

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript

March 25, 2025

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

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UCTC: Good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us for the hope everyone can hear me.

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UCTC: This is our March 25th meetings. We'll start the

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UCTC: we can do introductions. Is that what you want to do? Sure. Okay. Why don't we go around the room with introductions? My name is Dennis Doyle, the planning director, and also Director of the Transportation Council. I am Mike Bodette, with the New York Thru-way authority

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UCTC: and Pine, with Ulster County, Dpw Alley, Fairley with New York State, Dot Ryan slack Ulster County Transportation Council, Robert Lewitz, Ulster County Planning Department, and for those online, I'm going to ask Rob to call the names off

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UCTC: if you're online. So okay, supervisor, quickly.

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jamese.quigley3rd: James Quigley, supervisor town of Ulster.

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UCTC: Ms, fortune, yeah. Yeah.

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Leeanne Thornton: Leon Thornton, town of Sorgerties.

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: Mary Beth, majestic gardener, town supervisor.

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UCTC: Say this client.

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Naomi Klein: I'm Naomi Klein with Creighton Manning.

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UCTC: And it's Friday.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: Hi! I'm Maris Fry with Transpo group

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UCTC: Okay, short eyes.

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jschultheis: John Schulte, City, Engineer, City of Kingston.

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UCTC: We got a bunch more, Phillips. I don't know

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kphillips: Keith Phillips, City of Kingston.

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UCTC: Emily Flynn.

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Emily Flynn (She/her): Emily Flynn, City of Kingston. Health and wellness, Director

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UCTC: And role is already

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: Raul Rosario with Fhi studio

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UCTC: That's everybody. Great. Thank you all for joining corporate citizens, comments. Any citizens, comments in the room.

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UCTC: any citizens, comments online.

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UCTC: any comments from any of the Council members.

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UCTC: hearing none. Approval of the January 28, th 2025, Technical Committee meeting summary. Can I have a motion for approval

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jamese.quigley3rd: So moved.

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UCTC: Thank you. Supervisor Quigley. Do I have a second.

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UCTC: Mr. Pine? I'll second. Thank you, Mr. Pine. I have a motion and a second. Any comments or discussion. Written copy is here on the table.

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UCTC: Hearing on the minutes of the technical committee for 2028, January 2025

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UCTC: are approved communications and announcements. Brian.

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UCTC: Yes, good morning. I have a number of announcements. I guess we'll start with some good news from Uchi from our

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UCTC: friends at the Federal Highway Transit Administration. We they have reviewed our annual unified planning work program and have approved it.

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UCTC: So that's great news. Thanks to all of our partners locally

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UCTC: on the Mpo. And at the State, and helping us to get that done in once again, which is a a

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UCTC: a shortened period of time from beginning to end. So we really appreciate that.

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UCTC: I also received correspondence. Here, and perhaps Supervisor Walsh. You can maybe speak to it. It's

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UCTC: Don Rosendale directed to

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UCTC: to us at the Uctc. Regarding a request to New York State Department of Transportation to expand the scope of a traffic study to address traffic safety concerns in the vicinity of Route State Route 32, and State Route 213, and surrounding areas around the town of Rosendale's main street.

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UCTC: And then the attached resolution accompanies the letter, and this is, I believe, Gene is

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UCTC: we received a positive response from Region 8 from Lance Mcmillan, saying that they would do engage in a study of the town. Once the area expanded from hilltop to hilltop, we've had a number of resolutions or requests in the past.

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UCTC: and we felt that as they're looking to take some action, we'd really like to look at the whole situation. It's not just dangerous in one spot. It's dangerous from hilltop to hilltop. And you know, up near the Rec center the speed limit is 55 people can't cross the street. It's just really, really dangerous. So we're asking for.

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UCTC: I'll expand it. And so

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UCTC: very well, it was important that you guys appreciate that. Yeah. And we'll stay apprised of that situation. And there's also an ongoing safety study that should be nearing completion in the Village of New Pulse.

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UCTC: That this following a similar methodology that we'll follow up with shortly other correspondence.

