

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript

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

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UCTC: Morning. Everybody welcome to the main meeting of the Ulster County Technical Committee, the Ulster County Transportation Council.

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UCTC: Hope everybody had a Great Memorial Day weekend we'll start with a welcoming under doctors.

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UCTC: Chris doesn't know everyone here.

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UCTC: so why don't we go around the table and we'll do a welcome introductions. My name is Dennis Doyle. I'm planning director, also the director of the Ulster County Transportation Council, Mike Bodette, with the Thruway authority

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UCTC: privilege, South County Legislature and Gpi

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UCTC: Ali, barely New York State Department of Transportation, Andrew Emrich, Ulster County, Dpw. Brian Slack, Ulster County Transportation Council, and Chris Sager Ulster County

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UCTC: we're going to call them off online.

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UCTC: and we've got Shelly Johnson, Great Manning and Joseph Wood.

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Japheth Wood: Close, Jaffeth would.

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UCTC: Jeff, thank you. Welcome.

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UCTC: great! And for those of you who have not met Chris Seeger is our newest addition to the Utc. Family. Welcome, Chris, would you mind? Hate to put you on the spot? But maybe just

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UCTC: introduce yourself and tell everyone a little bit about yourself. Yeah, sure, like Brian said he was positioned to Uctc. I come to you by right of Hartford, Connecticut's Npo. And previously up in Albany. Working at

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UCTC: the avail lab at Suny, Albany and Cdta. I'm glad to be here. Look forward to getting to work. Morning, everybody. Great thanks, Chris, and we have one guest in the

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UCTC: Barbara Munich. I'm a member of the Service Transportation Committee, and also a resident of Kings highway sort.

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UCTC: Good morning, Barbara. Good morning, Jen. Thanks. Everyone call for citizens, comments. Any citizens comments in the room.

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Japheth Wood: Yes, yes, please.

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UCTC: Any citizens comments online.

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Japheth Wood: Yes, please.

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UCTC: Sure. Go ahead!

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Japheth Wood: Sorry. How much time do you have budgeted for it?

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UCTC: How much time do you need?

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Japheth Wood: A few minutes.

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UCTC: Okay, we we can take a few minutes.

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Japheth Wood: Okay, thanks. Well, good morning, everyone. Thanks for the opportunity to be here on Zoom. I wanted to be there in person, but I'm taking home care care of a sick child this morning.

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Japheth Wood: My name is Jaffeth Wood. I've been a resident of Kingston for 19 years, and I'm also a math professor at Bard College and recently joined the Ulster County Transit Riders and intermodal Advisory committee as an at-large member. While I'm speaking today as an individual. I know my views on transportation needs are widely shared by many of my bard colleagues, a growing number of whom live in Kingston and others.

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Japheth Wood: There's a clear and pressing need for a public transportation connection across the Kingston Rhinecliff Bridge. From my observations a significant portion of Bard college faculty and staff commute across this bridge daily. In fact, when I make my own commute, I'm often on the reverse commute, indicating an even greater number of Dutchess County residents traveling into Ulster County for work.

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Japheth Wood: Furthermore, we have about 1,800 Bard College undergraduates who would greatly benefit from public transit, transit to access shopping and employment opportunities in Kingston

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Japheth Wood: beyond Bard. There's also a vital need to connect Ucat Ulster County area transit directly with the Amtrak station at Runcliffe.

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Japheth Wood: This would mirror the successful intermodal connection Ulster County already has with Amtrak and Metro North and Poughkeepsie.

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Japheth Wood: I recently reviewed the Ulster County Transportation Council's draft 2026 to 2030 transportation Improvement Program document, and it notes that as a result of census 2,000, it was determined that the greater Kingston area had achieved metropolitan status. This urbanization has undoubtedly accelerated since 2,000. When Kingston's population was 24,000,

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Japheth Wood: and the metro area was 178,000, anecdotally the growth is undeniable. When I 1st moved to Kingston in 2,006, I was struck by the lack of heavy car traffic

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Japheth Wood: and the abundance of convenient parking in 2025. This is no longer the case. Our region is a thriving destination for living, working, and recreation, and our roadways and parking areas are increasingly strained.

