

# Ulster County Transportation Council

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***For the Period April 1, 2023 – March 30, 2024***

The Ulster County Transportation Council continues to plan and implement programs and projects in cooperation with Federal, State and local planning partners. The following is a summary of tasks performed by staff between April 1, 2023 and March 30, 2024 in support of the SFY 2023/24 UCTC Unified Planning Work Program. Task codes and project descriptions correspond directly with the SFY 2023/24 UPWP, available online at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/transportation-council/unified-planning-work-program>.

## **44.21.00: PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **44.21.01: Program Support and General Administration**

The UCTC website (<http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation>) was continually edited to include the latest updates regarding transportation and MPO-related meetings, events, important announcements, opportunities, and progress on projects and programs. Staff participated in all MPO statewide director conference calls and meetings when available. UCTC meetings are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month unless otherwise indicated.

The UCTC Technical and Policy Committees met on the following occasions:

- 04/28/23 UCTC Policy Committee Meeting
- 05/23/23 UCTC Technical Committee Meeting
- 06/27/23 UCTC Policy Committee Meeting
- 08/22/23 UCTC Technical Committee Meeting
- 09/26/23 UCTC Policy Committee Meeting
- 10/24/23 UCTC Technical Committee Meeting
- 11/28/23 UCTC Policy Committee Meeting
- 01/23/24 UCTC Technical Committee Meeting
- 02/27/24 UCTC Policy Committee Meeting

Significant attention to detail is provided in the preparation of UCTC meeting agendas and draft and final resolutions, providing voting members and members of the public with sufficient background and purpose for each resolution presented so that an informed decision can be made. The UCTC email distribution list was also managed and routinely updated as needed.

In addition, general office and staff support services, including timesheet development and completion, human resources information and support, recording and updating of staff timecard 'punches' through the county's TimeForce software, processing FOIL requests not associated with a specific MPO project, assisting with new staff evaluation and interviews, and other general Planning Department staff support and indirect activities are included under this task code.

In addition, UCTC was pleased to host the 9/18/23 meeting of the NYSAMPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Working Group in person meeting in Kingston, NY, providing lunch and administrative support.

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### **44.21.02: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development**

During the reporting period, staff completed the following major tasks associated with the development of the draft SFY 2022/23 UPWP:

- Finalized the 2023/24 UPWP after submission and approval of the Q4-20 reimbursement request
- Processed an Amendment to the UPWP on November 28, 2023 via UCTC Resolution 2023-12, to add additional funds to project 44.23.01: UCTC Year 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Development of the Draft SFY 2024/25 UPWP, including hosting an open “Call for Planning Project Proposals;” one project proposal was received from the Village and Town of New Paltz.
- Draft UPWP presented to the UCTC Technical Committee on 1/23/24 and opened for public comment; no comments were received.
- Final Draft UPWP was adopted at the 2/27/24 UCTC Policy Committee meeting

### **44.21.03: Periodic Reporting**

UCTC quarterly reports and timesheets were maintained for the 12-month period. UCTC staff monitors expenditures resulting from conferences, meetings, equipment purchases, and supplies. Invoices submitted by consultant firms under contract with UCTC are carefully reviewed for accuracy and confirmation of deliverables received. Semi-annual DBE reports were completed and submitted to the necessary NYSDOT staff after the reporting period; quarterly reimbursement reports for each fiscal quarter were prepared and submitted.

The annual (SFY 2023) detailed financial report was developed and completed during the summer of 2024; the draft report was made available to the members of the UCTC Technical Committee for review at the October 2024 meeting.

A detailed financial report will continue to be developed to accompany the year end FHWA Annual Performance and Expenditure Report and FTA Semiannual Progress Report No. 2, which are delivered after Q4 reimbursement request and close-out.