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UCTC: everyone should have received an email blast from our office regarding new transportation funding opportunities. This was sent out on March 6, th 2025. There are 2 funding opportunities that were identified in this notification. One is our own

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UCTC: transportation improvement program call for projects. This is the request for expressions of interest letters regarding remaining funds yet to be programmed on the upcoming tip update. And we have been receiving responses from municipalities with bridge and other surface transportation projects. So the deadline for those letters is this Friday at close of business. If you have any projects that you think

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UCTC: could benefit from Federal transportation aid, feel free to contact me and submit those. This is a very straightforward process. We just need them identified at this point in time.

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UCTC: The other funding opportunities regarding the New York State, dot, roadway, departure, safety action plan. They're doing a local call for projects which the Mpos were will be participating in directly. The deadline for this call is June. I don't know the exact date. In June. The 1st training was held yesterday morning, as was a 2 h webinar. It was a little short short of 2 h.

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UCTC: where Central Office safety staff walked us through the process, and there are quite a few, 15 to 20 different types of proven safety countermeasures that are eligible for funding

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UCTC: in locations that have been pre identified by New York State dot using over a decade of crash data identifying the locations most likely to have

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UCTC: sideswipe head on and road departure crashes on State highway system or on the on the entire State.

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UCTC: new York City road network, not just the state system.

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UCTC: They will be coming out with a mapping tool that is not yet debuted.

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UCTC: That will help local applicants identify those locations that have been pre identified. If they're in your municipality, and then you can begin to consider the types of treatments or actions that you might want to consider funding for it's 95% federally reimbursable.

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UCTC: Again, the the deadline is in mid June, and that webinar, if you're not able to attend it yesterday. It has been recorded and will be posted on the website. So you can go to the Uctc. Page. Follow the links regarding the local roadways. The safe systems approach on highways across New York regarding

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UCTC: roadway departure, planning, and June 13th is the date. Great? Yeah, thanks, Alan.

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UCTC: Those are all of the communications. I have

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UCTC: anything from nice Dot from communication standpoint you want to bring up Al. No, I don't think anything. I think Brian covered it with the new program, the Rwdsap. So hopefully, you know, we'll get some good projects, anything from the Thruway authority.

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UCTC: Thank you.

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UCTC: Moving on to new business.

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UCTC: A draft. Uctc. Resolution, 2025, dash. 0 7. Allocation of previously unallocated Federal transit administration. Section 53, 0, 7. Formula funds for regional transportation projects.

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UCTC: I have a motion to approve the resolution.

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UCTC: I'll make a motion. Thank you, supervisor. Do I have a second? I'll second it. Thank you, Mr. Pine. I have a motion to second discussion. Brian.

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UCTC: Sure members should be aware that we program

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UCTC: 50 Fta 53 0, 7 funding is allocated to the transportation management area. Orange Duches of Ulster County agrees on the distribution of those funds on an annual basis, and we partner with New York State, Dot and Fta

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UCTC: and Metro North in determining the distribution of those funds.

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UCTC: Every time those funds are allocated there's always savings left over, and if you refer to attachment one on page 3 of Resolution 7.

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UCTC: Those savings are detailed at the very top of the page over the course. Since 2020 we have amassed just shy of 17 million dollars in Fta 53 0 7 funding.

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UCTC: So these were released in December through a competitive process where designated recipients those eligible public transit providers could apply for these funds, and a team of

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UCTC: Npo. Staff from the 3 counties as well as New York State. Dot

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UCTC: reviewed the applications and recommended the awards as detailed on page 3 of the resolution, there are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 awards in total. I'll start at the top. Duches County bus replacement purchase of 12 heavy duty buses, total award of just over 6 million dollars.

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UCTC: Ulster County electric buses and upgraded software for electric buses would be purchased

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UCTC: for a total as well as upgraded software which I believe they will be going through an Rfp process for their software needs. That's an awarded for 4.3 million dollars.

