ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Technical Committee Meeting

AGENDA

May 28, 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. Technical Committee Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)
- 2. Call for Citizen Comments
- 3. Approval of January 23, 2024 Technical Committee meeting summary
- 4. Communications and Announcements
- 5. New Business

a) <u>Draft UCTC Resolution 2024-07: Distribution of the FFY 2023 Federal Transit</u> <u>Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the</u> <u>Kingston Urbanized Area.</u>

The Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more that is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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Funding is made available to designated recipients that are public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds. Governors, responsible local officials and publicly owned operators of transit services shall designate a recipient to apply for, receive, and dispense funds for urbanized areas pursuant to 49USCA5307(a)(2). The governor or governor's designee acts as the designated recipient for urbanized areas between 50,000 and 200,000.

As shown in Attachment 1 **Draft Resolution 2024-07**, **\$1,330,751** in FTA 5307/5340 funds were apportioned to publicly-owned operators of transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area in **FFY 2023**.

Ulster County, operator of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT), is the only publicly owned transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area. As such, Draft Resolution 2024-07 allocated 100% of available funds to Ulster County.

Eligible activities include: planning, engineering, design and evaluation of transit projects and other technical transportation-related studies; capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as replacement, overhaul and rebuilding of buses, crime prevention and security equipment and construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software. In addition, associated transit improvements and certain expenses associated with mobility management programs are eligible under the program. All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs.

For urbanized areas with populations less than 200,000, operating assistance is an eligible expense.

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Discuss Draft Resolution 2024-07 and consider adoption. (20 minutes).

b) <u>Draft UCTC Resolution 2024-08: Distribution of the FFY 2024 Federal Transit</u> <u>Administration Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the</u> <u>Kingston Urbanized Area.</u>

Two changes in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 impact apportionment amounts:

- FFY24 apportionments reflect the U.S. Census Bureau's new urbanized area boundaries and population figures released in December 2022.
- FTA used transit agencies' most recent service numbers (2022) reported to the National Transit Database (NTD) to calculate apportionments.
 - In FY 2022 and FY 2023, due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on ridership nationwide, FTA used the service data from each NTD reporter's annual report that had the highest vehicle revenue miles from either 2019 or the most recent year reported.

As shown in Attachment 1 **Draft Resolution 2024-08**, **\$2,179,671** in FTA 5307/5340 funds were apportioned to publicly-owned operators of transit service within the Kingston Urbanized Area in **FFY 2024**.

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Eligible activities are the same as described above under Agenda Item 5-a.

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6. Other/Old Business

- UCTC 2024 Federal Aid Obligations
- Project Updates
 - Kingston RR Safety
 - Ulster Route 9W Mobility Plan
 - Ulster County Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan
 - UCAT Route Optimization Plan
 - Traffic County Program
 - UCTC Year 2050 LRTP Update
 - UCTC 2025 TIP Update
 - 2024 UPWP- FHWA Acceptance Letter
- Discretionary Projects
 - Safe Streets for All
 - PROTECT
 - o TAP
 - Carbon Reduction
- Next Traffic Safety Board Meeting Tentatively Scheduled for Monday June 3rd @ 6:00pm in the Legislative Chambers

7. Adjournment.

The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 10am.