

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
January 28, 2025

Meeting held in-person and via zoom at 10:00 am

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We can get rid of that, even though she was the background, which is your oh.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: well, I'm still very well, thanks, Rob. Good morning. Everyone. We'll get started shortly.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Let me talk right?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So we'll do that on Pw.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hanging on one or the other.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We're setting up the new Ldsa.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Oh, yeah, he's going through multiple posts.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: He has to go through all the proposals for the Ldsa.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It's tough to differentiate much in any. Oh, yeah, because they all qualified right?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And they're already in the same proposal.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Huge.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Yeah.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Start to build there more minutes before we start it.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: depending on the time if we work with

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: so close?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Well, the thing is, it just puts them on a list. It doesn't give them anything. The ability. Nicole should also be here in a couple of minutes.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Project. Can you imagine? Proxy? No, down here he's coming?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Oh, maybe I don't think so. I spoke to about it yesterday. She didn't mention.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Okay? And that's something you were. Who? CC, about that? Okay, okay.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Alright, folks. Good morning. Welcome to the New Year and the January Transportation Councils.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Excuse me. The Ocean County Transportation Council Technical Committee.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: you know, need a roll call, so I'll go for

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Is there any new, any new members on the technical committee that would like to introduce themselves.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I'll go for a call for citizens, comments. Anybody have a citizen's comment.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Online

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: comments in the room.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any comments for members of the Council.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Okay.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Communications. Approval of the I'm sorry. Approval of the October 20, second 2024 Technical Committee meeting. Summary. Take a motion for approval.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Some of them.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: thank you, supervisor. Do I have a second? Thank you, mister. I have a motion in a second any comments.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: discussion, hearing none, all in favor.

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mbmajestic: Hi.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We'll do this another way. Thanks, very. Beth. Let me do this another way. I apologize. Any opposed.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any opposed, any abstentions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: no opposed, no extension so carried. Thank you very much. Communications and announcements, Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I have no communications and announcements at this time.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Recent news this morning or not.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I mean. I I know what everyone else has read in the in the papers that the

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: President has decided to put a pause on all Federal funding related to the Ija infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act. I have no

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: guidance received from your State Dot, on what implications that might have for transportation funding at this time.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any communications and announcements from members of the Council

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: this morning I can see.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none. We'll move on to it.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item, 5. New business. Item, a draft. Uc. Resolution 2025, dash 0, 1. Approval of the Uctc. State fiscal year 2025. Unified planning work program. Upwp Brian, you want to do something on this? Sure. And.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: as I mentioned, we have 2 additional resolutions. We're going to add 2 resolutions to the agenda. They have to do with funding for the the Ema funding work that we need to do as it relates to transit 53, 0, 7, and 53, 39 funding.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you, Brian, for everything on you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Alright, the it's January, and it's an Mpo meeting. So of course, we're talking about the annual unified planning work program update, we have a short presentation to provide.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I'd like to point out that there is no document to review at this point in time. The document is still very much under development, and I will provide an overview of what we feel. The draft program will look like. And that draft document will be made available prior to the policy committee meeting in February. So please just keep that in mind.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Rob, could you please go forward?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So what is the unified planning work program? It's our annual budget for the Transportation Council. It includes all the activities that Uctc. Staff will be working on over the course of the next State fiscal year. It runs April to march under the State fiscal year, and it includes all the activities that staff will be conducting in the office, including individual task items for meetings projects.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and it also includes all the consultant at contracts that we have programmed for the next fiscal year, including new ones and ongoing projects

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: next slide.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: the 1st step in the unified planning work program is getting a sense of the amount of money that we have available to the Council, and there are 2 primary sources of funding that we utilize.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and the 1st is the Fhwa allocation. These are called pl funds, which is short for planning funds.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and this year, in 2025, we have an estimated allocation of \$465,172. On the Fta side we have an allocation of \$57,935. These are estimated at this point in time and then finalized later by New York State dot, when I drop

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: so focusing on our Fhwapl funds, this is obviously the primary source of funding that we use for most of our activities.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: go ahead and click, Rob.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have an estimated balance after we take into account all the expenditures for the current state fiscal year. We'll have a savings or a backlog of \$886,399 plus this year's new allocation of the 465, 1, 72, we are estimating to have available for programming in the next state fiscal year

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 1,351,571. That dollar amount is higher than the balance that we typically carry year to year. We always like to carry a balance for reasons that I think are pretty relevant today. Given the recent pause by the Executive branch of the Federal Government. It's good to have a backlog of savings available to us in in these events.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: But, as you'll see in the slides ahead, the majority of our expenditures under the current state fiscal year have been on the Fta side. Go to the next slide, Rob.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: so these are our Fta expenditures

