

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
November 26, 2024

Meeting held in-person and via zoom at 10:00 am
Approved February 25, 2025

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we have set up a

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: a tip page for the project, and so you can now go there. You can find the letter.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The guidance from the New York state, as well as our planning targets, which are fiscal targets, have been posted as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So you'll note that there are significant

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: sources of funding that we previously have not had

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: access to including the Hsip highway safety improvement program, new sources of carbon reduction funding

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: carbon reduction program funding as well as significant off System Bridge and Stbg flex funding sources so that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: there will very likely be an opportunity for the Transportation Council to issue a call for new projects to the tip. But we can't do that until we determine what the needs of the existing projects are, and that's the general process for the tip update. So more to come there in the month of December. Thanks, Rob.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and then the next announcement the Mid Hudson Valley Transportation Management area, which is Orange Dutchess and Ulster Transportation Councils did issue a

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: open call for transit funding to all designated recipients for Fta funds in the Tma planning area. So those in Ulster County that would just include Ulster County area transit. We have 13 million dollars in unallocated 5,307 transit funds which can be used for capital or operating purposes. The emphasis will be on capital

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: acquisitions. So this will be a competitive call for projects issued to all designated recipients in the Tma area. And we're encouraging Ulster County area transit to submit an application

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for transit.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Rolling stock purchases.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Let's see.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Can you go, page down, Rob?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Don't have control now. Oh, there we go more announcements the if you're not aware the Ucat Route optimization plan is very much underway. We're at a major transition phase where we hosted a public meeting last week we had a over 60 participants.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and we are now presenting draft route scenarios

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: to the public for riders to comment on, so folks can go through the participate Ulster page.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and you'll find the survey is through through a online format called Matchair.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and participants can view the new routes and provide comments on them by clicking on the map, dropping pins and submitting comments if the route is conducive to their schedules or not. So we look forward to receiving more feedback, and the process for that is.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: once we receive this round of comments, we'll continue to make further revisions to proposed route changes and then develop a final recommended plan for Ucat. But it's important for everyone to understand that there will not be changes to the routes until Ulster County area transit is able and willing to accept them. So there'll be many opportunities for public notification before any changes to Ucat routes are made.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 2 other announcements quickly as the Supervisor and announced the safe streets for all final round was announced. Uctc. Did submit an application

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for planning funds to conduct a road safety plan, a countywide plan. I was hoping that we would be able to sweep up the town of Lloyd into that process if we were awarded. Unfortunately, that application was unsuccessful. That was a bit of a surprise to us. David put a significant amount of time into that, so we have requested a debrief.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and we'll find out why that application was not successful.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and hopefully find a way forward. We have the option of doing our own study, using our own funding sources. But this was a better match ratio.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then, finally, the Protect program, which is the new Fhwa Resiliency program, has a another round of planning and capital grants was announced, and Uctc. Will be resubmitting a proposal to conduct a transportation resiliency plan countywide, and the deadline for that is February.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Those are all my announcements. Sorry, just one. If I could add one more.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: the Transportation Council currently has a vacancy in its staff. It's a senior transportation position. We've talked about this in the past. If anyone knows anybody that's interested, please ask them to send Brian or myself a resume and a cover letter, and we'll be happy to consider them for the position which leads me to my next announcement was because of that vacancy, and because of the workload

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we were originally gonna update the Trans long range transportation plan which needs to be updated by September with existing staff using existing staff. We've decided not to proceed in that direction because of time constraints and staff constraints, and have awarded a contract to a company named Transpo to help us with that transition into A into a full update of the transportation plan.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That contract will be before the county Legislature in December.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So absent that we we need that contract approved in order for us to meet our our Federal requirements. With respect to an update by this, by September

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: anything I'm leaving out on that front. No, but we will address that issue in terms of a revision to the Upwp later on the agenda. Yeah, thank you

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and just wanted to update you town of Plattell

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: on Bridge, New York from a year ago old Mill Road was successful. It's on a tip

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: but they did receive another red flag recently.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and the bridge will be closed as of December 9.th

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Where what road is that old Mill road?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It's in the southern part of the county.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It's it's literally the county line. Yeah, I know where it is, but it'll be closed

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that, I think, as I recall was a detour route for Route 9 W. As I recall

