don't have any printed materials associated with it.

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UCTC: But it did go out in the Uc. PC. Mounting list is the announcement from near State dot regarding the transportation alternative program.

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UCTC: There's a new funding source combined with this year's call for projects that includes the carbon reduction program funding.

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UCTC: So it makes available

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UCTC: few different types of project classifications that have not been available from the past with the CRT funding program that includes carbon reduction projects. Eligibility include projects such as intelligent transportation, sick systems for traffic signals.

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UCTC: and other types of admissions, reduction

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UCTC: projects, including even charging facilities and also trans transit project eligibility is listed as well. But then the traditional transportation alternatives, program projects are non motorized project eligibility

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UCTC: categories

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UCTC: maximum awards, 5 million dollars. Minimum award is 500,000. Deadline

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UCTC: is

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UCTC: believe in January apologies. We're not having that hard date. But there's a pre-application deadline

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UCTC: of later in November as well, and municipalities are considering

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UCTC: proposing a project.

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UCTC: and it's very advantageous to submit

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UCTC: through the previous application

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UCTC: procedure to nize that that will give

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UCTC: Give you some preliminary feedback in your application.

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UCTC: And of course, if municipal is are interested in a project you can always reach out to PC. To get our insight and advice. We do review

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UCTC: these project awards, not in our region, but outside of our region. So we have a lot of familiarity with what makes it successful.

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Yeah, projects is basic.

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UCTC: I think the dot added. Third webinar session as well. So if you are considering applying, you do need to

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UCTC: participate in those webinars, and the ones that, they added is scheduled for November second. from 9 to noon. It's 3 h one. So thank you.

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UCTC: Thanks, David. Anything on tap. Pun intended.

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UCTC: Okay, hearing none.

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UCTC: New business, no other communications. Brand. No, thank you.

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UCTC: Oh, we should.

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UCTC: There is one announcement. We're joined here today by Scott Workman, who is new deputy director of Ulster County Area transit

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UCTC: congratulations. Thank you, Scott. You want to say something about yourself?

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UCTC: I came here from a law firm. I was programmer. I have background and planning way back.

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UCTC: Plan jobs are hard to find in Maine. So I went back to a previous career in it. Management

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UCTC: running a colleges. IT. Shots.

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UCTC: I ran the arcs. Ike shop. That's yeah, I know for a long time.

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UCTC: But

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UCTC: now, between programming data analytics

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UCTC: it. Monitor one.

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UCTC: That's it. So we have a full roster and admin with Tony as well. Assistant Tony Roser. So we're we're very pleased to have everybody on board

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UCTC: and assisting us with projects going forward. Love the project. Yeah.

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UCTC: thanks, Scott.

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UCTC: New business could be a very short meeting. New business draft. Uctc. Resolution 2023, dash 11. Adoption of the 2020 adjusted urban bound area Boundary and Metropolitan Planning area for the Ulster County Transportation Council with a motion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: Motion. Thank you, Jean. Do I have a second? Thank you, Mr. Litz. I have a second motion, a second discussion, Brian.

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UCTC: I would love to provide some insight to this process, but quite frankly, David has been leading it from the beginning.

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UCTC: So, David, if you don't mind, sure the every 10 years the census goes out, and you know, does the decennial census. And as part of that there's a new urbanized area that is drawn up which is based off of number of housing units, population density.

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UCTC: And you know the skips and jumps of how far you can go this year. This go around.

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UCTC: They did change the methodology slightly, so you can't jump as far which, in our instance, led to a substantial decrease in the urbanized area.

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UCTC: we. We barely hit the 50,000 population markets required for an Mpo, so we're now the sixth, smallest Mpo in the Us. and as part of that, so that's what comes out of the census, and then we are able to smooth that boundary to kind of match up with your transportation facilities.

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UCTC: and where you would anticipate growth, and just to make sure that that things are matching up and kind of make sense as it relates to transportation. So we go through this adjustment.

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UCTC: period, which is what we're doing here. So this is a static map. That's just part of the resolution. We also have

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UCTC: a dynamic map that's been put together from the state

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UCTC: to highlight these. So you can. You know, zoom in and around. There's areas that you want to see so green in the background would be the previous 2,010 boundary.