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UCTC: The the village of Curious Joelle in Orange County, requested a bus procurement of 11 buses

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UCTC: as well as a transit. Modernization and efficiency project, the the details of which

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UCTC: escape me at the moment I apologize, but that those were both awarded separately 3.5,000,001.5 million respectively.

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UCTC: The Mta Metro North had requested 552,000 for upgrades to bridges on the Harlem line in Dutchess County, and finally the village of Monroe, in Orange County, requested \$210,000 for park and ride improvements at one location.

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UCTC: All these funds require a state and local match of 20%.

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UCTC: Any questions.

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UCTC: And I should also note that we will continue to have remaining phones of \$767,000 after these

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UCTC: funds are distributed any questions from anyone in the room, any questions from anyone online, hearing none any opposed

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UCTC: any extensions.

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UCTC: So, Carrie, thank you, Brian. Thank you.

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UCTC: Item B,

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UCTC: draft, Uctc. Resolution 2025, slash. 0 8 amendment to the Uctc. Federal fiscal year 2023, 2027. Transportation improvement program to add a new Ulster County area transit ucat PIN number 8 tu, 0 2 0, as shown in attachment one I have a motion to approve.

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UCTC: I'll make the microphone. I have Mr. Pine, do I have a second everybody online?

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UCTC: I'll make a second. Thank you, supervisor. Have a second Ryan's discussion. Sure. One

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UCTC: revision or error that I'd like to point out in the agenda the PIN references Atu, 0 2 0, we determine that that PIN was already used. If you look at the attachment on page 2 that shows the draft check strip, the correct PIN is listed Atu 0 2 2. That will be the PIN used. So any

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UCTC: new funding to be added to the Uctc. Tip requires 1st technical committee, review and approval.

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UCTC: then 15 day, public notice and review and comment period and finally policy committee review and approval.

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UCTC: And this. So this resolution, 2025, dash 8 would create the new PIN Atu 0 2 2. To add the transit award that was just approved under Resolution 7. And you can see under the description. The new description is shown there for battery electric buses as well as transit routing and scheduling software, and that identifies the source of Federal funds.

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UCTC: How are those battery operated buses operating and performing now that we have

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UCTC: anyone on from Uk to attend, they said they would be here, but I don't see them. So we we can. We can get you that answer. The the short answer is, is, they're all online. They're all on deployed. They've been pretty successful during the not so cold months.

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UCTC: But during the colder months they've lost a lot of their efficiency. Previous software problems with the buses. They've been down and worked. And my understanding was is that those software problems have been resolved, although there's an occasional glitch here and there.

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UCTC: The original 3 boxes were new flyers.

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UCTC: and the Ucat has decided to transition to giligs, which, traditionally, I believe they've been very comfortable with Diesel giligs in the past. I think it's a

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UCTC: manufacturer will be more comfortable with, so we'll see. But we can get you a detailed answer. I don't need a detail just curious whether they were resolving the problems that they were having. Okay. They are all in service, I know.

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UCTC: Oh, any other comments or questions, hearing none.

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UCTC: Any opposed any extension.

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UCTC: Okay, thank you.

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UCTC: Item C, draft resolution 2025, 0 9 in support of the New York State Department. Transportation targets for performance measures related to bridge and pavement conditions on the national highway system and system and freight performance on the national highway system. I have a motion for approval.

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UCTC: I'll make the motion. Thank you, Supervisor Joy, have a second

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jamese.quigley3rd: Check, in

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UCTC: Didn't catch that voice

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jamese.quigley3rd: Supervisor Quigley, second.

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UCTC: Thank you, Supervisor, much appreciated. I have a motion and a second Brian discussion. Sure performance management requirements came into

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UCTC: law under the previous Service Transportation Act map 21 has been carried through since. So it requires Mpos and New York state.to monitor conditions on our roads.

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UCTC: Regarding a variety of performance. Metrics. Resolution, 2025, dash, 9 addresses, performance management 2, and and system performance measure, sorry performance, measure 2 and performance measure 3. These are the highway and bridge performance measures.