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: now, it's off at 32

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: different old Mill Road. Thinking here, okay, good.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Anything else any other announcements from folks online.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Okay, hearing. Now, we'll move to item 5 on the agenda. New business. Item, a Uctc. Resolution 2024 to 11 amendment to the Utcc utctc. Excuse me, Federal fiscal year 2023, 2027. Transportation improvement program to add a New York State Department transportation PIN, Alc. 211, as shown in attachment one. I have a motion for approval. Please

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: thank you, Mr. Pine. Do I have a second sorry.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Mr. Supervisor Pavlacek. Second, I have a motion. A second discussion. Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: This is a project proposed by New York State dot the description shown on the tip

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: draft, tip strip is culvert replacements, orange and ulster. Replace the culverts that carry New York 52 New York, 17 K. And New York 213 over unknown streams, and Us. Route 44 over the 12 Skill Creek and various municipalities. Sandra, do you have anything to add regarding this project? No, I mean, you have it pretty well outlined

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in the description.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you. Projects that are to be added to the Uctc. Tip required technical committee approval. 15 day, public notice and final policy committee approval.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We did issue public notice for this tip amendment, and we did not receive any public comment.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any questions or concerns.

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

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Go cool. Thank you very much.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item B.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Uctc. Resolution 2024, 12, amendment to the Uctc. Federal fiscal year 2023, 2027 transportation improvement program to add a new Ulster County area transit

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: transit projects as shown in attachment one, I have a motion for approval. Please.

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Marybeth Majestic: Almost.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And it was Leanne. If I'm correct, right.

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Marybeth Majestic: No, it was Mary Beth.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I'm sorry, Mary Beth. I apologize.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No! Worries.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Supervisor. Majestic. Do I have a second.

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jamese.quigley3rd: Wiggly, second.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you, Mr. Quigley. Supervisor Quigley, have a motion and a second Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: These are

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: constitute regular fleet replacements for the Ulster county area transit system. The grants were submitted earlier this year to the Federal transit administration using

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: funds due to expire. They are Fta 53, 39 funds which can be used for capital

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: expenditures. The 1st and to be added to the tip is a TU. 0 2 0

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: funds to be applied for the procurement and purchase of one battery. Electric bus.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that for a vehicle that has exceeded its useful life.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and then the second PIN is for Federal funds, for the purpose of 1 35 foot battery, electric bus, and 3 30 foot buses, as well as one support vehicle for the Ulster County area transit system. Again, these are lapsing funds. So it was important that Ulster County area transit submit these

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: for expenditure during the fiscal. And again, additions to the Uctc. Tip require technical committee review and approval until 2 day public notice before Policy committee consideration.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: This was issued with the other tip amendment. We did not receive any public comment.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you, Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any comments or questions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Was anybody on from you, you cat at all? No, okay, hearing none any opposed

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any abstentions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, Carrie, thank you very much.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item C. Uctc. Resolution number 2024 to 13, amendment to the Uctc. State fiscal year 2024, 2025 unified planning work program to add cost to up

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Wp project number 4 4.2 3.0 1 dash 0 1 development of a long range transportation plan. We had some brief discussions on this

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: just just a little while ago. So I entertain a motion to approve.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So moved Supervisor Pavlocek. Do I have a second.

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jamese.quigley3rd: Quiggly, second.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you, supervisor. I have a motion, a second, any discussion.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: This is an internal offset.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: utilizing existing funds already on the unified planning work program repurposed to this project again, that was so that the contract could be executed in a timely fashion. These funds will be returned to the original projects from which they were drawn from when we develop next year's unified planning work program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any questions.

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Amanda Gotto Town of New Paltz Ssupervisor: Yeah, I have a question

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Amanda Gotto Town of New Paltz Ssupervisor: on the complete streets planning the 70,000, as amended, goes to 25,000.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That's correct, Amanda. We're going to. We'll put money back into that program when we update. No, if I may go ahead. This is a slightly. This is attachment to I'm sorry

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: resolution. Thank you, Supervisor.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So in attachment 2 of the resolution, it's a revision to the narrative of the unified planning work program

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: under the project task community transportation, planning assistance. We have added additional description to include to address what is a new