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UCTC: And then the blue

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UCTC: is what we're using. Oh, man, this one

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UCTC: is what we're doing for the current one. Yeah. Semi static. Exactly so. One of the big changes is previously we had to extend outside of Ulster County into Green County with 7 census blocks, and that was because that was determined to be an urban area.

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UCTC: And so anything that was determined to be an urban area we have to include

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UCTC: But that's now since dropped out with the changes. So we're opting to no longer kind of include this whole section up here

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UCTC: and taking it just where we're required. Another kind of interesting change would be how we're getting making the connection into Woodstock.

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UCTC: Yeah. Previously we were required to to run up here kind of

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UCTC: instead, we're taking Route 28 quarter, which is also not. This was actually an addition.

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UCTC: this little offshoot here, and then we just extended it on up to make sure that we were getting Woodstock

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UCTC: They no longer differentiate between the small urban urbanize or small urban clusters, so we also did the smoothing pro. We were also responsible for the smoothing process in Ellenville warsing, whereas previously that was more done in in direct, you know, directly between Dot and the town we were involved in that process. But we did

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UCTC: smooth that a little bit more, and a lot of the changes that you're seeing here is previously we had to follow census geographies.

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UCTC: And we've since kinda we, we don't have to do that anymore. So we're cutting off some areas where there's no roads. And you know, quite frankly, we're just there as a geographic artifact. So

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UCTC: putting those kind of down. I think those are kind of the major changes. New. Oh, actually, this is another one

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UCTC: new pulse that we should touch on.

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UCTC: So there were 2. Previously we had 2 urbanized areas. We had the Kingston urbanized area, and then the New York, New Jersey.

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UCTC: Connecticut. One. That kind of extended down, you know, brought us into the transportation management agent area with with Orange and Dutchess

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UCTC: this time.

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UCTC: and we we previously previously had just shown one urbanized area which was connecting Kingston and and the mid Hudson one. Now, the the you know, the Feds really want to make sure that we're showing the distinction between these are urbanized areas. So we have the Kingston one which we caught off there and then. New Paltz.

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UCTC: which kind of comes in as a small, you know, smaller area

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UCTC: and then connecting into the you know New York, New Jersey. connecticut one. So that's another change that we're seeing. But

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UCTC: for the most part recovering.

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UCTC: you know all the urban or recovering all the urbanized areas, and just kind of taking in some of the areas where that are no longer required.

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UCTC: Can you give us a sense, Dave, in terms of what this means on the ground. Yeah. So the implications of these boundaries. This is what how your functional classifications are determined. Mostly it's the distinction between rural and urban for your functional class

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UCTC: changes, and that allows you access to different sources of funding. So if you're not in an urbanized area, and there's like a flood event. Let's say you'd be using fema funds which have a different reimbursement rate than if you were in the urbanized area, and you were using Fh. WA funding.

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UCTC: So there's some advantages there depending on how you look at it.

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UCTC: the urbanized area generally opens up more funding I feel to you if you're in it.

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UCTC: That's me having, you know, differences, opinions of the Federal aid process and having to go through that.

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UCTC: But yeah. And the goal is is that you don't want to find yourself a situation where you go along and you're classified as urban, and then you move into order, classified as well, creates some significant funding issues in terms of your availability funding. So that's the other reason that you start to see us run orders as much as we can

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UCTC: without moving areas out, which if anybody knows the area between you.

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UCTC: yeah and the smoothing process. Yeah, we try to take care of that. You know. We even found some that from the last go around where the road went from rural to urban to rural

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UCTC: and and back and forth. Yeah, and then you try to avoid that. Yeah. So once you hit a certain functional classification, the rural urban distinction doesn't matter quite so much as far as Federal aid funding. It's really more when you get like, just above a local road that it really makes the difference. Yeah.

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UCTC: And that's a Usdo T road. That's not a.

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UCTC: It's not a state route. It's actually a national route. So that has a separate

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UCTC: funding category associated with it.

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UCTC: There is not related to, not related to the actual boundaries that we're doing here in terms of the smoothing process.

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UCTC: The changes in the census geography and in 2,020 will have implications for funding for transit.

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UCTC: Because the funding for transit is dependent upon population.