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UCTC: for Pm. 2 and Pm. 3 Mpos are allowed to utilize New York State dots. Performance measures, and this is certainly the case. With this resolution we are recognizing the New York State Department. Transportation's performance measures for

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UCTC: targets regarding bridge conditions, pavement conditions system performance meaning congestion and interstate freight performance targets for reliability, which is another measure of congestion across the State system in New York State.

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UCTC: so these, I believe every Mpo. Will be adopting the New York State Department transportation targets. So if you refer to attachment one all 4 of these targets are laid out in detail. There's baseline year, then targets for year 2 and year, 4

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UCTC: that are projected out. I believe there are some slight increases that are being predicted. In terms of

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UCTC: poor pavements may go up in the 4 year period from 11.3 to 12.8. The measure of good pavement condition may go down. This all boils down to New York City, Dot's pavement model.

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UCTC: so detailed statistical model that predicts the rate of deterioration and factors in the rate of investment that they use, and begins to predict what the estimated condition of the system will be. And the same is used for bridge conditions as well.

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UCTC: so that in a nutshell is a description of Pm. 2 and Pm. 3. The resolution will ensure that this Mpo. Stays within.

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UCTC: the requirements, the Federal requirements of performance management which have to be factored in the all these targets need to be detailed in our upcoming transportation improvement program and the long range transportation plan in a performance management plan

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UCTC: any questions.

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UCTC: I would note that this is not going in the right direction

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UCTC: going in a wrong direction. That give sense in terms of the availability of resources.

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UCTC: I'll leave it at that. But the targets are within an acceptable rate of

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UCTC: deterioration. Yeah, for lack of a better word, hearing no questions, no comments.

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UCTC: any opposed.

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UCTC: any extensions.

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UCTC: So, Carrie, thank you. Thank you. Item, 6. Other old business. Uc, 2026. Tip update Ryan

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UCTC: regarding the tip. And it's

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UCTC: I'm talking about the tip, Rob. If you could give Raul and Maris. They'll have a code presenters. Thank you. Great.

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UCTC: Just a brief update regarding the tip update. So Mpos have agreed that we will have everyone, all 14 Mpos. Would have adopted tips. Well.

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UCTC: think 13 out

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UCTC: 12 out of the 14 will have adopted tips by June. Then Tech and Orange county usually take till August.

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UCTC: and we are on track at Uctc. To have our tip updated by June. So the the schedule that we have so far everyone would have received, as I already mentioned, the expression of interest notification. If there are

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UCTC: transportation needs, whether they be active transportation, non-motorized surface transportation or bridge issues, you should bring those to our attention by submitting a letter. And again, I've been receiving those I have at least 5 or 6 already, and the deadline for those letters is this, Friday.

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UCTC: After we we receive those, we will summarize them and present them at the next meeting in April, at the Uctc. Policy Committee meeting. So everyone is aware. At that time we may have recommendations for projects that will be included new products that will be included in the Uctc. Bearing in mind all the projects that are currently programmed on the tip have been made whole. We continue to get some estimates in from a few miscellaneous projects, but overall

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UCTC: Any additional funds that were needed or requested have been honored

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UCTC: by the Uctc. Through our fair formula, allocation, and what remains is what we're planning on distributing through the expression of interest, we will reserve some funding across several categories if we feel it's prudent to do. So. So there's no guarantee that we'll distribute

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UCTC: 100% of those funds.

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UCTC: If and when we do, those funds will be put in what we call block program essentially, in savings for future programming. Because I think, as everyone knows, if you have familiarity with Federal aid projects

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UCTC: when those projects go to bids go to bid. The bid. Estimates usually often

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UCTC: come in above what we have programmed on the tip. So if we require an offset, it's good to have a small amount of money on the tip that we can draw

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UCTC: from for future offsets, primarily for construction or design, and we would anticipate that there will be bridge money available for all system bridges. We haven't seen all of the applications yet, but we do anticipate that we should have some bridge money right? The the expression of interest, letter details, all the funds that we believe are available, just shy of 1.3 million in Stbg flex dollars.