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Japheth Wood: The transit improvement program documents, maps of the Kingston urban area primarily show expansion northwards to Saugerties and southwards towards Newpaltz, focusing solely on Ulster County.

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Japheth Wood: However, what these maps don't fully capture is the reality that the Kingston urban area extends across the Hudson River via the Kingston Rhinecliffe Bridge into Northern Dutchess County. This vital extension includes communities like Rhinebeck and Red Hook, as well as the crucial Amtrak station in Rhinecliffe.

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Japheth Wood: The question before us is, how can we effectively connect Kingston with this integral part of its urban area in Northern Dutchess County through public transportation? I understand the challenges of coordinating across counties with separate transportation systems.

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Japheth Wood: It's imperative that we recognize and address this critical regional connectivity gap. I urge Uctc to ensure that a public transportation solution connecting Ulster, Ulster, and Northern Dutchess counties, particularly across the Kingston Rhinecliffe Bridge, and to the Rhinecliffe Amtrak Station, is a prominent and actionable component of the upcoming 2050 long range transportation plan.

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Japheth Wood: I want to thank you again for your time and consideration.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mister Work. Any other public comments online.

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UCTC: hearing none. Approval of the March 25, th 2025 technical Committees meeting Summary. Do I have a motion for approval?

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UCTC: Anyone?

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UCTC: I'll move it. Thank you. Do I have a second

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UCTC: second? Okay, I have a motion, and a second.

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UCTC: any comments, discussion, questions.

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UCTC: hearing none, any opposed any abstentions.

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UCTC: Minutes are adopted. Thank you very much.

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UCTC: Brian. Communications and announcements. The only communication I have right now is just a reminder that the New York State dot, roadway departure, safety action, plan, local call for projects. Deadline is quickly approaching. Alec, do you recall? June June 13, th June 13, th is the deadline. We've already formed a local committee at the Mpo. Working with.to review potential applications. If

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UCTC: municipalities are interested in applying, then they should be

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UCTC: well along the way anyone in the room interested in applying anyone online thinking of applying.

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UCTC: And and I I, in speaking with Commissioner Masterson, I believe they're strongly considering that.

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UCTC: Okay, thank you.

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UCTC: New business.

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UCTC: Item, a draft Uctc. Resolution, 2025 to 10, amendment to the Uctc. Federal fiscal year 2023, 2027. Transportation improvement program tip to add to New York State Department of transportation's PIN number 8, 0 1, 8 5 0 shown in advancement one. I have a motion for approval.

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UCTC: Good.

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UCTC: I'm sorry I'm not doing it now, anyway. Online motion for approval.

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UCTC: I'll approve it. Thank you. From thruway authority. We have a motion approval, Mr. Lips.

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UCTC: Second, I'll second, sure I have a motion and a second. Thank you very much, Brian. Great. Thank you. Resolution

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UCTC: 2025. Dash 10 is an amendment to the existing 2023 transportation improvement program. We're in that interesting time period this year, where

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UCTC: we are actively considering an update to the new transportation improvement program for the period 2026, through 30, but still need to do quite a bit of work in maintenance to the existing 2023 transportation program from now through October, so council members should expect to see a number of amendments to be coming through to the existing tip.

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UCTC: The resolution 25, dash 10 is an addition to the Ucp. Tip. A new project, any new project needs technical and Policy Committee approval. Along with 15 day public comment period.

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UCTC: The project is a dot paving project, resurfacing Route 28

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UCTC: from Walkham road to Route 375 to bring the pavement into a state of good repair. I believe this is essentially picking up where Dot left off on their previous paving

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UCTC: work, where they essentially stopped.

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UCTC: On the route 28 westbound around the hickory barbecue.

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UCTC: and they're going to pick up from there and go go all the way to route 375

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UCTC: Dot wanted to make sure that in case they are able to expedite and move forward this year. They want this project on the existing 2023 tip, and it will also appear on the 2026 tip with construction expected next year.

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UCTC: Questions, any questions, any concerns.