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UCTC: And so

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UCTC: population in in these areas, particularly in the Kingston urban areas applying significantly

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UCTC: because of the loss of areas outside the just outside the areas

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UCTC: and what the day was alluding to, some of the hop skips and jumps that take place.

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UCTC: And then we've lost area in the south as well relative to the Tma area. So that area as well. Yeah.

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UCTC: see? Some see some changes with funding

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UCTC: that's based on the non smooth boundary. So if we were to expand out our boundary. That doesn't do anything to to bring in additional funding. So that should be clear on that.

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UCTC: So there is some implications for transit funding

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UCTC: in here. And there's implications for the Npos funding allocation because of the population that we lost. So we're likely to see

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UCTC: a change in our funding allocations based on the change in population.

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UCTC: any questions about that.

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UCTC: And we'll make this link available on on our website. We have offered a letter of support from staff to New York State, DOT

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UCTC: and then it's gonna continue going through an approval process. so these are the urban area boundaries. Brian, can you say what we've also done relative to the planning area?

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UCTC: Alright? Sure. So, as David indicated

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UCTC: under census 2,010, the urbanized area boundary went into Green County with total 7 census blocks.

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UCTC: It was kind of a bit of a surprise at the time, but we're required to include every portion of the urbanized area within our planning area.

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UCTC: So we included Green County on all of our correspondents, and that small portion

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UCTC: was included as part of the metropolitan planning area which is essentially the Mpa. Is where the Mpo.

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UCTC: Is authorized to conduct our planning activities. And so we have that tiny little bump in the green town.

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UCTC: Otherwise our metropolitan plan area is continuous with Ulster County

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UCTC: so during this iteration, in 2020, since the urbanized area

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UCTC: was cut back and no longer includes Green County. So once again

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UCTC: our metropolitan playing area is solely configurous with the Ulster County.

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UCTC: I have a comment on the line from Alex way, it looks like you have eliminated the east portion of our village, and there's a question as to why

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UCTC: not sure? See that looks right there.

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UCTC: I think we have the village covered here.

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UCTC: So, Alex. It looks to us that the village is covered. We wouldn't.

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UCTC: and it is in the village is part of the 2,010. There's been no changes up through that area that we're aware of.

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Alex Wade: Okay. It was small scale. So it looked like.

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Alex Wade: especially with that resolution map. It's, you know, the scale is just really tough. So

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UCTC: I'm gonna make sure that we have this viewer. Either posted on our website or I'll send it around via email. So if you want to check it out, and zoom around by all means. Ex exactly. Yup.

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UCTC: Okay. be sure to send it around. We run to the center of the river

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UCTC: for the most. Yes, for the most part, and that matches up with with Duchess. when, as you know, where they match up, because this is actually going to show Duchess as well. But they don't come over until a little bit. Okay.

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UCTC: further south.

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Alright.

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UCTC: right? You can have it.

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UCTC: Yeah. Yeah.

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UCTC: Okay. that's what I said.

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UCTC: any other questions or comments.

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UCTC: Thank you. Yeah, of course.

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UCTC: to the village

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UCTC: it is. I don't know that there's any implications, though, for the rail line to be in the urbanized area versus the non, as far as I'm aware of.

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UCTC: but it is in that. So

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UCTC: okay.

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UCTC: any other comments.

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UCTC: hearing none, any opposed.

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UCTC: any abstentions

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UCTC: so carried. Thank you.

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UCTC: Item B

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UCTC: draft, Uctc. Resolution 2023, dash 12 amendment to the 2023 unified planning work program to add cost to Upw project number 4.2 3.0 one dash 0, one development of a long range transportation plan. I have a motion for discussion purposes.

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UCTC: Ulster County Transportation Council is required to update its long range transportation plan every 5 years. The next update is due no later than September 30, 24

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UCTC: Uc. Ttc. Staff is have decided to largely conduct this work. In house, however, we are seeking consultant assistance

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UCTC: to guide the public outreach process associated with long range plan.

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UCTC: and as part of that we issued a request for proposals.

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UCTC: and we received 2 responses from that rfp. Which is guided by the Ulster accounting purchasing department.