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and given that we had 2 major transit plans this year, the coordinated transportation plan, where we work with transpo and also the current route optimization plan with consultants. Foursquare. We are relying heavily on our fta backlog of funding and drawing those grants right down. We had going into this year backlog of 5 years of Fta grants.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and we're spending those down which is very good. So we're anticipating, and a balance of 116

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: \$1,000, 116 and \$3,000 in Fga. Funds after those contract needs are met.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: go ahead.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So the Upwp Project categories very rarely change year to year there. The the document itself is always structured with the same primary 6 categories. Our general program support and administration development and comprehensive planning, long and short range transportation planning the transportation improvement program activities, the other category. And then also, we have our Fta activities go ahead, Rob.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Every year we do a call for projects. This gives municipalities an opportunity to submit transportation planning project needs to the Uctc. For review evaluation and consideration for funding. This year we received 2 project proposals. One was the from the town of New pulse. Their bike Ped Committee submitted a repeated request for a bike. Ped master plan for for the town. This was a similar request that was submitted the year prior.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and also the town of Woodstock, Csac. That stands for complete Streets Advisory Council. They submitted a proposal for what they're describing as the Ashokan Rail Trail connector to connect. If I understand the proposal correctly, it would do an alternatives evaluation

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: to provide a on road or similar trail connection from Woodstock proper to the Ashoken Rail Trail

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: this year, given where we are in terms of staffing and project needs. We have elected not to add any new planning projects to the Upwp.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: the project status of current projects underway. Here's just a quick overview of where we've come. In the past several months. We've been very busy since September, working to close ongoing contracts and just get these projects across the finish line. Most notably. Those include the route. 9 W. Mobility plan.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The final draft plan is still pending submission from our project consultant. We have all revisions been submitted to them. It's just the the the

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: completed final plan with all final revisions, and then it needs to be delivered to me. But all the project materials are available online. That project is, for all intent and purposes, complete.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Moving on the Kingston Rail Safety Plan. This was the project that Dave Stass was managing, that we completed and pushed across the finish line with a public meeting in December, and though those project deliverables have been submitted to me, and we're looking at final bills for that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And also this year we completed the coordinated Human Services Plan, and that project was completed. In August, September. So those documents are either available or will very shortly be available online at the Urls shown.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Go ahead and Rob.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We also have a number of contracts that are open projects underway the new Cap Route Optimization plan is, been a major undertaking of the Transportation Council during the previous State this State fiscal year, and going that project will continue into the next State fiscal year. The schedule has us. Wrapping that project up in June. We'll, you know, continually evaluate where we are in terms of the deliverables. There are quite a few recommendations forthcoming.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: including new Service options, that our consultants will be providing us, as well

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: as recommendations on how Ulster County area transit can begin to implement those service recommendations which is really

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: or the pun where the rubber meets the road.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And those service recommendations also include publicity and advertising recommendations to guide us on how we really inform the public if and when changes are made to routes

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: clear.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: consistent communication coming from Ulster County Government to the riders is critical. So we're looking forward to having some good recommendations there when Ucat is ready to implement the recommendations of that plan. So that's the Route optimization plan. We also have the annual traffic count program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and then 2 other projects that are are underway. We have the long range transportation plan is due for completion. September 30, th 2025.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Typically, this project is done in house with soft consult assistance for public engagement. We have, Fhi studios engaged under contract assisting us with developing of a survey and web content, and rolling out all the public engagement components of the public, of the of the plan that are required of that process planning process.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: because

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we typically write this document in house and with the absence of Dave Stass, and so far we have been not able to backfill that position, we decided to issue an additional

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: contract for technical assistance, to essentially have a consultant repair the plan for us under the guidance of Uctc.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That contract is, ready to be executed any day. Now

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we have selected transpo consultants to assist us with that they had an excellent proposal with great staff, who are very familiar with the Uctc. Ulster County and our transportation system. So we're very fortunate and excited to be having their their assistance. I'm very relieved as well to have their assistance with that effort.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So other changes that we're anticipating in this year's upwp.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We're.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I I'm not sure if I announced it during the last Uctc meeting, but before David Stoss had left he did submit a planning grant proposal to the us.to the safe streets for all planning program. Unfortunately, that proposal was denied by usdot

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that would have that would have allowed us to do a systemic crash analysis update

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for the entire Ulster County planning area.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Because it wasn't funded through the Usdot grant, which was, I believe, a 95% reimbursement rate.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have decided to do the project ourselves