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UCTC: which requires state and local match or a local match.

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UCTC: And we have

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UCTC: over 12 million in off system bridge funding. That's a significant amount of funding, especially bearing in mind that we expect a bridge. New York call to be issued later this fall.

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UCTC: So we should be able to program some new bridges on our transportation improvement program this spring. And if there are bridge issues or concerns, you should definitely be submitting an expression of interest identifying the bin number.

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UCTC: So

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UCTC: we'll have those recommendations and draft form next month. And then, as we go into the May Technical Committee meeting, we'll be moving to present the full

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UCTC: transportation proven program to the Technical Committee for review and hopefully for your approval.

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UCTC: At that point we will have, at least one public meeting presenting the tip. Probably an evening meeting where we give a Powerpoint presentation. I'm sure we'll do it online. Make it available through zoom

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UCTC: and have it. I don't know. Maybe in the legislative chambers. If people want to attend in person and we'll go over the tip in great detail, I'll try to summarize funding categories, and where this funding is going to, and the status of most of our projects that are included on the tip

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UCTC: after the comment period concludes, which is a 15 day public comment period. The tip will then go to the policy committee in June for final approval.

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UCTC: So if everything goes smoothly, we should have an approved tip in June. There's a significant narrative component to it. I mean the tip, for all intent and purposes, is right here. This is the document so listed of all of our projects. But there are a lot of Federal requirements included in the tip, so we will be preparing a 30

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UCTC: roughly. 30 page narrative explanation, and not the least of those are finished. Thank you. Any questions I have something I want to ask about. Since you're bringing up bridges, you know. Peter Avenue Bridge was repaired by the county Contractor committee.

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UCTC: and

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UCTC: we brought to the county's attention that the sidewalk on the bridge was crumbling, and we were told that that would be handled after that repair. Do you know anything about? We had this conversation with public works, I believe, last week, and it's my understanding is that they are going to correct the deficiencies in the sidewalk. It's at the point where it's kind of dangerous.

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UCTC: mostly because of the weather. Yeah, but I even see where Rebar popping out of there, too, I mean, as far as the repairs. You need a little bit better weather. You need better weather. Yeah.

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UCTC: I just want to know if this is a plan in place. Yeah, anything else, anything, any other questions.

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UCTC: So segwaying from the tip. One of the things that has to happen with respect to the tip, it has to be consistent with the long range transportation plan

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UCTC: and the long range transportation plan is currently under update by the by Uctc. And we have 2 sets of consultants working on that. And I'm going to let Brian introduce them. Sure. First, st we have Maris Fry from Transpo, and we also have Raul Irzari from Fhi.

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UCTC: And I know, Raul, that you're no longer Fhi apologize. Old habits die hard, but it's on your

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UCTC: same as well. So welcome both. Just to give our members a quick overview. We initially had a contract with Fhi studio to assist us with public engagement. And I'm gonna ask Raul to just give a very brief overview of where we're at right now. In the public engagement process. But before I do that

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UCTC: we also, later on, after we realized that we would be short staffed in the fall. Going into the winter, we realized that we would really need consult assistance to help us prepare the document

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UCTC: itself. Typically, that's done in house by our staff, but because we were short staffed, we decided it would be best to hire a consultant, and we're very fortunate to have Transpo group assisting us with that element. And so in a moment Maris will walk us through some of the work that they're doing. But before we do that, Raul, can you give us just a really brief update on where we're at with public engagement for the long range plan?