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UCTC: and the

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UCTC: whenever we conduct a request for proposals utilizing Fha funds. It's always a qualifications based

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UCTC: procurement process. Cost can't be considered as a factor, but

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UCTC: predominantly driven by qualifications and the quality of the response.

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UCTC: the preferred response. We were not able to announce at this point in time, because we don't have an executed contract.

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UCTC: but the preferred response did come in beyond what we had budgeted in the 2023 Uc. Wp.

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UCTC: For this project

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UCTC: we had originally earmarked \$75,000. And the response came in at 98,574 to conduct a protracted public engagement process, including digital

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UCTC: tool Development survey development and monitoring and social media and a variety of other

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UCTC: deliverables that they would be providing also moving the plan into a digital format as well, it's working towards digitization at this point in time. But we did want to.

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UCTC: make sure that we have the proper amount of money set aside. So in order to do that, we have several options, I should say, first, that

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UCTC: any change to a Upw project in excess of 25% of the existing project requires an amendment

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UCTC: to the document.

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UCTC: So the amount of money that we're adding

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UCTC: comes to roughly 32%.

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UCTC: So that includes the difference between what we had budgeted and what was proposed, plus an additional \$5,000 for staff support, which I had not included in the original U Pw.

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UCTC: so the total increase is 28,574.

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UCTC: At this point I want to direct your attention to attachment. One of the resolution. If you look at the bottom, there is a misplanted my fault

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UCTC: if you look at the black and white table

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UCTC: where it shows, as amended the lower right hand corner 9, 7, 4, 26. That should actually be 92, 4, 26, and let me explain.

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UCTC: So we have a variety of options as to do where we pull the money from, or the the overage for the amendment. We can take it from our savings. We have

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UCTC: \$276,000 in unprogrammed phones in that fund.

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UCTC: or we can move it internally from an another project that's already programmed under Pwp, that we are not planning on executing this year or next.

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UCTC: and that's what we've opted to do in this. In this arrangement. We have program funding and the amount of 120,000 and Federal funds

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UCTC: for the Ulster Avenue Corridor or management plan, and that's Ulster Avenue and Albany Avenue in the City, Kingston town of Ulster. We have every intention of moving forward with that project. We just don't expect to be able to initiate it next year. Given the amount of work we have.

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UCTC: So I'm proposing we do an internal offset

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UCTC: of the 28,574. Take it from that project and add it to the long range plan. The reason why I've been doing that as opposed to

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UCTC: getting it from the unprogrammed balance, it makes the economy a lot easier between me if you do it internally.

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UCTC: If I take it from the fund balance, it tends to have a domino effect

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UCTC: on a variety of other amendments that I would have to do different tracking documents.

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UCTC: So that's my preference at this time, and we can pull the money back in when we read when we adopt in April. Thank you. And that would be my intent is, I would add, the money back in when we do our next week together.

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UCTC: Proposal actually is also more cost. Effective doesn't always work same same for quality.

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Sam Claudia.

0:24:47.330,0:24:53.579

UCTC: And would you have to go back out to bid for this? Or can you just just accept that correct.

0:24:55.010,0:24:56.510

UCTC: valid procurement?

0:25:00.350,0:25:09.440

UCTC: Any other questions? So on the amended rest on the amendment to amend the amount to what's done right?

0:25:09.970,0:25:22.779

UCTC: The amount for the new long range transportation plan, the Federal share would be 103,574. And then this print is would change to so it would decrease the Kingston

0:25:22.860,0:25:25.849

UCTC: and kind of all stir corridor management plan

0:25:25.950,0:25:28.890

UCTC: to from 120,000

0:25:28.960,0:25:32.449

UCTC: to 92,426.

0:25:32.670,0:25:34.279

UCTC: So on the amendment.

0:25:36.140,0:25:37.330

UCTC: any opposed?

0:25:37.580,0:25:47.279

UCTC: I don't know why we can't. There's an award letter going to the word letter go out.

0:25:48.020,0:26:16.629

UCTC: I think we did issue the award letter. They are public openings. That's correct, but it's not a big document. I don't know whether the award letter is out. We did tell purchasing the issue. Okay? So if the word letters app and the answer is yes, and it's a company called Fhi Studio.

