

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**February 27, 2024
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Location: Rosendale Town Hall • Room M1
1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419

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1. Policy Committee Roll Call • Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of November 28, 2023 Policy Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

5. New Business

a) UCTC Resolution 2024-01: Approval of the UCTC State Fiscal Year 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The Draft 2024 UPWP budget summary, including the Project Listing Summary, is attached for UCTC Technical Committee review.

The Project Listing Summary represents the extent of all tasks associated with the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and all necessary federal, state and local funds associated with each task. The Draft 2024

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UPWP continues work commenced during previous UPWP cycles, revises several projects included on the previous program, and adds 1 new project for future programming and development.

UCTC's 2024/25 Federal funding allocation for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 is a total of **\$461,223 in FHWA (PL) funds** and a total of **\$58,068 in FTA Section 5303 (MPP) funds**. All of these funds (\$519,291) are available for programming in the 2024/2025 UPWP. While total available funds made available to the NYS MPOs increased 2% from SFY 2023 to SFY 2024, UCTC's allocation declined 11% during this period, likely due to formula changes that are based on the latest decennial census.

UCTC has federal funds available from previous years that represent savings available to the Council for programming as needed. Staff estimates \$957,186 in previous year FHWA PL fund savings available for future programming; of that, \$680,777 will be programmed in the current UPWP. \$276,409 will remain held as unprogrammed FHWA PL balance.

UCTC has \$238,276 in FTA funds from previous years that represent savings available for programming; 100% of estimated available FTA funds will be programmed in addition to the allocation of \$58,068 for a total FTA program of \$296,344.

No public comments were submitted during the public comment period.

All figures in the 2024 UPWP are subject to change pending final revisions to individual task costs and closure of SFY 2023 expenditures.

Recommended Action: Discuss the UCTC SFY24 UPWP, consider any public comments, and consider final adoption by the Policy Committee (45 minutes).

b) UCTC Resolution 2024-02: Authorize the Transfer of Administrative and Management Responsibilities for Ulster County Commuter Bus Carrier's Share of FFY 2021 FTA Section 5307 TMA Formula Funds to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), Albany, New York.

Draft Resolution 2024-02 addresses the transfer of administrative and management responsibilities of FFY 2021 FTA Section 5307 TMA commuter bus funds as approved under Resolution 2022-09. The transfer will move administrative responsibilities from Ulster County to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) in Albany, NY through the FTA policy referred to as "capital cost of contracting." To avoid imposing burdensome accounting rules with regard to contracts for bus and paratransit-related services, FTA will allow the recipient to consider a percentage of leased service or contracted maintenance capital costs without further justification and will provide assistance for 80 percent of the resultant amount. This action helps streamline the administrative and management processes for NYSDOT, Trailways, CDTA and UCTC. Resolution 2024-02 approves UCTC's transfer of FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds in the amount not to exceed \$2,576,161 to CDTA.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2024-02 and consider final adoption by the Policy Committee (10 minutes).

c) UCTC Resolution 2024-03: Authorize the Transfer of Administrative and Management Responsibilities for Ulster County Commuter Bus Carrier's Share of FFY 2022 FTA

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Section 5307 TMA Formula Funds to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), Albany, New York.

Draft Resolution 2024-03 addresses the transfer of administrative and management responsibilities of FFY 2022 FTA Section 5307 TMA commuter bus funds as approved under Resolution 2022-10. The transfer will move administrative responsibilities from Ulster County to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) in Albany, NY through the FTA policy referred to as “capital cost of contracting.” To avoid imposing burdensome accounting rules with regard to contracts for bus and paratransit-related services, FTA will allow the recipient to consider a percentage of leased service or contracted maintenance capital costs without further justification and will provide assistance for 80 percent of the resultant amount. This action helps streamline the administrative and management processes for NYSDOT, Trailways, CDTA and UCTC. Resolution 2024-03 approves UCTC’s transfer of FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds in the amount not to exceed \$2,314,513 to CDTA.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2024-03 and consider final adoption by the Policy Committee (10 minutes).

d) UCTC Resolution 2024-04: Authorize the Transfer of Administrative and Management Responsibilities for Ulster County Commuter Bus Carrier’s Share of FFY 2023 FTA Section 5307 TMA Formula Funds to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), Albany, New York.

Draft Resolution 2024-04 addresses the transfer of administrative and management responsibilities of FFY 2023 FTA Section 5307 TMA commuter bus funds as approved under Resolution 2023-08. The transfer will move administrative responsibilities from Ulster County to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) in Albany, NY through the FTA policy referred to as “capital cost of contracting.” To avoid imposing burdensome accounting rules with regard to contracts for bus and paratransit-related services, FTA will allow the recipient to consider a percentage of leased service or contracted maintenance capital costs without further justification and will provide assistance for 80 percent of the resultant amount. This action helps streamline the administrative and management processes for NYSDOT, Trailways, CDTA and UCTC. Resolution 2024-04 approves UCTC’s transfer of FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,717,358 to CDTA.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2024-03 and consider final adoption by the Policy Committee (10 minutes).

e) UCTC Resolution 2024-05: UCTC Resolution 2024-06: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New City of Kingston PIN 876330 as Shown in Attachment 1.

Draft Resolution 2024-05 will amend the 2023 – 2027 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a new project programming the City of Kingston’s \$23 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant award.

Under UCTC TIP Amendment Procedures, any project to be added or removed from the UCTC TIP requires Technical Committee approval, 15 day public comment period, and final Policy Committee approval.

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Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2024-05, consider any public comments, and consider final adoption by the Policy Committee (15 minutes).

f) Resolution 2024-06: Support New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Targets for Safety Performance Measures.

Draft Resolution 2024-06 updates Safety Performance Measures based on new targets adopted by NYSDOT for 2024; original 2018 targets were approved by UCTC under Resolution 2017-12 and updated for each subsequent Federal fiscal year.

Safety Performance Management (Safety PM) is part of the overall Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program, which FHWA defines as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decision to achieve national performance goals. The Safety PM Final Rule supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), as it establishes safety performance measure requirements for the purpose of carrying out the HSIP and to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The Safety PM Final Rule establishes five performance measures as the five-year rolling averages to include:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

The Safety PM Final Rule also establishes the process for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish and report their safety targets, and the process that FHWA will use to assess whether State DOTs have met or made significant progress toward meeting their safety targets. NYSDOT has closely coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 14 MPOs in NYS through the NYS Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Through that process, NYSDOT has requested all MPOs to adopt the NYSDOT targets to establish uniformity during the initial reporting period.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2024-06 and consider final adoption by the Policy Committee (10 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- Discretionary Grant Programs
- Next Traffic Safety Board Meeting Scheduled for Monday March 4th @ 6:00pm in the Legislative Chambers
- Project Updates

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 26, 2024 at 10am.