### **44.21.04: Public Participation Activities**

Public involvement activities are evaluated on a continual basis and typically implemented to publicize specific projects, such as the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program updates, corridor studies, or other public involvement opportunities associated with transportation. During this period UCTC engaged the public through a number of initiatives and methods, including the following print media and public engagements:

- Publication of all UCTC meetings in accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, including notification through the UCTC mailing list to interested parties, plus all media outlets
- Special public notices and publication of UCTC TIP Amendments in the regional Hudson Valley One print and digital newspaper addressing the following topics:
  - 9/13/23 Print Ad: re Open Public Comment Period re: UCTC Resolution 2023-05 Amending the TIP and UCTC Resolution 2023-06 Amending the TIP
  - 11/8/23 Print Ad: re Open Public Comment Period re: UCTC Resolution 2023-12: Amending the TIP
  - 1/31/24 Print Ad: re Open Public Comment Period re: UCTC Resolution 2024-01: Approving the UPWP & Amending the TIP

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- General public announcements are sent through email addressing topics such as traffic safety, project updates, and other transportation-related events, news and activities, including updates regarding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act & Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- UCTC has participated in numerous professional development opportunities to evaluate methods to improve the public participation process, including the NYSAMPO Public Engagement 'Community of Practice' meetings; these efforts are detailed under Task 44.21.06 below
- The UCTC distribution list was updated to include all tribal contact information relevant to the UCTC Metropolitan Planning Area as provided by FHWA staff

### **44.21.05: Transportation Management Area Coordination**

UCTC staff continued participation in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA providing TMA organizational and administrative duties through the reporting period. Along with regular, routine business of the TMA, members have been very active during the reporting period addressing multiple initiatives including congestion management, freight, transit, funds distribution and other administrative functions as detailed below.

#### Allocation of Regional Transit Funding

Working with TMA staff, UCTC agreed to allocate the following formula funds to designated recipients:

- Resolution 2023-04: Allocation of Previously Unallocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds for Regional Transit Projects
- Resolution 2023-07: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area
- Resolution 2023-08: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Transportation Management Area.
- Resolution 2023-09: Apportionment of Federal Transit Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.
- 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.
- Resolutions 2024-02, 03 & 04: Authorize the Transfer of Administrative and Management Responsibilities for Ulster County Commuter Bus Carrier's Share of FFYs 2021, 2022 & 2023 (respectively) FTA Section 5307 TMA Formula Funds to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), Albany, New York.

#### Monitoring of the Congestion Management Process

UCTC, in coordination with OCTC and DCTC, completed the updated *Congestion Management Process for the Mid Hudson Valley TMA* in January 2019; staff continue to reference National Performance Management Research Dataset (NPMRDS) data as provided by the SUNY Albany AVAIL labs to monitor trends and conditions related to congestion on the Ulster County transportation network, particularly at locations identified in the 2019 and follow-up reports.

During the reporting period UCTC continued UCTC task 44.23.02-03: Town of Ulster Route 9W Corridor Management Plan, which will in part address one of the TMAs top locations for congestion (Rte 199 and 9W). Further information can be found under that task code below.

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CMP documents can be found online at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/congestion-management-process>.

### Regional Transit Plan Monitoring and Implementation Activities

The Regional Transit Plan – “Connect Mid Hudson” – was completed during a previous annual reporting period. Staff reference the report to consider necessary follow-on activities. Implementation of micro-transit continues to be a high-priority activity within the UCTC Metropolitan Planning Area and, as such, the MPO has engaged with other Ulster County agencies and staff to review opportunities for implementation.

### Development of a Regional Freight Plan

TMA staff have continued to address the recommendation from the 2017 MHVTMA Certification Review to develop a regional freight plan and are nearing completion. The working group of MPO staff continued to evaluate needs and develop content of the plan, including a draft inventory of existing conditions. UCTC staff provided significant insight and analysis regarding freight movement and safety utilizing regional information provided by ALIS and NYS highway data services. Final work products, including the Regional Freight Analysis, Stakeholder Survey results, Safety Analysis, and other materials will be published on the TMA’s ArcGIS Dashboard (hosted by OCTC) online at <https://mid-hudson-valley-transportation-management-area-ocnygis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/freight>

Staff time and activities associated with Regional Freight Planning are split under this task code and 44.23.01-03 below.