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UCTC: and they did change their branding and title to FHI. Studio, because they're doing quite a bit of graphic design. And this type of public outreach work

0:26:26.880,0:26:41.950

UCTC: assistance for metropolitan playing agencies in municipality. I believe they're Connecticut, based in Connecticut. They also did have on their resume completion of the Dutch Transportation Council

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UCTC: public engagement process as well, which we have

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UCTC: but at the top of our list of things annually.

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UCTC: and we'll we'll engage in contract negotiations with the firm. We've had an extensive conversation with them after got their initial review so

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UCTC: extensive conversation. But we're still in contract negotiations right now.

0:27:08.900,0:27:12.659

UCTC: Any other on the amendment.

0:27:12.960,0:27:14.130

UCTC: any opposed.

0:27:16.510,0:27:17.960

UCTC: any abstentions

0:27:19.910,0:27:23.170

UCTC: on the resolution. any opposed.

0:27:24.700,0:27:26.030

UCTC: any abstentions?

0:27:27.330,0:27:31.440

UCTC: Okay. And I'll make that correction for the policy.

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And then.

0:27:35.120,0:27:37.809

UCTC: item Number 6. Other old business

0:27:38.080,0:27:47.129

UCTC: project updates, Brian. Sure, before I do that, I actually one item, that II forgot to answer. The agenda is the annual

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UCTC: call for planning projects.

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UCTC: Every year we issue a call for unified planning work program, planning project.

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UCTC: These are opportunities for municipalities to submit suggestions or proposals to us do

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UCTC: planning studies within their jurisdictions regarding any variety of transportation issues. This is where the Kingston town of Ulster, 9 W. And Ulster Avenue Quarter management Plans originated from the Broadway

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UCTC: Corridor Management Plan and a variety of other

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UCTC: specific

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UCTC: transportation management plans have originated through the unified planning work program.

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UCTC: So if you go to the UcpC website to the unified planning work program, page, you can see, find the application there.

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UCTC: It's the same application that we've issued every year. I apologize for not having a formal presentation on it, but it is very straightforward.

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UCTC: It's a word document.

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UCTC: and essentially just, ex asks the applicant to explain the issue of concern, identify the problem, perceived or otherwise.

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UCTC: and then explain how it relates to our core documents, mainly the long range transportation plan

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UCTC: is specifically intended to be relatively easy for municipality.

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UCTC: Do not want municipalities hiring consultants to then prepare applications here. It's really shouldn't be necessary.

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UCTC: and I'm always available to lend assistance or to lend an ear to whatever so issues or proposals municipalities may be considered.

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UCTC: So that call is now available through our website. The deadline is the second week in December. On Friday.

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UCTC: any questions there

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UCTC: apologies for not having example, did we notice that to the municipality I don't think we have noticed. So we'll notice that to all of all the municipal

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UCTC: municipalities

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UCTC: by the end of this week.

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UCTC: so you have it.

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UCTC: And and the website location. So you'll you'll see that

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UCTC: it's all ahead on the Upw. Okay? So now we're on to other old business.

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UCTC: And cap, we've already discussed.

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UCTC: So project updates.

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UCTC: sure, I'll run through some notable project updates, Dave, could you bring the Lrtp. Or I'm sorry the the website

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UCTC: Uctc has been working with a consultant firm on a colony of Braun media.

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UCTC: And we're Updating our website to have to be a new Wordpress website, and we have a very preliminary test page that we wanted to share with you, to give you a sense of the format and layout of the new site that we've been working on.

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UCTC: So you'll know that everything is now in line with the Uc. PC. Brand standards that were developed toll 20 in terms of color layout, palette font.

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UCTC: And yeah, go highlight over planning the big highlight for us, I think, and the big push is to have a better categorization organization of our planning studies, our archive.

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UCTC: It's really difficult to find the archives. We tried to do some improvements by

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UCTC: including the name of the municipality, where the work was done as well as the year and the title, so you could at least do sort of excel sort.

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UCTC: but still it, it makes it difficult to find a discrete study. If you're looking for a specific topic or geographic focus area.

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UCTC: So now we'll be tagging all of our studies, and it should be much easier to find it by subject, and we'll be able to search so that there's a particular area of interest. Geographic location.