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UCTC: hearing none, any opposed, any abstentions

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UCTC: will carry. Thank you very much. Thank you. So we'll release a public notice of public comment. Period for that Amendment.

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UCTC: Iron Bill.

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UCTC: draft, Uctc. Resolution, 2025 to 11. Adoption of the Uctc. Federal fiscal year 2026, 2030 transportation improvement program. Ryan, you have a short presentation on this before I'll take a motion.

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UCTC: You want me to do the presentation before the motion. Okay. Great. Thank you. The draft. Resolution 2025 to 11 does include all the requirements for approval of a new

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UCTC: transportation improvement program for the period 26, through 30, I just would like to know, on page 2 of the resolution there's a to be determined. The Uctc. Will hold a public meeting. That date has been determined as June and

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UCTC: I think that's a Tuesday evening, 6 Pm. Ulster County Legislative chambers. We will

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UCTC: hosted on zoom and in person and publicize that date widely after today's meeting. So great. Thank you. I'm going to run through an overview of the update of the transportation improvement program for those of you have been with us for a while. Some of this is going to be old news, but I think there's going to be some very information, very interesting information, as well regarding some new projects.

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UCTC: So I think you all know who we are. We are the Mpo. For the Kingston urbanized area, and we're also part of the Mid Hudson Valley Transportation management area, which includes Orange and Dutchess Counties. Uctc. Was established by the Governor of New York State in 22,003. And

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UCTC: as such we're responsible for the continuing cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

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UCTC: And of course, we're consensus based decision making body high selected officials in Ulster County

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UCTC: make up our decision. Making body.

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UCTC: One of the main requirements of an Mpo is the development of a transportation improvement program. We're also developing the long range transportation plan this year. And we have the approved unified planning work program. This is a busy year for Uctc. And it's a busy year for all Mpos, because

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UCTC: we're all updating the transportation improvement program statewide. What is the tip? The tip is the 5 Year capital program for federally funded transportation projects. Any transportation project funded through the Federal Highway Administration or the Federal Transit administration

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UCTC: has to be included on a transportation improvement program or and or the State transportation improvement program.

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UCTC: We typically update the tip every 2 or 3 years. It's updated statewide. All 14 Mpos are doing it. At the same time.

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UCTC: the tip must be fiscally constrained in that. It has to have a clearly identifiable source of funds for all projects

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UCTC: on the tip, and that needs to be proven through tables in the document.

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UCTC: And when we do the update it is closely coordinated with New York State dot and the public transit providers.

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UCTC: So after each local Mpo. Develops its tip across the State, all the tips are then rolled up into the statewide transportation improvement program along with the rural areas that New York state.is responsible for and that creates the step. The State transportation improvement program.

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UCTC: So

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UCTC: looking at New York State here, the 14 Metropolitan planning organizations. And of course there's quite a few areas across the State that are not included in an Mpo that would be covered by the rural areas and

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UCTC: the New York State Department of Transportation. The step only covers 4 years 4 Federal fiscal years and local tips. Typically address a 5 year planning horizon

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UCTC: as does ours.

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UCTC: So the transportation improvement program again, includes all Fhw. And Fta funding as well as any necessary state and local matches.

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UCTC: The main project components that we see on the Uctc. Tip include highway, bridge and various enhancement projects like mobility, safety, bicycle, and pedestrian projects.

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UCTC: All of our transit projects for Ulster County area transit, which is the only designated recipient in Ulster County, public designated recipient, and it also includes funding for Adirondack trailways. And also there's quite a bit of projects that are referred to as the Multi county projects, or where and when projects, and I'll get into a detailed summary of what those include as well. But it's essentially.

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Japheth Wood: Is there? Is there a way you could share the screen with people on zoom.

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UCTC: I'm sorry I thought I was that should be shared as well.

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Japheth Wood: Great. Thank you.

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UCTC: Yeah, thank you. Sorry about that, Mister Wood.

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UCTC: Could you let us know, Mr. Wood, when you, if you can see it.

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Japheth Wood: Oh, looks good! I can see it now.