### **44.21.06: Professional Development**

UCTC staff attended a number of conferences and professional development and training opportunities during the reporting period, including:

- 3/1/23: City of Kingston Complete Streets Training – An Overview of the Bike/Ped Master Plan
- 3/2/23: Federal Aid 101 – David Orr, Cornell Local Roads
- 4/17/23: Infrastructure Funding Webinar with Secretary Buttigieg and Rep. Patrick Ryan
- 4/26/23 Ulster County Contract and Resolution Training – hosted by the Ulster County Attorney
- 5/9/23: Bi-Annual NYSAMPO Conference – Syracuse, NY
- 5/11/24: PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program – How to Apply
- 6/14/23: NYSAMPO Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Second Safety Partners meeting
- 6/22/23: Shared Transit Service Planning & Analytics Initiative Workshop
- 7/13/23: Project Building 101 – How to Use the Granicus Participate Ulster page
- 7/13-14/23: FHWA Urban Area Adjustment 2020 meetings
- 7/17/23: Carbon Reduction Strategy Coordination Meeting
- 8/3/23: Resilience Improvement Plans: Best Practices & Requirements
- 8/24/23: FOIL Training– hosted by the Ulster County Attorney
- 9/19/23: Inclusive Transportation -- Rethinking Transportation Planning and Engineering
- 10/11/23: TAP-CMAQ-CRP Informational Workshop October 2023
- 10/23/23: FHWA/FTA Transit Asset Management Integration Virtual Peer Exchange
- 11/23/23: Bridge NY 2023 Release Briefing
- 12/13/23: GHG Performance Measure Final Rule
- 1/5/24: 2023 TAP/CMAQ/CRP Reviewer Workshop

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- 2/1/24: NYMTC Lunch Lecture “Reimagining Transit in the Suburban Counties”
- February 2024: NYSDOT Data-Driven Safety Analysis Training Series
- 3/6/23: MUTCD – Executive Summary and Overview of the 11th Edition

### **44.21.07: Website Development (Part Consultant Study)**

This project was successfully completed in December 2023. The UCTC website was fully revised to achieve the following: redesign using UCTC’s new Design and Brand Standards; develop a fully accessible, ADA compliant site that offers immediate translation of over 100 languages; improve the layout, making it easier for the public to find the information that they’re searching for. Visit <https://uctc.ulstercountyny.gov/>.

## **44.22.00: GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**

### **44.22.01: Ensuring Compliance and Conformity with Federal and State Transportation Rules and Regulations**

The purpose of this task is to provide staff resources to address the activities necessary with reviewing state and federal transportation rules and regulations, in particular any new regulations that the MPO will be responsible for complying with. Maintaining compliance with Performance Management targets is the primary task billed under this code. Additional tasks may include review of new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) regulations and sources of funding and reviewing other US DOT announcements regarding forthcoming transportation policy changes.

During this reporting cycle, UCTC staff also billed the decennial task of adjusting UCTC FHWA urban area boundaries based on the 2020 Decennial Census urban areas. This process including attending training seminars, preparation of maps for internal discussion and review with UCTC members, and final approval via resolution.

### **44.22.02: Demographic and Economic Data Analysis and Forecasting**

Staff conducted demographic and GIS analysis at the request of individual communities in support of municipal grant development or other local planning initiatives and related data requests.

### **44.22.03: Transportation Equity Analysis**

No activity recorded under this task code during the reporting period.

### **44.22.05: Americans with Disabilities Act Coordination and Compliance**

The purpose of this effort is to assist UCTC members in their efforts to better understand their roles and responsibilities to provide accessible transportation facilities under the ADA of 1990. During the reporting period, staff conducted the following activities:

- Continued to administer the online ‘dashboard’ to disseminate and download sidewalk data as reported during previous periods

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- Provided member communities with assistance accessing GIS sidewalk data through the dashboard system

### **44.22.06: Ulster County Traffic Safety Board**

The Ulster County Traffic Safety Board (TSB) had been on pause during the first half of the reporting period due to Covid, but restarted the committee in November 2021. The UCTC has volunteered staff to act as to the Traffic Safety Board acting as “TSB Coordinator.” Relevant tasks include preparation of meeting agendas, hosting of remote meeting platform, grant information dissemination and assistance (if requested), meeting facilitation, including development of meeting summaries, and other related TSB tasks which involve education and advocacy on behalf of motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Meetings were held on the following dates during the reporting period:

- April 10, 2023
- March 1, 2023
- June 5, 2023
- August 14, 2023
- September 11, 2023
- October 2, 2023
- November 6, 2023
- December 4, 2023
- February 5, 2024
- March 4, 2024

Meeting agendas and other public information announcements can be found online at the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board webpage: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/traffic-safety-board>

At the request of the TSB, UCTC staff created the landmark ArcGIS Hub Fatal and Serious Injury Crash ArcGIS dashboard, viewing 5 years of crash data on Ulster County roadways <https://ulstercounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/6994b9dc780f4b249738cec4ffbd4c59> (reported concurrently with **44.23.01-05**)

## **44.23.00: LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

### ***44.23.01: LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – SYSTEM LEVEL***

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#### **44.23.01-01: UCTC Year 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Part Consultant Study**

The current UCTC Year 2045 LRTP can be viewed online at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/transportation-council/long-range-transportation-plan>.