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UCTC: The search bar will be there to help direct folks that might not be as familiar with our work

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UCTC: or the Mbo to find a specific study. We don't have a huge archive, probably, I would say roughly, 40 studies. But when you combine all that information together, it's quite a bit of implementation.

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UCTC: Also the meetings page that they'll have a calendar, and the agenda and meeting archives should be much more easier to for the public to navigate as well.

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UCTC: There's not a lot of information to populate it here. This is very much a work in front framework more than anything else.

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UCTC: A lot of the information that is currently on the website is just being transferred over. It's reorganization. All this work is being done for a total project cost of 12,500,

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UCTC: which we think is a real bargain.

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UCTC: And we're looking very forward to to the outcome, which is on schedule for

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UCTC: December completion.

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And that could be activation.

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UCTC: Are there any other highlights from the new web page that I wasn't thinking about?

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UCTC: I think. Just be nice to have the meetings page. That will function, I think a lot better. And the ability. Yeah, like you said the planning studies to be able to drill down into the categories.

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UCTC: I think will be nice.

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UCTC: So that's the website. Update

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UCTC: the route 9 W. Quarter management plan is ongoing. We're in task 4 out of a total of 5 tasks, which is development of the draft recommendations. We received some preliminary recommendations from our consultants. Great Manning.

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UCTC: and they really have quite a bit more work to do before we're ready to a present them to our technical advisory committee, and then B bring them.

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UCTC: and we have at least 2 public workshops are included in that contract

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UCTC: to present our preliminary

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UCTC: and our draft recommendations to the public, which would include, I would imagine, a presentation to the Power Board in the town of Wall Street.

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UCTC: Those recommendations will be coming forward

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UCTC: through a storing map framework. So it should be relative as opposed to a detailed Pdf design document, should be a relatively

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UCTC: user-friendly

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UCTC: report that will be available visually.

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UCTC: That's the 9 W. Dot and the project is scheduled for total completion

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UCTC: no later than March 30, first of 2024. We really hope to have

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UCTC: draft recommendations writing the public review by the

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UCTC: that's 9 W.

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UCTC: railroad safety plan. Yeah. The railroad safety plan. We have a an open house, virtual open house

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UCTC: scheduled for tomorrow. So that would be 6 to 7, 30

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UCTC: Pm. Via zoom. So we're asking people to register and join

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UCTC: and we're really just kind of giving a project overview at this point and soliciting some, some input and feedback on the crossing locations within

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UCTC: within Kingston. You're unable to attend. We do have like a little

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UCTC: video for the project, and then survey open open as well.

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UCTC: So the web web page that Dave has open now is yet another tool in our toolbox for public engagement. Do you want? So the

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UCTC: Ulster County Government has rolled out an engagement? Hq.

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UCTC: Platform called Participate Allster. This is very similar to is the same platform that's used by the city. Kingston with their Oh, jeez! What is it called? Engage parts? Yeah. Engage Kingston. Sorry I'm dueling. Participate all through into my head right now.

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UCTC: so here it gets a little bit. It's it's it's a broader platform. So we get a little bit more reach than the Uctc. Page.

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UCTC: So we're trying, as we do our projects, to make sure sure that we're putting these pages together for each one, and you know, with key dates. you know, kind of the life cycle of the project and and survey tools and hopefully get some more eyes on on our work. And

0:36:30.190,0:36:35.350

UCTC: you know, use the broader platform of the Ulster County Executive to get more participation.

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We still do have our project page on the county website.

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UCTC: but this is just another avenue to try to get more people to participate.

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UCTC: African

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UCTC: traffic counts. We had traffic counts placed last week

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UCTC: with our contractor nds we do have the draft locations where we should expect those

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UCTC: out on the traffic account web page we did get well, I think, Shandagan. There were a couple of questions about some counters out in Chandacan, where they got some concerns which made their way back to me. So let them know what was going on.

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UCTC: And yeah, so we'll look forward to getting that data in from. And yes, is their first year with them. Well, employee accurate?