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UCTC: Okay, great, thank you. You didn't miss anything too too exciting yet. Thanks for letting us know.

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Japheth Wood: I'm just trying to follow along.

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UCTC: Yeah. So New York State dot multi county, where and when it's essentially the major capital outlays for the region 8

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UCTC: in the old days. We also would include the New York State thruway authority projects, and the New York State Bridge authority projects on the tip to the extent that they use Federal aid. But lately they've been using 100% state funding. And therefore there's no reason for those projects to be on the transportation program.

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UCTC: So

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UCTC: talking about the process that has led us here today dot circulates fiscal targets. The dollar amounts to Mpos and region 8 that occurred on November 2024 and the State statewide. All Mpos receive guidance essentially an instruction manual on how to update their transportation improvement programs.

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UCTC: So that essentially, is the firing gun, the starting gun and our work begins, and we begin to evaluate all the projects currently on the transportation improvement program and looking at their schedules and budgets and compare them to available dollars.

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UCTC: And we do that in very close coordination with the Uctc Technical Committee and

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UCTC: those draft fiscal targets are provided to us and updated. So we're we're taking the dollars available and determining if we have additional dollars to spend beyond the needs of the existing program

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UCTC: and as we move forward in the months ahead we'll be able to fine tune those budgets and schedules. But as we get closer and closer to the the deadline and public review. We like to make fewer and fewer changes to the the draft program. So I'm not expecting major changes to this draft program that we're presenting today.

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UCTC: Just note at the 30,000 foot level. We're still operating under the

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UCTC: The authority of the bipartisan infrastructure law, which was passed in November 2021, and that does include funding for Fhwa and FDA programs through September 30, th 2026. It was a 5 year.

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UCTC: bill. It makes a once in a generation investment of 350 billion dollars in highway programs.

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UCTC: And it did include the largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system.

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UCTC: But it's important to note that as large as the bipartisan infrastructure law was.

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UCTC: the majority of that funding went to the supplemental bridge formula program and the National highway performance program Nhp funds, which can only be used on the national highway system and essentially is administered solely by the New York State dot.

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UCTC: The balance of the additional growth in the bipartisan infrastructure law was directed to new categorical programs, including. This is a small selection of the many programs that were added the carbon reduction program, a variety of new safety programs, resiliency programs and transportation enhancement programs.

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UCTC: So now, I'm gonna get into some of the details financial details of the new transportation improvement program and talk about some of the projects that have been selected.

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UCTC: The draft 2026 iteration programs of 170 million dollars in Federal funds for the Core Road bridge, maintenance bike pad and transit projects in Ulster County over the 5 year period

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UCTC: that includes state dot and local projects. And when you factor in, there's also a required typically a 20% state and local match for those projects. So it's an additional 40 million

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UCTC: in transportation investments over the 5 year program.

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UCTC: The again to get into the process. We had a target of for various funding categories. The 1st category was the surface transportation block Grant Flex program, Stbg Flex. We were provided

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UCTC: just over 5 million dollars to Uctc. And 100% of those funds were required to be attributed to projects already programmed on the tip due to various cost overruns, so we were not

able to release any Stpg flex dollars for new projects. There's a small amount left over, but not an amount deemed sufficient to open up and call for new projects.

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UCTC: We did issue an expression of interest call to municipalities

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UCTC: because we did have other funding sources, including hship funding, carbon reduction funding and off system bridge funding. And as a result of that expression of interest, we have 3 proposals. We're adding 2 new bridges.

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UCTC: And we are programming just over 6 million dollars in Federal aid to our bridge program

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UCTC: and carbon reduction program. Funds were also distributed to the city of Kingston for use as an offset in the Foxhall and Flatbush project. Sorry for the order there, and also for the 1st time, we were provided a target for the highway safety improvement program of roughly 1.3 million dollars and a significant amount of that hship funding which has a very strict rules for use on our system.

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UCTC: Money was provided to the Boise Lane project in the town of Ulster.