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: through utilizing our pl funds. And so, in order to accomplish that, we increase, anticipate an increase in the amount of money on that specific task. So we will be we we hope to get that project underway during the next State fiscal year.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The next project is the Albany Avenue, Ulster Avenue and Albany Avenue corridor, in the town of Ulster and City of Kingston. This is a corridor management plan that was submitted to us a joint application from the town of Ulster and City of Kingston. We have increased the amount of funding available for this project, and hope to have a scope of work submitted, and this project underway as well during the next State fiscal year.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And also, finally, we have a pending task

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for on call engineering assistance this would be an Rfp. To find a transportation planning firm that would be

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: available where and when to the Uctc. And our communities to provide engineering assistance as needed.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So this would be safety planning, intersection, analysis, corridor analysis.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: brush analysis, all types of the types of analyses that I think are in high demand when we get submissions and inquiries from municipalities regarding safety of our roadways. An engineer. Really, we can do a certain amount of planning analysis, but it really at the end of the day, requires an engineer to sign off on some of that analysis before any action can be taken. So that's 1 benefit. And also when we're submitting applications for

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: discretionary grant programs, it's great to be able to have an engineering firm to call on in order to provide a sketch or some detailed cost estimates for a proposal. They can really make the difference for a competitive grant application. So that's the intent of that project as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I know you can't read this slide. That's on the screen now. But this is the full menu of projects that we're working off of. It's essentially the master spreadsheet that Dennis and I work work through to create the budget for this program. We've also been including it as part of the appendix. So it's a quick reference guide. I just want you to be familiar with it

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and the layout of it, but it does show all the federal, state and local matches. So when we do have our draft plan available, this is the go to master table to look at.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That provides a summary of all the projects

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and task codes in the full document and at the bottom. It does also show. Thanks, Rob.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: There is also indirect costs, including travel, expenses, and other expenses. That come to the tune of roughly, I think, 65, or 75,000 \$70,000 that we always include on the upwp as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So what's the process going forward? Once we have a draft document. We'll make that available for public comment.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: technically, we would normally make it available for public comment around January 30.th we'll wait and see when we have a document available. We're not obviously not going to make the January 30, th Deadline, because we're still awaiting a review from the planning bureau at Dot and Albany of our reimbursement request. There's a

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: a few loose ends that we need to get tied up once we have that draft document that we can issue.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We will make a a 15 day public comment period open.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and then the final document will be open for review on February 25.th

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So we have a lot of work to do in the office, and I'm you know, hoping to be able to get this done in a timely manner. Once I have all the information I have. So that is an overview of the Upwp draft program. At this point Dennis.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The only thing I would say is is that we would anticipate that we would carry a balance as well. But, given where we are right now that balance is going to come down significantly. I would suspect you're going to see an allocation of somewhere between 850 to a million dollars. So these just about the available funds. About about 300,000

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: left over as Brian said, the reason for this is not for the diligence of the staff doing this work. It literally is just trying to get numbers out of out of the various agencies and and reimbursements from those agencies as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So we're we know what we want to do. And we know what those costs are. So what I'm gonna ask technical committee to do is to say, if you don't have any questions or concerns? Then what I'm gonna ask as we as we work through those, I'm gonna ask you to allow us to go out for a public comment period when we, when we can finalize those numbers.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The the thought here would be, is the numbers related to the task that we're going to do wouldn't change. We're really looking at trying to find the numbers that we don't have the necessary information for, and we certainly have enough money in the budget to cover what we're post right, and I should say nothing, trying to make excuses. But Mpo. Statewide.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We can't start the upwp process in great detail until we see we receive what's called the call letter from New York State. Dot.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Everyone has been burdened with more work and fewer staff. That that call letter keeps going out later and later every year

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: at the same time, while the Upwp doesn't need to be approved until the end of the State fiscal year. New York State. Dot needs to review all 14 Mbos, the Upwp. So they have asked that we have this completed

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in February. So the window to get this upw completed continues to get smaller and smaller every year. So I just like to say, we appreciate the flexibility from our members. In our.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: you know, as we work to get this full document completed, so within the room, does anybody have any questions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: concerns online, any questions or concerns?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to approve the upwp for publication.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Absolutely, I guess. Thank you, supervisor. Do I have a second.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Mr. Pine? I have. I have a second as well, any discussion.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none, any opposed.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any abstentions

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: so approved. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item D, draft resolution 2025, 0, 2, support. New York State Department. Transportation's nice dot targets for safety performance measures and motion for approval

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: motion. I have a motion for Mr. Pine. Do I have a second?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you, supervisor. I have a motion. Second, Brian. Thank you. Yes. New York State safety target setting methods were provided to us in, I believe,

November of this year. So every year, under the performance management guidelines that were set under a previous transportation Authorization Act, Mpos are required to set certain targets