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: Yeah, definitely, I can give a quick update on that stuff. Everybody. I'm Raul. Thanks for having me here. So yeah, I'm with Fhi studio now imag still have her name. But so Fhi studio is completely fine. But right now we're at with the public engagement for the Long range transportation plan

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: we just released the survey last week that you might have seen

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: blasted there by Brian and I. Just quick numbers on that stuff over the past. Probably less than a week. We've got over 169 responses so far.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: We're getting a lot of good feedback from folks A lot of these questions are mobility based? And their project based as well. So if you haven't had a chance to check out the survey. Please do. You can either find it on the website, on Uctc's website or on the participate Ulster page as well that we're using as our main engagement tool.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: And just I guess a few quick

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: statistics or interesting things I've found from the survey itself. Is that

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: you know a question like as far as like owning a vehicle in a home. It's about right now from the respondents. There's like 15% of folks. Do not own a car or have access to a private vehicle. Those are folks who are who are responding so far. So I thought that was an interesting

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: statistic there, and our towns who are responding the most are, you know, the city of Kingston, that the town of Marbleton, town of Hurley, and the town of New Paltz are really the ones who are engaging the most. But we've had folks from every town listed on our survey as far as which one you spend the most time in. Respond to the survey. At least.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: That's just one of the the many engagement tools that we're using. Again, there's a particip participate holster page that you can go on where all of our engagement will live, where we'll pop up in the community and talk to folks.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: what we're having meetings we're right now lining up Pop ups for the spring. So pop ups are really just any events that we can attend to. Talk about the long range transportation plan and talk to folks about what it is, what their thoughts are on it. And what they they want to see come from it.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: So keep an eye out for that over the next couple of months. And then we're also planning some stakeholder. Topic, specific interviews with folks.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: The to just talk about, you know, a specific topics with them. So those are a few ways we're engaging with folks right now. I will say that if you have any event that you're like, oh, this would be a great event to attend just feel free to reach out to either Brian or myself, and I can coordinate that and see if we can pop up at one of the events right now. Things I've worked in the past, or things like farmers, markets.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: even being at the library and talking to folks.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: And festivals work great as well, food, truck festivals, any kind of festivals. Those are the ones that we see. We get a lot of engagement, because folks are already there kind of talking to folks and it's really informal, and you can really have a conversation. So the survey will be up for a while. There's also an interactive map on there. So if you want to leave location specific comments, and that's categorized by biking, driving, or walking, or taking public transportation, you can leave your



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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: your comments based on on those categories, on the survey itself.

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: I think that's really where we're at right now, with engagement. Again feel free to reach out to either Brian or myself. If you have any questions about the survey about what we're doing in the future. More than happy to talk to any of you folks about about. What we're doing

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UCTC: Thanks so much, Raul. Yeah. Just to reiterate that the the purpose of the survey is to get a sense of where the public feels are limited transportation dollars should be invested.

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UCTC: There are 2 specific questions, one focusing on highway dollars.

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UCTC: And there's a quite, I believe we have 10 to 12 different funding

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UCTC: possibilities, categories that the respondent can identify. If they had a hundred dollars, how would they distribute that money, whether it be bicycle, infrastructure, safety infrastructure or just paving projects. So it's really intended to get a sense of where, as we all know, at this table, we have very limited dollars available. Where should those dollars be focused? And then the mapping tool that Raul mentioned gets

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UCTC: gets us down into a project based

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UCTC: response, where we can get a sense of.

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UCTC: You know what project needs. The public feels are needed on our transportation system throughout the county

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Emily Flynn (She/her): Quick little thing. 1st of all, I just think the survey and the mapping tool is fantastic. I love the ordering of the budget. I had trouble ordering the environmental factors and doing the map until I turned off grammarly. And then it worked. So just want to give that feedback

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Raul Irizarry - FHI Studio: Okay.

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UCTC: We've heard that same comment before. Thank you, Emily. That it's not quite intuitive. I think I had some trouble with it, too, so we'll continue to do some minor tweaks. The survey will be open through June. So, and just to to know

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UCTC: the response rate in less than a week of 169 is really high, especially when we consider I I emailed it out directly to our Uctc mailing list, which is about 800 individuals.

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UCTC: I'm sure there's a good number of them that are just.

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UCTC: And the email addresses are no longer active. So we're gonna have a rolling rollout of of this publicity. The county executive's office is going to assist us. We'll request the city of Kingston through the Mayor's Newsletter to post it. And we'll be putting up posters on our buses throughout

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UCTC: throughout the county with the QR. Code. That will take the public directly to that survey. So we're just getting started. So one of the things we would ask for those folks that are elected officials on the call if you could mention it at your town board meetings. We'll be happy to send you flyers and A. And a QR. Code that you can put in your agendas. But we would appreciate. We'd appreciate if you get the word out for us, probably a link from our website. Yeah, that would be fantastic.