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UCTC: Here's an overview table 9. It's included in the document. Which is also available online, the full document that just includes a breakdown of the program. This excludes the multi-county program. Mind you, it's the nice dot program dollars to be spent on local projects in Ulster County. And then also locally

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UCTC: sponsored Federal aid programs which I labeled the Uctc Program, and also Transit funded so roughly, just over 170 Federal aid. Only. So it's a very significant investment in Federal aid

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UCTC: into Ulster County.

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UCTC: Let me go over that target of the Stpg. Flex, and how it was used. We said we had just over 5 million dollars town of Lloyd in their completion of the Tilson Avenue realignment project.

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UCTC: had an overage of 1.4 million, and so 1.4 million in Federal aid was provided to the town of Lloyd, in order to make the town whole

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UCTC: Ulster County route 299 shoulders. This county route 7 and 8 State touring route 299 in the towns of Newports, and Gardner required 1.7 million due to anticipated construction, bids estimates

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UCTC: the Town Work Creek Bridge, which is another Ulster County project, requires 600,000 other existing obligations

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UCTC: in the town of warsing for 2 locally sponsored Federal aid projects the sidewalk project and the O. And W. Rail trail Project.

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UCTC: These projects were pushed into Federal fiscal years, 26 and 27. Therefore they count against our target.

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UCTC: So these projects alone accounted for our entire 5 million dollar target in Stpg flex

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UCTC: I mentioned we had funding for the highway safety improvement program for the 1st time, 1.4 million dollars was provided to us by Region 8. We are very appreciative of that. This is a difficult project, or it's a difficult funding source, because it requires a cost benefit analysis to prove that

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UCTC: a safety benefit can be achieved.

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UCTC: and we know that the ongoing Boise Lane project in the town of Ulster did have a funding shortfall, and is the location of 2 intersections which were identified through our systemic crash analysis that have a high crash rate exceeding the statewide average for intersections of their type. So we're able to provide a significant amount of money for offset to the town of Ulster through the Hsip program.

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UCTC: and we still will have \$372,000 in Federal aid left over in hsip funding for potential new projects over the course of the next 3 to 4 years. So we'll look to identify methods to program those funds, either through offset for an existing project already on the tip or potentially for a new project.

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UCTC: Stpg, off System Bridge Target. We have benefited in Ulster county from a significant portion of Stpg off System bridge funds off system refers to

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UCTC: bridges off of the Federal aid system.

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UCTC: We were able to provide 2 new projects, one in the town of warsing for the Barbara Road Bridge, and another in the town of Lloyd, the Willow Dock Road, which is currently a culvert, but will be converted to a bridge. So those are 2 new projects added to the tip

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UCTC: through this cycle, and we are holding 5.7 million in a block program for future programming. We're anticipating a call for Bridge, New York funding later this fall, I believe. But

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UCTC: regardless of when the call occurs it will be forthcoming, and when we do that we can combine our dollars available. For the block program along with the Bridge New York program, or we can make it available whenever we please as an Mpo. Because it's dollars that are available for programming specifically in Ulster County.

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UCTC: Let's not forget about the Federal Aid Federal Transit administration funding. There's significant investments included in the transportation improvement program. Go to Ucat. We have 1.2 5

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UCTC: I'm sorry one and a quarter 1 million dollars for the design of a new Ucap bus storage facility for engineering and architectural services, another one and a quarter 1 million dollars in Federal aid for upgrades to the existing facility for Ada. Accessibility and other facility needs of that aging facility that's going on 20 to 25 years old at this point.

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UCTC: and we have set aside 12.5 million dollars for the construction of a new Ucab bus storage and maintenance facility, the needs of which were identified in a 2,018 study done by Pacero Group, sponsored by Uctc. Who identified potential locations and size needs and site needs and site constraints for a potential new facility.

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UCTC: The needs of that facility are great at this time, as there is Ucats fleet has outgrown the existing facility.

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UCTC: So we are setting aside a minimum of 12.5 million for the construction.

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UCTC: So getting into new projects as we review the tip. There's were some really nice surprises here, projects that we didn't necessarily see coming. The New York State Department of transportation region 8 has identified 4 discrete projects that they'll be moving forward during this tip cycle. The 1st one is in the town of Shandakin, and this one has been on the tip for some time in terms of design.