During this reporting period staff focused on preparing for the Year 2050 Long Range Plan update, including preparation of a scope of work for consultant assistance, issuance of an RFP in coordination with Ulster County Purchasing; conducting interviews with responding parties during the month of October 2023; selecting the preferred applicant; preparation and execution of a contract. Primary work will take place during the next reporting period with the final plan due for completion no later than September 2025.

#### **44.23.01-02: Congestion Management Planning Process (CMP) Participation and Support**

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UCTC, in coordination with OCTC and DCTC, completed the updated *Congestion Management Process for the Mid Hudson Valley TMA* in January 2019; follow-on activities included completion of Technical Memo 1: TMA-wide Macro-Level Screening in January 2020.

Congestion Management Subcommittee members continued to meet as needed during the reporting period to report on the status of congestion throughout the TMA utilizing the NPMRDS data.

The primary follow-up activity conducted by staff will be to address locations identified in the 2020 Corridor-Level Analysis. The first location to be addressed will be the intersection of Rte 9W and 199; refer to the 44.23.02-03: Town of Ulster Route 9W Corridor Management Plan, anticipated to be completed during the next reporting session.

Updates and documentation regarding the CMP are available at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/congestion-management-process>.

### **44.23.01-03: Regional Freight Planning**

The MHVTMA formed a subcommittee to address regional freight issues. This process and activities are documented in detail under Task Code 44.21.05, which runs concurrent with this task code. The subcommittee met bi-weekly in an effort to prepare a draft white paper compiling data for the first phase of a MHVTMA Freight Plan, which is anticipated to be completed during the next reporting cycle. Activities during this reporting period included Final work products, including the Regional Freight Analysis, Stakeholder Survey results, Safety Analysis, and other materials will be published on the TMA's ArcGIS Dashboard (hosted by OCTC) online at <https://mid-hudson-valley-transportation-management-area-ocnygis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/freight>

### **44.23.01-04: Traffic Monitoring Program – Part Consultant Study**

Nine-two (92) various traffic counts, including turning movement, bicycle/pedestrian, and 72 hour volume/classification/speed counts were conducted throughout Ulster County during the reporting period.

### **44.23.01-05: Ulster County Road Safety Action Planning and Analyses – Part Consultant Study**

The Road Safety Action Plan was successfully completed and closed out during the 2021 reporting period; however, this particular task and report results continues to generate significant interest from UCTC members. Project materials and final report can be viewed online at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/transportation-council/road-safety-plan> Results from the study have been used to identify improvements and program projects throughout Ulster County and is routinely referenced when addressing traffic safety issues with the public and local officials. The network screening analysis serves as an important resource when performing local road safety analyses throughout Ulster County.

The “Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Dashboard” was developed by UCTC staff during the previous reporting period to provide crash history throughout the planning area. Updates during the reporting period included expanding the crash history time period. The dashboard can be viewed at <https://ulstercounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/6994b9dc780f4b249738cec4ffbd4c59>

Local Road Safety Analysis work was conducted for the following projects, FOIL requests and locations:

- Town of Lloyd, Pancake Hollow Road

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- Town of Hurley SR 28 and SR 375, 5 year crash history
- NYS Crash Rates
- Town of Saugerties CSX and Kingston highway, multiple locations
- City of Kingston in support of 2023 TAP application
- City of Kingston, Washington Ave
- Town of Saugerties Rte 9W in support of 2023 TAP application
- Town of Shandaken SRE 28 and SR 212
- Town of New Paltz Springtown Rd
- Town of Hurley Schoolhouse Rd
- 10 Year Crash History, Ulster County

In addition, during the reporting period the FHWA announced a new round (2024) of Safe Streets for All grant opportunity; UCTC committed to preparing and submitting an application for planning funds to complete an updated network screening analysis for Ulster County roads.