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: across the board for infrastructure, for transit safety and also for performance measures for the highway associated with the Highway safety Improvement program. So resolution 2025 to 2 is the resolution that will allow Uctc. To set our annual targets

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for the highway safety improvement program rules. We do this every year. Mpos are given the option to either set our own targets or to use the statewide targets as set forth by the New York State dot through

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: their annual plans, which are referred to as the highway safety improvement program as well, and that has also input from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And this year, as with every other year, we are utilizing New York State opting to utilize the New York State dot targets for safety. So as you look at attachment one, the safety Pm. File rule establishes 5 performance measures.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and what happens is when your cdot sets a 5 year rolling average and based on that average of 5 years a new target is set for each of these performance measures. So

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: every New year we drop the oldest year of data and add the newest year of data. So this is data through 2024, I believe.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And the targets are shown in the table there this year. For reasons I'm not entirely sure of the dot office of traffic, safety and mobility has opted to do a

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: a abbreviated table in the past. They've shown the trends

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: year over year, and some very interesting data associated with these numbers. But this year it just shows the 2025 target, which is not quite as intuitive, I think, for members as we look at this. But if we look at data over the past 5 years, that's what how the target is set. So the target for fatalities. Traffic fatalities is based on a rate

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and the number of fatalities is, I believe, annual fatalities for the year. And then the fatality rate. I'm sorry. So there's there's 2 targets, separate fatalities, the total number of traffic fatalities and the fatalities per 100 million vehicles. Vehicle miles traveled

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which is intended to normalize that rate. When you, if you have spikes in one year or in one region.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: it also includes serious injuries, and also the numbers, non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries are all combined. So those are the targets set forth again. This is a requirement of all Mpos to set these targets on an annual basis, and we are utilizing the New York State dot targets set forth under the highway safety improvement program for 2025.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: These are statewide numbers. Yes, these are statewide.

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00:28:41.810 --> 00:28:44.749

Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any any questions or comments.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none, any opposed

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any abstention.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, Carrie, thank you. Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item C.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Draft, Uctc. Resolution 25 0. 3, a portion of the Federal fiscal year 2022 Federal transit administration, section 53, 39, formula funds in the mid Hudson transportation management area.

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00:29:18.390 --> 00:29:21.950

Transportation Council, Ulster County: So I have a motion for approval.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hello, thank you, supervisor. Do I have a second?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Pine. Have a motion. And second Ryan.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 53, 39 phones are

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: capital model, right? Yes, that's correct. So these funds are attributable to the Kingston urbanized area. They're generated by the census designated Kingston urbanized area, and all the operators within it, which is one designated recipient Ulster County area transit. So if you look at attachment, one

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: table, one shows all the small urbanized areas across the State that are eligible to receive the funds and how the funds are generated. There's a local amount and State amount. The State just transfers their money to the locals as well. So we have available to us from Federal fiscal year \$23372,177. That money goes to Ulster County Government and the designated recipient Ulster County area transit

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: session 53, 39 Fta funds are available for use for capital improvements, so they can be spent on rolling stock or transit facilities.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So let me just

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: question this, Brian. It says that the 53, 39 form the funds for the Mid Hudson transportation management area. Where does it say that Dennis, in the title of the resolution

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00:30:43.710 --> 00:30:49.330

Transportation Council, Ulster County: that should say, Kingston. Right. I'm sorry under resolution. 2025, dash 3.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Where are you looking?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Good.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Mid-hudson transportation Management area, the title of the resolution. The title of the resolution that I'm reading doesn't say that it's just in the agenda, I think. Yeah, Justin, I'm sorry. Thank you. It's only in the agenda.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: My mistake. Alright. That's okay. It's fine, it's good, and it carries through the next side. So it's good. That's good.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So it is for the Kingston trans. The Kingstonized area. And do I have any questions?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I mean, there's only one designated recipient. It's still the county area transit agency.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It basically tells us that we're gonna allocate the money and and program.

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00:31:42.790 --> 00:31:50.070

Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none any opposed any abstention.

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00:31:51.160 --> 00:31:52.760

Transportation Council, Ulster County: Okay, thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item, DI need this, probably off of yeah. Excuse me, read it off in here.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Draft. Uc. Resolution 25. Dash. 4. Portion of Federal fiscal year 24. Federal transit administration.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: section 53, 39 funds

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in the Kingston urbanized area attributable to the Kingston or Rise area, is shown in passment one.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The motion for, thank you, Mister Pine, do I have a second.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you, David. I have a motion, and second, Brian same source of funding. But for Federal fiscal year 24,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 53, 39 funds as shown in attachment one, a total amount of \$300,043 would be made available to Ulster County area transit Ulster County government for use on transit, capital expenditures.