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UCTC: We'll take a look at the map. Yeah. And they're they're opting. I don't think as I say, this time they're not doing a lot of tubes. So Nbs has their own proprietary video system that they use as opposed previously with our other prior contractor. They would

0:37:44.710,0:37:57.959

UCTC: use another vendor's system called myovision but nds just has all their own equipment. They do all the video processing on their own. I guess it's cheaper for them to do video accounts than is to do Atr, which.

0:37:58.110,0:38:08.770

UCTC: hey? You know, it's great less. Listen, you know, nails in the road, and you know, right? So we got concerns up in Chandacan surrounding those. So

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UCTC: I think they're already off the ones. We'll see if they got them all out in the first batch or not.

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UCTC: After they get the cameras back from the neighbors.

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UCTC: Yeah, it's to just.

0:38:29.510,0:38:59.380

UCTC: is it? Just vehicles or with these cameras. So we're doing classification, which isn't necessarily including bike pad. In this instance it would be a special count that we would do for looking for bike pad. They might be able to catch it, though, just because if they did the video it might just be an additional fee for the processing. It also depends on, I think, how they started it up. You know this will be our first. Go through with them on that. But if there's interest in that for specific locations, we can definitely.

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UCTC: So I'd be interested in just, you know. knowing if there's more traffic than right. That is on that price page right now. So

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UCTC: yeah, I'll talk to them and see if that's if it's available. I mean, we have a budget, for if you have a need.

0:39:14.850,0:39:17.460

UCTC: curiosity is not okay.

0:39:19.130,0:39:30.140

UCTC: Alright. Any other projects. There's one more project that'd be Project number 5. We now have an execute contract with transpo to complete

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UCTC: are coordinated public transit

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UCTC: human Services transportation plan. This is a requirement of all metropolitan plan organizations to conduct

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UCTC: the coordinated plan, as we call it, every 5 years.

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UCTC: So we are doing a 5 year update cycle.

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UCTC: And we just had our kickoff meeting, our internal kickoff meeting yesterday with a project consultant.

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UCTC: and we hope to be ready to do public engagement for that process.

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UCTC: In roughly December the coordinated human services. Public transit transportation plan

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UCTC: focuses on not only the the existing public transit system, but all of the human service agencies that are providing transportation services for the elderly people with disabilities

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UCTC: and other similar populations throughout Ulster County.

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UCTC: with the intent of

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UCTC: trying to coordinate those services and use the limited amount of funding that we have available as efficiently as possible.

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UCTC: so that will be the effort. And in order to receive the funding source, which is Fta. 50 through 10 funding which is specifically earmarked for transportation

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UCTC: for the elderly and people with disabilities. You have to have a completed and updated and coordinated plan.

0:40:50.210,0:40:59.209

UCTC: So I'm assembling the Technical Advisory Committee for that project. Now, it will likely include some common

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UCTC: public service agencies that you're

0:41:02.920,0:41:14.310

UCTC: aware of agencies like Rupto and Arc. Obviously, it will include you can, whether you've been informed yet or not, part of the project.

0:41:14.460,0:41:29.580

UCTC: And a variety of other human services agencies. So we're looking very forward to getting that way. And so relatively short period of time, we can do this correctly and get off on the right foot. We should have draft completion within 6 months.

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UCTC: So those are the 5 studies that we have studies that are ongoing.

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UCTC: We have 2 more that are in the hospital that includes, as we already mentioned, the Long Range transportation Fund public engagement process

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UCTC: we also have. Finally.

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UCTC: it will be Project contract Number 7. The Ulster County Area transit route optimization site. This is a

0:41:59.410,0:42:08.180

UCTC: study that's been discussed at at great length with the Australian legislature. Various subcommittees of the legislature.

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UCTC: The purpose of the study is to

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UCTC: take a look at Newcad operations

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UCTC: and look for

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UCTC: efficiencies and ways that we can optimize the fixed route transit system and ways that we might be able to expand the system where there is need or demand

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UCTC: and if we were to do that, what sort of implications it might have on the existing system in terms of resource allocation drivers

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UCTC: which snap rolling stock

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and fixed capital.

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UCTC: It also includes a software assessment over the years.

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UCTC: Also, kind of area transit has had a variety of different vendors to contract with software to do any variety of things, to assist with routing

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UCTC: with counting boardings and alignments to assist with Federal reporting. So this is an opportunity to review the existing software licenses that we have really have a frank discussion with the staff

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UCTC: to see what might meet Staff's needs

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UCTC: best going to.