### ***44.23.02: LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – PROJECT LEVEL***

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#### **44.23.02-01: Community Transportation Planning Assistance**

Community transportation planning assistance allows UCTC staff to participate in a wide variety of activities and meetings throughout Ulster County in an effort to promote the MPO, provide important insight and information regarding the fundamentals of transportation planning, and gain key insight from citizens and organizations regarding critical needs and gaps. Specific activities, meetings, group outreach includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- Saugerties Transportation Advisory Committee
- City of Kingston Complete Streets Advisory Committee bi-monthly meetings, incl. subcommittees
- Kingston Sidewalk Task Force (subcommittee of the CSAC)
- Traffic Safety Public Info Campaign Support
- Travel-Well Kingston, a consortium monitoring implementation of transportation improvements throughout the city.
- Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee
- Assisting Trail Planning Efforts within the Planning Area, including support to the Ulster County Planning Department for the O&W Rail Trail construction and Shandaken Rail Trail TAP project
- Assisting in traffic safety analysis for the county and communities
- Created the landmark ArcGIS Hub Fatal and Serious Injury Crash ArcGIS dashboard, viewing 5 years of crash data on Ulster County roadways  
<https://ulstercounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/6994b9dc780f4b249738cec4ffbd4c59>

In addition, the following special meetings were held or attended during the reporting period:

- Various site visits throughout the region, including Main Street New Paltz walkthrough with NYSDOT staff
- Various special presentations to boards and committees, including the Kingston Common Council and Ulster County Legislature
- City of Kingston development and distribution of key sidewalk data for use in the ADA Transition Plan and review and comment on iterative drafts.



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- Development of a detailed whitepaper including financial recommendations for implementation of a long-term sidewalk improvement plan for the City of Kingston, including presentations to the Kingston Common Council
- Participation on the Boices Lane railroad crossing safety improvement project advisory committee (PIN 893307)
- Town of Woodstock Route 212 Main Street Bridge and Sidewalk Replacement project assistance (PIN812220); participated in site visits and advising the 2023/24 TAP application.
- Responded to multiple data requests for VMT data, traffic counts, maps, crash data and large format print requests.
- Support Ulster County Department of the Environment Climate Adaption planning efforts, including greenhouse gas emission estimates for the 2024 Climate Smart Plan update.

Staff also continues to aid members through the completion of roadway safety analyses utilizing data from the Traffic Monitoring Program and NYS Crash Location and Engineering Analysis Repository (CLEAR) in accordance with the Highway Safety Manual predictive method. Suggested treatments are also evaluated utilizing Crash Modification factors from the CMF clearinghouse. Locations are analyzed as requested. These activities are now tracked under task code 44.23.01-05 above.

### **44.23.02-02: Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency and Vulnerability Assessment Planning – Part Consultant Study**

The project was completed during the reporting period, results of which can be found online at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/transportation-council/active-studies/transportation-resiliency>.

In addition, the FHWA announced the first round of the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program grant; UCTC prepared a submission for the planning grant category. In order to develop a more detailed risk-based assessment, UCTC proposed to utilize the opportunity to develop an Ulster County Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan. The Plan would build on various aspects of the previous Vulnerability Assessment and bring it into compliance with PROTECT guidance to enable the MPO and its partners and stakeholders to position themselves for federal and other funding opportunities.

### **44.23.02-03: Town of Ulster Route 9W Corridor Management Plan – Part Consultant Study**

This project has continued during the reporting period. CME Engineering and subconsultants Transpo Group were hired as the preferred consultant team. A project Technical Advisory Committee consisting of local business owners, NYSDOT and town officials was formed. The inventory of existing conditions was completed during the previous reporting and opened for public comment. The project consultant began preparation of the draft recommendations report near the close of the reporting period.

Project information can be found online at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/transportation-council/activestudies/route-9w-cmp>.

It is expected that the project will be completed during the next reporting period.

### **44.23.02-04: Rte 44/55 Corridor Management Plan**

No activity recorded under this task code during the reporting period.

### **44.23.02-07: Albany and Ulster Avenue Corridor Management Plan**

No activity recorded under this task code during the reporting period.