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00:32:58.460 --> 00:33:10.220

Transportation Council, Ulster County: any questions, comments, hearing none, any opposed, any extensions.

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00:33:11.940 --> 00:33:13.679

Transportation Council, Ulster County: Go, carry. Thank you.

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00:33:16.250 --> 00:33:21.640

Transportation Council, Ulster County: We are too, resolutions that are not on your agenda.

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00:33:21.860 --> 00:33:35.270

Transportation Council, Ulster County: Resolution number 2025, dash 0 5. This is an enforcement of Federal fiscal year 2024, federal transit administration, section 53, 0, 7, 53, 40

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: formula funds in the mid Hudson Valley transportation area. So this is a different fund. It's (535) 307-5340, and it's also from a different area from the transportation management area, the Tma of the of the Hudson Valley.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Yes, and I apologize because these were approved by the Tma on Friday afternoon. So what happens is

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: similar to the previous resolution. The Tna planning area generates

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Fta funding through the 53 0. 7 program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and that money is made available to designated recipients within the transportation management area of Dutchess Orange and Ulster counties.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So for Federal fiscal year 24. There's 24,000,024.3 million dollars available for distribution. The process for distribution requires all the Mpos. From Dutchess Orange and Ulster, as well as the metropolitan transportation authority to agree on the method and formulas for distribution.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and that required a meeting. That meeting was held on Friday. So really, these funds were just provided to me on Monday morning. So again, I apologize, they're not available in digital format at this time. I will get them on the website as soon as I can. And I apologize for that oversight. But we do have resolutions here in person that show the distribution in detail under resolution. 2025

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in attachment one. It shows the full F Federal fiscal year allocation for 2024.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It's 24.3 million dollars.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Under this distribution money would be distributed to 1st the public operators that are operating within 3 county Tna area. Dutchess County would receive 2.5 million Orange County 3.7 million. As they generate the most amount of funding through the formula, Ulster County would receive \$666,000 in Federal funds, and then the Mta. Would receive 3.6 million.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That combined total is 10.5 million dollars.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: In addition to the public operators within the transportation management area, we have near State. Dot has contracts with inter county

commuter bus services, which includes Adirondack trailways, coach, U.S.A. Leprechaun, and maybe even other operators as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which receive through contract authority to run routes fair routes throughout the region. As part of that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: they also generate significant amount of revenue that is

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: included in this formula. So as part of the Intercounty commuter bus Services formula. Dutchess County would receive 426,000, Orange County, 6.4 million, and Ulster County 3, just over 3 million.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: These funds are not made directly available to the private operators, to the private carriers. They need to be made available through a separate resolution and a separate process of the Mpo. Called capital costs and contracting is not being

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: addressed at this point in time.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So the total combined Intercounty Commuter bus Service funds combined to 9.8 million dollars, and finally, as part of this distribution, there is always

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: amount of money left on the table

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in this case unallocated funds, totaling 3.9 million dollars will be left and held in savings

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for distribution at a later point in time, through competitive solicitation or other type of solicitation that is managed by the mid Hudson Valley,

Mpos and the Tma. So 2 things or 2 things in terms of what Brian said one is is that this is an allocation of funds. It's not distribution of funds.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So think of this. With respect to the private carriers. We're allocating the money. We're not distributing the money, we'll be back to the council in terms of that distribution of the money to the private carriers. There'll be a separate resolution for that distribution.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in the situation with respect to trailways or the intercommuter intercommuter bus carrier is that they're under contract with between the State of New York and the Capital District Transportation Council for that money. They handle the administrative burden for all of the funds that go to Adirondack trailways associated with it. So there's a contract between the State etc, and it was bid out. So it's competitive.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: With regard to the unprogrammed balance or the unallocated balance. You should be aware that we do a call for projects, and those folks that are generally available for those projects are designated. Recipients would be Ulster county area transit Dutchess County and Orange County as well. We are in the process of reviewing applications we had about. We we issued a call for projects for about 13 million dollars of unprogrammed balance.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We're in the process of reviewing allocations from the designated recipients for the expenditure.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any questions, what can these monies be used for

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 53 0, 7 money is probably the most flexible money that's available. With respect to transit, it can be used for operating assistance, it can be used for capital, it can be used for preventive maintenance, and it can be used for administration.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So when you look at, if you go look at our tip. You'll see allocations for 53, 0, 7 throughout the tip that are that deal with preventive maintenance and those types of things as well, you can't bills in that in that fashion.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It's an 80% match for anything. But except operating assistance operating assistance is matched at 50%.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So that's how the monies are used.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any other questions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: My apologies I didn't think ducted to get a resolution. So if I could have a mo excuse me a motion if I can have a motion to approve

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: per month, and if you do, I have a second.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I have a motion to second any additional discussion.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none, any opposed

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any extension.