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UCTC: but 18 million dollars in the Federal protect funding program to do slope repair on routes 212 and 214 in Shandagan

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UCTC: route, 212 in Woodstock. Again, this is an existing project that has been in design, working very closely with the town of Woodstock for bridge replacement, 27.5 million dollars to fund that project for the bridge replacement, as well as some needed pedestrian improvement connections that have been identified by the community, and we look forward to hearing the details of those designs in the months ahead.

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UCTC: a new project in the city of Kingston and town of Ulster, on Washington Avenue. This project will provide mobility and safety improvements from Sawkill road in the town of Ulster through to swank drive in the city of Kingston.

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UCTC: so we're expecting pedestrian improvements and some improved intersection coordination at both ends of that project. 15 million dollars in the National Highway performance program has been identified. Construction is anticipated in 2030 with design beginning in Federal fiscal year 27,

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UCTC: and then finally, the another New New York State dot project route 208 in Tawashanga, 10.5 million in highway safety Improvement program funding for 208 at the intersection where it begins to head south into Orange County. It's essentially a triangle, something of a difficult intersection. So the design and improvement of that intersection will will occur again.

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UCTC: I believe that's the same general schedule designed beginning in 27 with construction anticipated in 2030. So we can thank Region 8 dot for those investments. We're really pleased to see these projects moving forward, and we look forward to coordinating with dot on them with our local municipalities

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UCTC: I mentioned earlier. The Multi county program is there's a good 85 project pins in this transportation improvement program that are intended to cover the entire region. 8, where and when

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UCTC: needs the types of activities over the course. Again, this is a 4 to 5 year capital outlay. The entire region ate 773 million dollars in various infrastructure investments. So it's 183 million dollars in Federal aid for bridge, maintenance and bridge construction.

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UCTC: 390 million dollars in Federal aid for pavement, preventive maintenance. So pavement projects

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UCTC: 62 million for lines and signs, 26.7 million for culverts, 20 million for the help program, the emergency patrol, 12.3 for signal improvements.

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UCTC: There's no guarantee where these investments will occur. In fact, the majority of them are likely to be in Westchester and Rockland counties just given the means of that aging transportation system and the volume of traffic that they have in the southern portion of the Metro region.

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UCTC: But another portion of that we can expect to be spent in Ulster, Canada.

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UCTC: Looking at the document, I apologize. We don't have the tip map up. It's a central component of the transportation improvement program. Chris does not have this Arcgis license yet, and I'm working with Rob Lewitz to get the tip map updated so that all of our new projects and the existing projects are mapped so that will definitely be included in the final draft iteration. That'll go before the policy committee, and we'll have that for a public meeting. So my apologies there.

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UCTC: Another central component, and this is probably the most important component of the document, and this is called the fiscal constraint table. And it shows that all the Federal dollars that are programmed on the transportation program

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UCTC: are fully accounted for and available to us and to New York State dot for expenditure.

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UCTC: And finally, I'm I'm wrapping up now. I just. It's important that we, whenever we do the transportation proven update. It's not just about new projects, but I like to recognize

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UCTC: all the accomplishments that our municipalities have made in shepherding through existing projects to successful completion, and we have a lot of things to be proud of, and we like to highlight those in the document, and also through the presentation poll.

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UCTC: The worst Street bridge was actually obligated for construction during the previous tip update, but I still like to call it out because it was such a beautiful job and a huge investment in our infrastructure, and we're all very proud of the worst Street bridge in Kingston. That Bridge cable State Bridge made by the Roebling Company.

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UCTC: the Tilson Avenue realignment project, Tom Lloyd. This project was on the tip since the day I started working here at Ucdc. And we're very pleased to see this project coming through to a successful completion as well. Congratulations to the town of Lloyd and Great Manning.

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UCTC: 4,455 signal at Brunswick road signalization. This was a dot project that was brought to light after Uctc. Did our systemic crash analysis. There are a couple of fatalities here tragically, and we're pleased to see Dot very quickly program funding to have that signal which is now operational, and I've heard quite a few grateful drivers on the road who are really pleased to have this signal in place.