## 44.24.00: SHORT RANGE PLANNING

### 44.24.01: Conduct Transportation Impact Reviews and Encourage Sustainable Development Policies

Ulster County Planning Department staff, in executing their role assisting the Ulster County Planning Board conduct NYS Sec. 235 land use referrals, provides evaluations on the impact of proposed development projects on the transportation system. In addition, planning staff coordinate meetings on proposed projects in a manner that allows all agencies to participate as early as possible on project design as it relates to the transportation system and sustainability factors. This “gateway agency” concept will provide early feedback to project sponsors and local governments. The work will also be utilized in presentations before local boards and in project reviews and referral responses by the County Planning Board.

Staff conducted 187 referral reviews during the reporting period. This is an ongoing task.

### 44.24.02: City of Kingston Rail Safety Program – Part Consultant Study

Staff in consultation with WSP and SGB, is undertaking a Rail Crossing Safety Study to evaluate and enhance safety along the regional West Shore Railroad Corridor in the City of Kingston. The study will focus on assessing existing street crossings, crashes, and trespass incidents along the rail corridor while considering the impact of surrounding land uses. A public open house was held during the reporting period and introductory video of the project was filmed and released. Draft recommendations for the corridor were initiated during the reporting period. It is anticipated that this project will be completed during the next reporting period.

Watch the Project Video

### 44.24.03: Local Complete Streets Planning Assistance – Part Consultant Study

No progress was made during the reporting period.

## 44.25.00: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### 44.25.01: Monitor and Amend the 2023 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The 2023 – 2027 TIP is monitored for progress of listed projects. UCTC staff processed the following TIP actions during the reporting period:

UCTC TIP Actions During the April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 Reporting Period		
Ballot No.	Fund Source	Project Description
UCTC23-4A-AA	FTA	Section 5310 awards



UCTC23-5A-AA	FTA	UCAT MEP Award
UCTC23-6A-AA	FHWA	ADA SIDEWALKS & RAMPS WITH ROW: REGIONWIDE, ULSTER EMPHASIS
UCTC23-7A-01	FHWA	BRIDGE NY Awards for HURLEY MTN RD OVER ESOPUS CREEK and OLD MILL RD OVER QUASSAIC CREEK
UCTC23-8A-01	FHWA	CONSTRUCT NEW SIDEWALKS AND CURBING ON PROSPECT, CHURCH AND H.W. DUBOIS DRIVE; REPLACE DETERIORATED BLUE STONE SIDEWALK AND CURBING HUGUENOT STREET. VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ, ULSTER COUNTY.
UCTC23-9A-AA	FHWA	Samsonville Rd Bridge, Zena Rd bridge, Henry W Dubois bik/ped lanes, Flatbush/Foxhall, D&H/O&W, Boices Ln crossing, U&D RT Shandaken, Ulster Beaver Kill Bridge
UCTC23-10A-AA	FTA	5307 Operating Asistance
UCTC23-11A-AA	FHWA	THIS PROJECT PROVIDES FUNDING TO NYPA FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ON WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE TOWN OF ULSTER, ULSTER COUNTY. THIS LOCATION PROVIDES CHARGING ACCESS ALONG NEW YORK'S TARGETED EV ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDOR (AFC) I-87.
UCTC24-1A-AA	FHWA	PROJECT WILL INSTALL A NEW STRUCTURE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING BRIDGE AND CULVERT THAT CURRENTLY CARRY OLD MILL ROAD OVER THE QUASSAIC CREEK IN THE TOWN OF PLATTEKILL IN ULSTER COUNTY. BIN 2271930. THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE A SINGLE-SPAN STEEL MULTI-GIRDER SUPERSTRUCTURE THAT IS WIDER THAN THE EXISTING BRIDGE.
UCTC24-2A-01	FHWA	KINGSTON WEAVING THE WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT. PROJECT WILL CREATE MULTI-MODAL AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS ON TRAILS AND ROADWAYS ALONG THE ROUNDOUT CREEK AND HUDSON RIVER AREA. RAISE GRANT. CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY.
UCTC24-3A-AA	FHWA	Various Local Projects

**44.25.02: Support the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Other Discretionary Transportation Grant Programs**

During the reporting period staff participated in the NYS DOT 2023/24 TAP solicitation, FTA Section 5310 solicitation, the FHWA PROTECT grant opportunity, and the 2023/24 BridgeNY solicitation. Staff spent significant time publicizing these grant opportunities, assisting municipalities with applications, participating on the rating and ranking committees, and providing valuable feedback to NYSDOT staff regarding the processes.