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00:40:46.580 --> 00:40:55.290

Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, Carrie, thank you. Thank you. Under our next resolution. Not on your agenda. It's resolution. 2025 dash. Oh, one.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: you know. Oh, 6, 8, 0 6, 1.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It's an apportion of Federal fiscal year 2024, Federal transit administration, section 53, 39 formula funds in the mid Hudson Valley Transportation management area. I have a motion for approval.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Have a second

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: exactly. I have a motion, and second. This is the same type of discussion we had in the past, except it's a different source of funds. This is 53, 39, which is the capital funds for the for the region.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: you've got my resolution. Yeah, thank you. So yeah. As Dennis mentioned, this is the distribution of 53, 39 funds that can be used on capital expenditures. This is what the resolution will look like.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: With an attachment, and I will send that out or have that on the website immediately following this meeting. So the full allocation for 24 is 1.5 million dollars the distribution is based on what's called Ntd. National transit database reporting. So it's all the miles that the various public carriers

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: OP drive on an annual basis, as well as I believe population figures are factored into the formula. For this distribution.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Duchess County would receive 611,000 Orange county, 665,000, also county 296,000 again, and that total is 1.5 million dollars.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any questions, comments.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none any opposed

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: many abstentions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, Carrie, thank you. Thank you. We really appreciate it. Given the rapid turnaround of that agreement. Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Number 6. Other old business. We're going to wow you with another presentation. Yes. Draft. Uctc, 2026, 2030 transportation improvement program, otherwise known as the tip update. That's right. Yes, thank you. So what is the tip? Every the tip is the 5 year capital program for federally funded transportation projects which include all of our Fta and Fhwa

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: awards.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we typically update the transportation pro improvement program every 2 to 3 years. It's based on a directive issued by New York State dot.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The tip must be fiscally constrained, which means, essentially, we cannot program projects on the tip unless we can prove that we have the Federal funding to do the work.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So there is a limitation, essentially a budget, and it must be done in coordination with the New York State dot and our public transit providers

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: so

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: folks may have heard in the past and might be confused by the there's the State transportation improvement program referred to as the stip.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Then there's the Uctc. Tip. There's also each Mpo does its own transportation program. So what's the difference?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Essentially, all 14 Mpos in New York State are required to develop their own transportation improvement programs

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: during this update process. Once those tips are approved, they essentially get rolled up into the State transportation Improvement program and the State transportation proven program also includes all the rural areas and projects that are not governed under a metropolitan plan organization and any other miscellaneous program. So

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that's the distinction between the step and the tip.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So what's the process? Look like for Mpos? This is probably I don't know. The 5th or 6th update that I've participated in.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So the 1st step is after plenty of prior communication. New York State dot circulates what they refer to as fiscal targets

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: as well as instructions. Those targets are dollar amounts for each program, and that's the dollar amount available for programming in the next tip update cycle.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The Uctc then, has a job to do. And our focus is on the local Federal highway projects and transit projects

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that are on our tip.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have to review all those projects to see how they're performing in terms of the schedule

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and budget to make sure they're being able to be delivered according to the schedule that is included on the tip, and if the budget, if the dollars programmed for the project are sufficient to meet the needs.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then, once we do this analysis, we'll provide recommendations to this technical committee in a draft transportation improvement program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So where are we today?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Oh, I'm sorry. Still, with regard to the process going forward. We'll continue over the course of the next several months. We have some time to fine tune all of our budgets and schedules for all the projects on the tip.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then after the technical committee approves and draft tip, we'll put it before the Policy Committee sometime

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: from March, April, maybe even later than that May June

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: final the the final tip needs to be approved no later than June 2025.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then because these, the transportation proving program runs on the Federal Fiscal Year Calendar that once we approve it in June, but it's not effective until October 1, st 2024,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for the 5 year period of 2026 through 2030.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So what have we done today? In terms of the update process. We've held 10 individual meetings. I think some of you who are on the call today that participate in those meetings. They're arranged with your state dot planning staff

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: local projects unit staff as well as the local sponsor and Uctc. Staff.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So we've reviewed a total of 18 projects. In that time period

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we have 5 core highway bridge and trail projects. These are the projects that have been on the tip for quite some time, and the number gets smaller every year. But we still have 5. I would call these legacy projects that we're really trying our best to get across the finish line tool to construction.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We also have the the various discretionary projects, most of which are transportation alternative program projects. But there's also

