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Kingston Rail Crossing Study **VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING** December 18, 2024 - 11:00am

Registration Information and Documents are Available at the Project Website:

<https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/kingston-rail-crossing-study>

Registration is required

Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) invites the public to learn about project findings of the Kingston Rail Crossing Study. Initiated in early 2023, the purpose of the Study is to evaluate safety along the West Shore Rail Corridor in the City of Kingston, NY, which includes six highway/rail grade crossings.

Over the past several years, the City of Kingston has experienced several pedestrian and vehicular accidents, including fatalities, along the West Shore rail line. The Rail Crossing Study aims to evaluate the existing highway/rail crossing and trespass events along the rail corridor to identify solutions. The project goals include:

- Enhancing the safety along the rail corridor
- Assessing the current risks posed by hazards or vulnerabilities
- Developing a comprehensive risk reduction strategy by applying appropriate mitigations
- Providing recommended improvements to enhance safety including planning level costs and funding sources

The study considered both vehicular and pedestrian incidents at highway-rail grade crossings as well as trespassing hotspot locations along a 2-mile segment of the rail corridor within the City of Kingston. The plan considered mitigations and safety measures utilizing best practices and guidance from both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as well as the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

Project staff will host a Virtual Public Meeting on December 18, 2024 at 11:00am to present the findings of this study. Registration is required.

To review the final document and to register for the public information session, visit

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The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) is the state designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Ulster County and a portion of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Urbanized Area. The UCTC was designated by the Governor of New York as the MPO for the Kingston Urbanized Planning Area on April 30, 2003. The UCTC was formally organized with the adoption of Operating Procedures on June 4, 2003. The purpose of the UCTC is to build a consensus on local and regionally significant transportation, transit and non-motorized improvements.