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UCTC: The Henry W. Dubois Bike Lane, in the town of New Pulse, has officially been open just several weeks ago, after all those Punch ticket items were completed. And this is a major segment in the Empire State Trail.

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UCTC: Henry Street sidewalks in Kingston. Another transportation Alternatives program project a beautiful addition to midtown. Kingston. Just safer. It's a school project. Yes, and that's George Washington. Elementary brand new sidewalks from Gw. All the way to Broadway. And what's not shown here is the beautiful job they did in retaining

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UCTC: the traditional historic bluestone in the historic Fair Street district, as well as mimicking the bluestone with a beautiful stamped concrete Ada. Accessible treatment, which is a really great specification that city of Kingston has used, and we've already shared that with other municipalities.

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UCTC: and of course the Kingston Rail Trail, which is the O. And W. Trail connecting city of Kingston with the town of Hurley. This was

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UCTC: also county planning department. Dennis Doyle. Chris White. We're project managers. There's Chris pictured right there in the front. I know, Dennis, you're in this picture somewhere you always end up in the back. I was. I was standing next to you somewhere, I think, in there. But that that that is another great project that we're all very pleased about, very happy to see. So congratulations, and

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UCTC: we want to make sure we give some props to our Ulster County, Dpw. Bridge, unit. Andrew.

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UCTC: I had notes written down. Where are these bridges that Samsonville Road, Samsonville road to the town of Rochester, the Fantaine Kill Bridge, and the Wolven Bridge is on Zena Road, in the town of Woodstock. Great, and then this one. This is the Brunswick Bridge. This was a superstructure replacement in the town of Schwando. Yeah. Just 3 examples of some of the great work that Ulster County Department of Public Works has done.

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UCTC: And let's not forget about our Ucat investments that continue to work toward up upgrading their fleet to a fully battery electric fleet by 2035.

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UCTC: So in conclusion, key benchmarks, today's May 27, we're looking for Uctc technical committee approval. After, of course, we have an opportunity to add.

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UCTC: ask questions. We'll try to answer them to the best of our ability. Then we're gonna begin the 15 day. Public comment period will begin on Monday, June 4.th Maybe I I might push that

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UCTC: to a Wednesday. It might be a Wednesday. I apologize, but we'll begin next week at some point. We'll publish our 15 day. Follow up comment. Period.

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UCTC: June 10, th is a Tuesday. That public meeting will be at 2, 4, 4, Fair Street. I have 6 30. We may move that 6 Pm. Apologize for the confusion there. June 18, th the public comment period closes. Then the Uctc. Policy Committee meets on June 24th here on Tuesday morning. 10 Am.

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UCTC: Once approved all statewide Mpos will approve their tests in the they'll become a part of the State transportation program. Effective. October one.

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UCTC: 2025.

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UCTC: Thank you, Brian. Well done. Any questions for anyone in the room.

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UCTC: Yeah, I have one. Sure.

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UCTC: I'd like to know why, PIN number

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UCTC: 88, 1633 is in the Ulster County Transportation Council, Long Range plan, because it's 2 routes in Westchester County.

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UCTC: Yeah. I saw that one as well. I don't know. That's something that we can ask. Nicole Farmer.

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UCTC: it is. It is a curious one, and sometimes they pop up in strange places it could be because they came off of a parent PIN. Right? Sometimes it is right. If we took yeah. It might say that in the comments, too, I'd have to

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UCTC: very weird, so

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UCTC: perfect. The the question then is is that that shouldn't be in there. We'll clarify. That is that correct?

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UCTC: Yup. It's possible that it should be in there because of the origin of the of the funding and how it was programmed.

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UCTC: The 5.7 million that you said is available for a call for projects. But you're kind of waiting on

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UCTC: project. Is your intent to possibly leverage that money with a new Bridge, New York. Application for, you know, say, a 20 million dollar Bridge project to have. You know this bridge, new York, is only 5 million dollar cap.