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: highway safety improvement program projects that are on there as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And we also have our bridge projects, that most of which have been programmed on the tip through the Bridge, New York Pro program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Now, let's look at the Federal aid as I mentioned, and these targets are published. We have on the Uctc. Tip website. So you can look at them yourself, and they're the targets available for the whole mid Hudson Valley area are up there. So there are various Federal aid programs that we have available to us. We have a the Stbg flex program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which is, as its name implies, most flexible. It can be used on any service transportation project, be it be it a bridge, a road, or a trail or transportation alternative project.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We also have a significant allocation of Stpg off system bridge project funding of 13.8 million dollars available to us off system is that program name implies and only be used on bridges that are not on the national highway system, the Nhs system, which would be mostly local bridges.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Then there's for the 1st time this tip update cycle. We have a allocation of highway safety improvement program funding. And, as the program name implies, these can be used for highway safety improvement projects.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The bar is a little higher on how these funds can be programmed. You have to have a certain number of

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: only a certain type of projects

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: types can be used for the highway safety improvement program, safety proven safety countermeasures. Or you have to have a systemic road safety crash analysis completely. That shows that there's a safety need in the location. We believe we satisfied those requirements for use of the highway safety improvement program for a project.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Then we have. You can click to the next one, Rob, there's 2 2 other programs that are called the carbon reduction program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: One is allocated to our large urban area and the other is allocated to the medium urban area. They're relatively small, but we do have an additional sub allocation that it's not shown here, but it's roughly \$800,000 to the medium urban area. That's largely the Kingston urbanized area. Those funds can only be spent in the medium urbanized area. But we also have funding outside of that area that can be spent throughout the county.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So these funds can be used on anything that is eligible for tap transportation. Alternative program

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: carbon reduction program funding can be used on those projects as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: they can also be used for battery, electric vehicle, charging infrastructure, and other types of projects that would have a reduction in carbon emissions emanating from the transportation system. That's the purpose of the program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: as I mentioned previously, we had these 1010 meetings over the course of December and January. We want to get a sense of where these our projects are, and get an idea of what additional needs these projects might have. So here's a brief summary of what we found.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have a allocation for Stbg flex. It seems, that we've received needs. These are dollars in addition to what's already programmed on the tip

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: because of cost overruns because of inflation variety of other factors, those projects

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that have already been awarded Stpg. Flex dollars have a need for additional funds of 4.1 million dollars. On our bridges. We have additional fund requests of 1.3 million dollars, and this is across a number of projects

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which we'll provide in detail at a later time.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hsip, we identified a project that we believe is eligible for the funding, and that's the Voices Lane Rail Safety Project in the town of Ulster.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: of 1.4 million dollars in hship funds, we believe are eligible for use in that project, and that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: also, we believe, may be eligible for 100 Federal reimbursement rate, so there would be no local match for that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then we have not identified at this point in time any

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: need for carbon reduction funding dollars. So those would be made available for for future needs.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So next slide, what do we do next? So we

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and relatively good shape. Typically, when we do a tip, update, the needs, outweigh the funds available. And then it comes to some very difficult decisions on what we do with our projects that may have cost overruns or are underfunded. So we're in a very good position this year in terms of fiscal constraint. But it's imperative that we get these projects, especially the legacy projects, some of which are in excess of 10 years.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and they've been under contract for over 10 years. Some of them we need to get those projects completed.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in the course of the next several months, we'll continue to update figures on these projects that are

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: on the tip. We've had some pledges from our municipalities that some municipalities are in the process of issuing bids. They're ready to move into the construction phase. So once we get those bids, we'll have very concrete numbers on what they need for construction. And then others are updating estimates through the preliminary and detailed design process of those projects. And so once those estimates become more refined, we'll update our figures as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we're working with our partners@newyorkcity.who I really need to stress at this point our partners at Dot have been extremely helpful and cooperative throughout this process they've made time for every single local project. Sponsor meeting. They provide a great deal of insight and information on how we navigate through this process. And we really just want to emphasize that we are very thankful to have Nicole and Ali and Local Project unit staff

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: assisting us through this through this process. So.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: as I mentioned hsip funding, we've never had an allocation like this. It's not really an allocation. It's just a formula share.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And there's a higher bar to use hsip funds. There's typically a cost benefit analysis that is required. We believe we can waive that analysis. But we need to have that determination preferably before we program the funds. And we're working through that right now with our partners in Region 8.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And so, as I, as the previous slide indicated, there are dollars left over at this point. So what we would intend to do is sometime next week we'll issue what we would call an expression of interest for remaining dollars on the tip. This would include

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: may include the the Stbg flex dollars, although there's less dollars available there, and we feel those some of those needs may increase. So I'm not sure we'll make that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: money available at this point. In time. We may block program that for future programming. But clearly we have a significant amount of off system bridge funding that we can make available to local municipalities who may have bridge maintenance and construction needs replacement needs. And we also have the crp funding which.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: as we've made our local sponsors aware