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UCTC: and it will

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UCTC: involved a total. I don't want to call it an audit, but a full internal review of the system that's being used.

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UCTC: Recommendations. One of the key elements of this project that that really stood out for us.

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UCTC: The the consultant is foursquare

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UCTC: who we've worked with in the past, and includes a staff person by the name Boris Palchik, who we've worked with going back to 2,012 when he worked with Nelson Iguard. We're we're have. We've always been happy with Boris. He has a passion

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UCTC: or

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UCTC: transit, and he has worked with transit agencies throughout the North East throughout the country.

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UCTC: So he's very familiar with the Ugat system.

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UCTC: So one of the elements of this project. That proposal that we really liked was

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UCTC: what they defined as project in reach.

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UCTC: and that is getting boots on the ground at Ulster county area transit and having staff

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UCTC: consultant staff

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UCTC: meeting with mechanic staff drivers, administration dispatch, and really asking the yeah Ucad Staff, what do you think? And works well for this agency. Where do you think the improvements can be found?

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UCTC: So having those types of discussions? And we always find, whenever we do any sort of transit study. The bus drivers have a lot of.

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UCTC: so that I think would be a beneficial element.

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UCTC: We do not have an executed contract. We're very close. All, all the ducks are in a row, and we should be getting that contract delivered to us. Their final signal. I think sign needs to be final executed.

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UCTC: I had some changes that I had to make. So yeah, okay.

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UCTC: so that should be soon. and we'll form a technical advisory committee to get the public.

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UCTC: Any other updates.

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UCTC: Anything from council members

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UCTC: should know one last old business, other business traffic Safety Board typically meets on the first Monday and the month. That will be November sixth. I do not have agenda items at this time, so that may be postponed.

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UCTC: Oh, yes, thank you.

0:45:40.890,0:45:46.629

UCTC: So we received a tips. Snapshot. Do you have a copy of this meeting? I do. Yeah. Oh, great

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UCTC: Nicole, give me that.

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UCTC: So I mean work Brian has in front of him, and we'll see of the projects that are on 24, which starts on October first. We committed to the bank that we're going to obligate for mobile projects.

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UCTC: so

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UCTC: we'll see how the fines goes this year. That just means construction. Obligation has happened before the end of September of next year.

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UCTC: And a piece of good news is that last year performance, we actually reached 100% of delivery last year, which is really impressive. Considering in prior years, we're typically under 50% delivery. So

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UCTC: so I so I think you did a really good job of showing that

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UCTC: that we can work together getting going into the Federal fiscal year. So you know, see what's really gonna happen. And what's really going to go over this year. So hopefully, we come out of this current year with another 100

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UCTC: that'd be great sidewalks is very close to design Google. I think last, I check.

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UCTC: That's a project that has been many years in the maker.

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UCTC: Thanks. Dick and Arthur Bridge is also kind of Dpw. Bridge. roots to 99 shoulders. and your pound zone New Paulson

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UCTC: Gardner, which is a project that has been many years in design and right away acquisition. That is also kind of

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UCTC: project.

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UCTC: And then, finally, there's a bridge listed in the village of the town as well.

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UCTC: Group 2, 99.

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UCTC: It's 40. 78 is Route 299. Yeah.

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UCTC: Kind of group numbers, not State group members

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UCTC: in that in that instance. any questions on that putting in finding it.

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UCTC: So I'm gonna I hate to say it's Brian. Anything else.

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UCTC: Anything else from Council members.

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4 months.

0:48:11.490,0:48:13.439

UCTC: I'll make a motion for adjournment.

0:48:13.570,0:48:16.189

UCTC: Thank you. Good to list.

0:48:17.670,0:48:36.299

UCTC: I don't need a second business is completed. Thank you so much. We're adjourned, everybody will. Oh, one last item, one last item Uc. Policy Committee was scheduled to meet on November 20 eighth. It's after Thanksgiving, so we'll see you all back then. So have a great Thanksgiving. Everybody stay safe and say, Well.

0:48:36.350,0:48:37.800

UCTC: thanks, everyone.

Meeting concluded at ~10:49 am