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Federal highway administration set aside. It's a mandatory set aside of funds that need to be dedicated to complete streets planning purposes. It's 2.5% of our annual allocation needs to be dedicated to that purpose. So that amounts to \$25,955.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So this amendment allows us to specify that the money has been set aside. And now, Staff, whenever we're doing complete streets, planning assistance for municipalities, can bill our time directly to this task code so that we can meet that 2.5% requirement. So it's a relatively minor revision and does not affect our pl funds.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: This has been an issue of quite a bit of discussion among the Mpos statewide.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It requires quite a bit of administrative capacity for a relatively small amount of

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: documentation or or a small amount of of dollars

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: spent in this instance. We're doing quite a bit of coordination with the planning bureau@newyorkstate.to make sure that all the accounting is addressed. And so that's essentially what this does is. It facilitates the accounting of the drawdown of those funds?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you, Brian Amanda. If I can just just a little bit shorter explanation, it's a technical amendment that doesn't change the amount of work that the Transportation Council will be doing relative to complete streets. It just gives it a specific code

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: bill. 2. That essentially wasn't there before to meet the Federal requirements. Any questions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Does that help? Amanda?

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Amanda Gotto Town of New Paltz Ssupervisor: Yeah, it does. It looked like you guys were slashing it like Yikes.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No, not not the case. We're just providing a a specific code to build to.

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Amanda Gotto Town of New Paltz Ssupervisor: Okay. Great.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any other questions.

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

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, Carrie, thank you very much.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Other old business. Item 6 on the agenda. Other old business.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Want me to run through these, Dennis, please. So the the 1st item is the Uctc. Year 2050 long range transportation plan. Public engagement process has begun. Internally, we are engaged with Fhi studios to develop our public engagement process.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which will include a survey, a new web page and significant public outreach with face-to-face meet and greets and focus group meetings. So those that process is under development. We hope to be able to launch our website and announce schedules of meetings in early 2025.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That is, this contract is with a firm specifically for public engagement. We will be contracting with an additional firm due to. As Dennis mentioned, staff shortages, we'll be working with Transpo

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: to help with the technical preparation of the actual document. So I'm very appreciative of having transpo assist us with that. With that process

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I already mentioned the safe streets for all planning Grant awards

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: under announcements, and the upwp call for planning projects as well as the tip update.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The project updates. The big update is the map share survey for the Ucat Route optimization plan.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: please. I would strongly encourage our municipalities. Our members. If you have newsletters or email distribution lists, please forward that to your citizenry, we would really appreciate it if as many people as possible participate in that survey.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Other project updates not listed. The Ulster town of Ulster, 9 W. Corridor management plan. The mobility plan is nearly complete. We issued or released the draft plan for public comment during the month of October. We've received quite a bit of input and have made some minor revisions to that document

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: during that period of time. So we look forward to publishing the final plan within the next couple of weeks, and Supervisor Quigley. If our consultant, Mark Sargent, from Cme. Has not reached out to you, we would welcome the opportunity to present the findings of that plan to your town board at your convenience.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Those are all the project updates. The Ulster County Traffic Safety Board is scheduled to meet on December second. That's the 1st Monday after Thanksgiving.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: any other business to come before the council.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hearing none, take a motion to adjourn.

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Amanda Gotto Town of New Paltz Ssupervisor: For Dennis.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Yes.

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Amanda Gotto Town of New Paltz Ssupervisor: Wasn't there a kind of special bus in Kingston not too long ago?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I'm sorry I didn't quite hear that. Is there a special bus in Kingston not too long ago?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Oh, we don't want to know. We don't want to talk about that. But thank you for thank you for recognizing that the fact that there was a special bus.

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Amanda Gotto Town of New Paltz Supervisor: Okay.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: For a special man. Oh, that's right, thank you, supervisor. Thank you. Appreciate that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So with that do I still have a motion to adjourn.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you to Dr. David Supervisor, but I'm going to get the Supervisor and the David got mixed up. I apologize for that. Do I have a second.

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Marybeth Majestic: Second, Mary, Beth.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No one's opposed to adjourning. So we're adjourned, and everybody have a safe and and helpful thank you very much.

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Marybeth Majestic: Thank you. Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: All these guys know about the bot

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: you guys know about the phone.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I saw an email thing or something. Well, now, now I've got. Thank you. Now I've got this because there's cameras.