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in the past. Municipalities that have received tap funding

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: are not typically eligible, for we don't have additional tap funding to provide them in the event of cost. Overruns.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Crp funds can be used on tap projects, however, so we would make those funds available for any municipalities that might have needs on our existing transportation alternative program funds. We've already identified a few of them from some of our local sponsors who will issue the call so that everyone is everyone with a tap project or other projects are aware of the availability of funds.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and the process is similar to in the past. It's just identifying. If you have a project in mind. If you have budget numbers great, but they're not required. We just want to get a sense of the docket of projects project needs that might be.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and then we'll take it from there.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: again, the this entire. This is just an update. We're not asking for any approvals at this point in time. We're just making folks aware of where we've come and where we need to go with this tip update process.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you. Brian, yeah, anyone have any questions in the room?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any questions online?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Cool.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Okay, we'll keep you posted as we continue to update this

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: next on our agenda is a long range transportation plan, otherwise known as the Lrtp. Is Raul on the call. He didn't make it. That's fine. Okay, I'll just give a brief verbal update. We we've been working with Fhi studios

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: to develop a survey associated with the long range transportation plan update. It's, I think, one of the most dynamic surveys that we've had so far. It's still in the draft at this point. In time it'll be an online survey made available to everyone that asked questions about

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: how they feel, the transportation, how they feel investments in the transportation system should be made. We also ask questions about people's familiarity with the Npo and our planning projects. So we it's very user friendly. It's dynamic. I I think it. It might actually be fun for users to participate in but we're hoping for

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: really large turnout we received for our transit surveys over 500, I think, 700 responses for our initial route optimization survey. So I would hope to match that for this long range transportation plan survey. We hope to launch that the next several weeks, and that'll be the official kickoff of the Long Range transportation plan.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Can you just do us a favor and give us a sense of the purpose of a long range transportation plan, as it relates to the tip and other projects that we do right. Of course, Mpos are required to create 3 main planning

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: products.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: They include the Upwp, the transportation program

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and those 2 products are guided by the long range transportation form.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The Lrtp, as we call it, sets a 25 year planning horizon, and the purpose is to identify what our needs and priorities are in that 25 year planning horizon.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So it's a very detailed document that attempts to compile information on everything from transit needs to non motorized transportation needs to congestion management. It goes over our roadway inventory, our pavement condition inventory, our inventory of bridges and condition of bridges, and really sets the stage

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for how we invest our very, as we sort of given an indication. Here we have very limited Federal aid coming into Uctc, so how we prioritize that aid is really important. And that's what the document sets out to do. It's a required update every 5 years.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and all the projects and plans that are included in the tip

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and the Upwp must conform to the goals within the Lrt.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And I would say that there is a fiscal analysis that is part of the the transportation plan, and it

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: it's a bit of stargazing, but it's also a very sobering picture of what your long term capital needs are and

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: it's quite a it's quite an eye opener when you start looking at what those capital needs are, particularly with respect to some of our transit needs, and particularly with respect to some of our needs for roads and bridges.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So with that any questions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none, we'll move on project updates. Do you have any project updates? Yeah, we went through them. I provide the update. It's the the Route Optimization plan is very much underway and ongoing, and we hope to have the refined scenarios available for a second round of public review in the next month or so.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you. Before we move on to the last items on the agenda. I just wanna point out the fact that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: the Transportation Council owns Brian a great deal of thanks for his effort in a very busy calendar from November to where we are now to get this work done, as Brian mentioned, we are short. A staff person at the Transportation Council. So this a lot of this effort has fallen on Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and we certainly want to thank him for that. We also want to basically say, if anyone knows anybody that's looking for a transportation planning job, we do have one available, and it's a wonderful place to work. So look forward to look forward to the applications folks, and that was recently advertised as well through the Ulster County Government, Facebook page. You can see the job posting on Facebook online.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Indeed.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So the last thing now this is the Traffic Safety Board will be on February the 3rd right. That's that's not tentative. That is confirmed. We will be meeting Monday evening at 6 pm. That's on Monday. It's in the county office building on the 6th floor in the Legislative Chambers, and the Transportation Policy Committee is currently scheduled to meet on February 25, th where we'll schedule. This.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we'll schedule to meet and discuss these items, particularly the transportation improvement program that needs to get adopted in the unified planning work program. We'll keep you informed when the unified planning work program goes out for public notice. So you have that available to you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any questions and concerns be final thoughts before we adjourn.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none. Thank you very much, everybody, and enjoy the super bowl game. Thanks.

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