

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**September 26, 2023
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 Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)

2. Call for Citizen Comments

3. Approval of June 27, 2023 Policy Committee meeting summary

4. Communications and Announcements

5. New Business

a) UCTC Resolution 2023-05: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to to Add New BridgeNY Awards as Shown in Attachment 1.

The Ulster County Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Town of Plattekill submitted successful applications to the 2022/3 New York State Department of Transportation "BridgeNY" call for projects. Ulster County DPW will utilize funds to replace the Hurley Mountain Road bridge over the Esopus Creek in the Town of Marbletown (BIN 3347260) for a total project cost of \$5.730m. The Town of Plattekill will

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utilize funds to replace the existing bridge and culvert that carry Old Mill Rd over the Quassaic Creek in the Town of Plattekill with a single-span bridge (no BIN available) for a total project cost of \$3.299m.

Details regarding the project including costs, schedules and other information are provided in Attachment 1 of Resolution 2023-05. Under BridgeNY solicitation rules, a 5% local match is required by the municipal sponsor; the project utilizes the STBG Off System Bridge program as a federal fund source.

As per UCTC Operating and TIP Amendment Procedures, any new project added to the UCTC TIP requires Technical Committee approval, 15 day public comment and review period, and final Policy Committee approval.

Recommended Action: Review proposed amendments and consider any public comments prior to Policy Committee approval (15 minutes).

b) UCTC Resolution 2023-06: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New Federal Carbon Reduction Funds to PIN 876122 as Shown in Attachment 1.

The Village of New Paltz was awarded Transportation Alternative Program funds in 2014 to design and construct sidewalks on streets including Huguenot, Church, Prospect and Henry Dubois Drive. In 2023, the UCTC issued an “expression of interest” letter encouraging municipalities interested in utilizing a portion of UCTC’s federal suballocation of Carbon Reduction (CR) funds to submit requests. The village responded with a request to utilize CR funds to address construction cost increases and subsequent project funding shortfall on the project.

Based on the latest engineering estimate, the village has requested \$0.116m in federal CR funds to address the shortfall on Construction and Construction Inspection phases, which also requires a local 20% match, totaling \$0.146m in new funding for the project. The funds will be drawn from UCTC’s CR suballocation, which totals \$0.199m in FFY22.

If costs change after the village receives final bid proposals from construction firms, the UCTC may cover additional costs through a TIP administrative modification as funds are available. Remaining funds may be utilized for other local sponsor requests.

As per UCTC Operating and TIP Amendment Procedures, any new federal funding source added to an existing project on the UCTC TIP requires Technical Committee approval, 15 day public comment and review period, and final Policy Committee approval.

Recommended Action: Review proposed amendments and consider any public comments prior to Policy Committee approval (15 minutes).

c) UCTC Resolution 2023-07: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area

The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program (49 U.S.C. 5339) makes Federal resources available to States and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. A

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sub-program provides competitive grants for bus and bus facility projects that support low and zero-emission vehicles.

Draft UCTC Resolution 2023-07 seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2023 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 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 2023**, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive a total of **\$437,731** in **FTA 5339** funds; a 20% local match is required.

***Recommended Action:** Discuss Resolution 2023-07 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for approval (15 minutes).*

d) UCTC Resolution 2023-08: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area.

Draft UCTC Resolution 2023-08 seeks approval for the allocation of **FFY 2023** 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 will approve similar resolutions.

For **FFY 2023**, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive an allocation of **\$760,605**; \$4,717,358 is made available to Inter-County Commuter Bus Service Providers in Ulster County; and \$2,395,015 will be made available for future TMA programming (savings).

***Recommended Action:** Discuss Resolution 2023-08 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for approval (15 minutes).*

e) UCTC Resolution 2023-09: Apportionment of Federal Transit Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law to support the nation's public transit systems as they continue to respond to the COVID pandemic. On March 29 of that year, the Federal Transit Administration released the formula derived apportionments for FFY 2021 Section 5307 ARPA funding to urbanized areas.

The Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urbanized Area (UZA 89) was apportioned a total of \$66,481,159 with the amount being further apportioned by an agreement between the States of New York and New Jersey, where New York would receive \$65,354,962 and New Jersey \$1,126,197. Of those dollars

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available, \$28,483,794 will be transferred to the public operators in the MHVTMA. These figures were arrived at through mutual agreement between the three TMA MPOs and were derived from annual operating assistance costs of the public providers within each MPO.

As shown in Attachment 1, **\$5,244,800** will be made available to the Ulster County Area Transit.

***Recommended Action:** Discuss Resolution 2023-09 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for approval (15 minutes).*

f) UCTC Resolution 2023-10: Apportionment 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) was signed into law to support the nation’s public transit systems as they continue to respond to the COVID pandemic. On January 11, 2021 of that year, the Federal Transit Administration released the formula derived apportionments for FFY 2021 Section 5307 CRRSAA funding to urbanized areas.

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; to date, \$2,300,345 has been previously allocated with \$1,734,674 remaining for future allocation.

As shown in Attachment 1, **\$318,192** will be made available to the Ulster County Area Transit.

***Recommended Action:** Discuss Resolution 2023-10 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for approval (15 minutes).*

6. Other/Old Business

- [NYSDOT Transportation Master Plan 2050](#) Community Engagement Toolkit
- TIP Performance Administrative Modifications
- Project Updates
- Participate Ulster. <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/>

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 10am.