**44.27.00: OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**44.27.01: Support for Shared Cost Initiatives and Statewide Planning and Research Funds**

UCTC continues to support the NYS Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations through participation in the seven Working Groups (Transit, Safety, Bike and Pedestrian, Freight, Climate Change, Modeling, and GIS).

### **44.27.02: Ulster County Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Education and Outreach Program**

The purpose of this task is to set aside funds to support potential public education/awareness outreach events and/or advertising campaigns that promote comprehensive highway safety and risk reduction through structured learning experiences or a coordinated media and marketing campaign. It is anticipated that the UCTC, in conjunction with the City of Kingston and Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, will be able to provide support to existing public safety campaigns as they are developed. Examples include the “Be a Road Hero” campaign that was completed by the City of Kingston in 2020.

During the reporting period an RFP for consultant services was developed that focused primarily on graphic design and branding, with the intent of utilizing publicly-available traffic safety messaging from agencies such as the FHWA and the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. During that time the Chair of the UCTC as well as the Traffic Safety Board requested that a more expansive effort be initiated that would provide full marketing plan and outreach materials that identified focused messaging on traffic safety issues based in part on a public input and empirical evidence. That scope of work was in development during the reporting period and will likely be issued as an RFP during the next reporting period.

Other activities and expenditures during this period included: Printing the NYSAMPO Fact Sheet “Know Your Bike/Ped Laws” @ 150 count.

## ***OTHER FTA ACTIVITIES***

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### **44.27.03: Regional Transit Planning**

Activities billed under this task code include:

- Review of FTA capital cost of contracting needs of regional transit providers, including approval of UCTC Resolutions 2024-2, 2024-03, & 2024-04 allocating FFYs 2021, 2022 & 2023 formula funds attributable to the MHVTMA
- Review, consultation and preparation of distribution of FTA allocations attributable to the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY/NJ TMA, including:
  - Allocation of previously unallocated FTA Section 5307 formula funds for regional transit projects
  - Apportionment of FFY 2023 formula funds in the MHVTMA
  - Apportionment of FTA ARPA and CRRSAA funds
- 4/10/23 met with Otsego County Planning Department to discuss regional/rural transit innovations

### **44.27.04: Coordination of Non-Emergency Human Service Transportation**

Staff initiated an update of the UCTC Coordinated Human Service/Public Transit Transportation Plan during the reporting period. An RFP was developed and issued for consultant assistance to develop the plan; a review and selection committee was organized. Transit consultants Transpo were selected to develop the plan. A Technical Advisory Committee consisting of human service agency heads and other staff was organized. Public engagement activities including several focus group and public meetings were held during the reporting period throughout the county. It is anticipated that this project will be completed during the next reporting period.

### **44.27.05: Local Transit Planning Activities**

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General support for local transit planning activities associated with the operation of Ulster County Area Transit. Activities included

- providing GIS and other data support for annual NTD reporting;
- support and input regarding UCAT's ongoing transition to an electric fleet
- Support and input regarding UCAT's 5-year capital program
- Responding to the public regarding any local transit planning or service-related issue or inquiry
- Programming UCAT projects and amendments on the UCTC TIP
- Assisting UCAT staff with the metropolitan planning process
- Responding to public concerns and comments pertaining to UCAT service and the metropolitan planning process

### **44.27.06: Public Transit Technology and Innovation Program – Part Consultant Study –**

The purpose of this project is to support Ulster County Department of the Environment's application to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's "Public Transit Technology and Innovation Program" grant application. The project completed a detailed strategy for transit system electrification by Ulster County Area Transit. This task will continue in SFY 2023 to assess project recommendations, including monitoring and supporting electric bus implementation activities such as on-route charging opportunities and EV bus route optimization, and review of microtransit implementation and grant opportunities. UCTC staff further assisted UCAT staff with the development of a 2024 UCAT application to the FTA Low/No 5339(c) Emissions capital grant program.

### **44.27.07: Ulster County Transit Network Assessment – Part Consultant Study**

During the reporting period UCTC developed a detailed scope of work and issued an associated RFP for consultant services. Proposers were interviewed and ranked. Foursquare ITP was selected as the preferred consultant and a contract was executed. The project was underway during the reporting period and included initial inventorying of existing conditions. It is anticipated that the project will continue during the next reporting period and develop recommendations for UCAT route optimization that will improve service frequency and areas as well as develop initial microtransit service areas. The project will also include full evaluation of UCAT's software and develop recommendations for future purchases.