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UCTC: We can. And if so, how would that process go for somebody who's trying to put in the application provisioning? Or

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UCTC: so it it wasn't. We weren't thinking in that in that realm we were thinking about the fact that the bridge projects that didn't get funded with Bridge, New York could be eligible for our, because the application would be similar, if not almost exactly the same, and one would presume that the sponsors would effectively want to use bridge New York funding because of the percentages available versus the the global projects funding which requires a 20% match.

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UCTC: That's what we're. That's that's the thought behind that

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UCTC: any other questions from anyone online.

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UCTC: hearing none, I'll take a motion to approve.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr. Litz. Do I have a second? I'll second. Thank you, Andrew, I have a motion, and second, we'll see. I'm not sure any other comments concerns.

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UCTC: It's just gets enough money hearing none any opposed any abstentions.

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UCTC: So Carrie. Thank you. Thank you, Brian. Nice work

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UCTC: on the number 6. Other old business, Brian. Before I get into the laundry transportation plan for those of do you have anybody left online? I heard a few people join. Can you close the presentation? Chris?

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UCTC: Yeah, there's Dave check and presentation, or see who's there.

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UCTC: I just like to remind members of the regular 2 year turnover occurs on June 4, therefore, our current 2 year town members will swap out. I don't have the list in front of me. But thank you, David, you're among them. So thank you for your service.

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UCTC: Notified our new members through direct mailing. We've also Dennis was able to attend the supervisors and mayors meeting last week and gave them notification there. So we'll continue to follow up with our municipality so that we

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UCTC: can make sure we have a full roster here at the June meeting.

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UCTC: Moving on the Uctc. Year 2050 long range transportation plan update continues. We are beginning stakeholder face to face facilitated meetings stakeholder interviews and an invitation went out this morning. Uctc. Technical Committee members should have received that. So if you're interested in providing your opinion and viewpoints on the

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UCTC: Long range transportation plan and the transportation system in general. Please sign up for one of those sessions. If you're available, otherwise you can continue to fill out our survey, which is available through the website as well. We hope to provide a more detailed update on the long range plan later in June.

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UCTC: But that project is on schedule.

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UCTC: Other project updates include the Route optimization plan. We continue to revise schedules and routes, particularly the city of Kingston, as usual, is problematic for developing detailed schedules and routes, and that is essentially pulling this up.

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UCTC: So we're a little bit behind schedule. Most of the rural routes are pretty straightforward. They received decent approval from the public, and the schedules and timing for those have been predictable. But city of Kingston, due to the traffic train traffic and other difficult issues. And routing through that city.

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UCTC: we're continuing to revise and adjust our schedules and routes for the draft route optimization plan. So we hope to have

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UCTC: our next update for that in the next several weeks ahead.

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UCTC: Other project updates. What am I forgetting?

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UCTC: Long range plan traffic counts will be doing a fall count program.

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UCTC: And so later this summer we'll send probably an email to all members of Tech committee. If you have locations locally where you would like to have counted for traffic volume counts and classification counts and speed. We can conduct those we usually typically do about at least 90 locations throughout Ulster County, and then the route 9 W.

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UCTC: Work in the in the city line out to.

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UCTC: That's our next project. Yeah, that project is already on the approved unified planning work program to do a corridor study from the Kingston roundabout out to the town of Ulster Route 9 W. So Albany and Ulster Avenues. That project still needs to be scoped before we can

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UCTC: release an Rfp.

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UCTC: That's all I have.

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UCTC: It's all I have as well.

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UCTC: So the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board will meet on June second, 2025 in the county office building. That meeting starts at 6 PM. 6 pm. Welcome to join. Is there any other business from the council members

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UCTC: in the room?

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UCTC: Any other business or comments from anyone online?

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Japheth Wood: No.

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UCTC: Hearing none, I'll make a motion for adjournment. Thank you. Do I have a second

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UCTC: second? Thank you, Ed. I have a motion second. Thank you. Everyone enjoy enjoy the day. I hope you have a great one.

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UCTC: Thank you.

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Japheth Wood: Thank you.