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		(#)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Year)						
<b>44.21.00</b>	<b>Program Support and Administration</b>												
44.21.01	Program Support and General Administration & Travel, Expenses and Indirect	13	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.21.02	Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development	14	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.21.03	Periodic Reporting	14	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.21.04	Public Participation Activities	14	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.21.05	Transportation Management Area Coordination	15	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.21.06	Professional Development	16	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.21.07	Website Development	16	N	Y	N	Y	2021						
	<b>Program Support and Administration Total</b>							\$ 154,200.00	\$ 131,176.88	\$ 23,023.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>44.22.00</b>	<b>General Development and Comprehensive Planning</b>												
44.22.01	Ensuring Compliance and Conformity with Federal and State Transportation Rules and Reg	17	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.22.02	Demographic and Economic Data Analysis and Forecasting	18	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.22.03	Transportation Equity Analysis	18	Y	N	N	N	2005						
44.22.05	Americans with Disabilities Act Coordination and Compliance	18	Y	N	N	N	2016						
44.22.06	Ulster County Traffic Safety Board	19	Y	N	N	N	2019						
	<b>General Development and Comprehensive Planning Total</b>							\$ 37,500.00	\$ 16,435.00	\$ 21,065.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>44.23.01</b>	<b>Long-Range Transportation Planning (LRTP) - System Level</b>												
44.23.01-01	UCTC Year 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan	20	Y	N	N	N	2005						
44.23.01-02	Participate and Support the Congestion Management Planning Process (CMP)	21	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.23.01-03	Regional Freight Planning	21	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.23.01-04	Traffic Monitoring Program	22	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.23.01-05	Ulster County Road Safety Action Plan and Planning Assistance	22	Y	Y	Y	Y	2020						
	<b>LRTP-System Level Total</b>							\$ 233,500.00	\$ 56,316.95	\$ 177,183.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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44.23.02	<b>Long-Range Transportation Planning (LRTP) - Project Level</b>												
44.23.02-01	Community Transportation Planning Assistance	23	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.23.02-02	Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency and Vulnerability Assessment	23	N	Y	Y	Y	2016						
44.23.02-03	Town of Ulster Route 9W Corridor Management Plan	24	N	Y	Y	N	2020						
44.23.02-04	Rtes 44/55 Corridor Management Plan	24	N	Y	Y	N	2020						
44.23.02-07	Albany & Ulster Avenue Corridor Management Plan	25	N	Y	Y	N	2023						
	<b>LRTP-Project Level Total</b>							\$ 339,238.00	\$ 72,678.80	\$ 266,559.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
44.24.00	<b>Short Range Transportation Planning (SRTP)</b>												
44.24.01	Conduct Transportation Impact Reviews and Encourage Sustainable Development	25	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.24.02	City of Kingston Rail Safety Program	26	N	Y	Y	N	2021						
44.24.03	Local Complete Street Planning Assistance	27	N	Y	Y	N	2019						
	<b>SRTP Total</b>							\$ 272,215.00	\$ 160,395.15	\$ 111,819.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
44.25.00	<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</b>												
44.25.01	Monitor and Amend the 2017 -- 2021 Transportation Improvement Program	27	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.25.02	Support Discretionary Transportation Grant Program	28	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
	<b>TIP Total</b>							\$ 22,500.00	\$ 21,563.10	\$ 936.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
44.27.00	<b>Other Activities</b>												
44.27.01	Support for Shared Cost Initiatives and Satewide Planning and Research Activities	28	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.27.02	Ulster County Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Education and Outreach Program	30	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.27.03	Regional Transit Planning	30	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.27.04	Coordination of Non-Emergency Human Service Transportation	30	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.27.05	Local Transit Planning Activities	31	Y	N	N	N	N/A						
44.27.06	Public Transit Technology and Innovation Program	31	Y	N	N	N	2021						
44.27.07	Ulster County Transit Network Assessment	32	N	Y	Y	N	2022						
	<b>Other Activities Total</b>							\$ 32,300	\$ 7,442	\$ 24,858	262,395	30,777	231,618
	<b>UPWP TOTAL</b>							\$ 1,091,453	\$ 466,008	\$ 625,445	\$ 262,395	\$ 30,777	\$ 231,618

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