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UCTC: Any comments on that right? Thank you, Raul, appreciate it?

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UCTC: Next we have Maris Fry. I know Maris for a number of years. She's a planner, working for Transpo and assisting us with the update of the document itself. We've been meeting with our consultants of transpo, which includes a pretty diverse team of of planners who are have their own areas of specialization. And we're walking through our existing document, the long range transportation plan for 2045

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UCTC: and seeing what needs to be updated just on a basic level with new data and seeing how we can expand the document. In into new areas of interest. And topics. Maris, do you have a few slides to update us with

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: Yeah, pretty pretty basic slides. Let's see, can you all see my screen?

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: Great. So I just wanted to to. I mean, we're we're still the pretty early stages of working on the Lrtp update. So I just wanted to go over what, how we see the role of the technical Committee.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: just the overall process of updating the the Lrtp, and then our our schedule. So kind of building on what others have mentioned. As far as the engagement goes. We see the technical committee serving as connectors and broadcasters of you know, making sure that we are talking to the right people. Making sure that the

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: all the engagement activities are are getting out to as many people as possible. Obviously, that's the survey. Is a really important piece of the Lrtp Update.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: We see we see you all serving as guides of the Lrtp. Obviously you are the most knowledgeable people. Within your given municipalities and and agencies. So your, your input is is a really important part of the Update. And then, ultimately, once we once we have a draft.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: Lrtv update, you know, getting getting your review of the document, or particular components of the document will be an an important role for you all.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: So the the overall process for updating the the long range transportation plan we, we break it out into to 8 main components. So identifying the transportation needs. So that's really just like understanding what

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: what are the most important areas of opportunity. What are the the biggest you know? Challenges that exist right now in the region, and part of that certainly will come from the survey as that is deployed, and we start getting feedback from that, establishing the goals. So

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: we will be revisiting the goals from the previous Lrtp. To see to make sure that they're still consistent with the overall goals of Ulster County, or adjusting that where necessary.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: the collection of data and information that's been a really big component of what we've been working on over the last month. Now, there's a lot of a lot of data to collect in order to update the Lrtp and and it's 1 of the things that we focus on the most at the beginning to make sure that that we have everything we need

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: to update every section of the document comprehensively and also make sure that we're

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: requesting data from from the the right folks and and collecting any additional data that may be necessary for you know, to address new emphasis areas to again, address address any of those kind of new or emerging transportation needs

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: using that data will

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: we'll be projecting future population and employment. So that's something that is that we're working on. Now, based on the the data that we've collected and going forward once we've once we've been able to process all of the the data. We'll be

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: diving more into developing strategies. Identifying transportation improvement projects

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: and then ultimately drafting the the long range transportation plan. At which point, you know, we during that that part of the process kind of 5 through 8 that's a that's a part where we will certainly be getting input from the technical committee. To make sure that we are, we are adequately

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: addressing the needs of of your municipalities.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: The schedule for the project. So we kicked things off in February.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: so really, the main

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: the main thing we've been doing over the course of the last month or so is just reviewing the the prior Lrtp, making sure that we're you know, collecting and requesting all that data, and as of this month we've also begun,

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: you know, drafting the drafting specific section updates, and concurrent with that, the public outreach will be happening as as Raul mentioned. And then starting

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: in June through August is really gonna be the bulk of of us compiling the the draft. Lrtp.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: late July or early August is when we anticipate the public meetings presenting the draft. Lrtp. The August 26th meeting will be when the when Uctc. Technical

Committee, would recommend the draft Lrtp. To the policy Committee, and then September 23rd would be when the Uctc. Policy Committee votes on the resolution to approve

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: the updated Lrtp

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: and just given the given the time constraint and schedule constraints we anticipate. Likely in October. Then, following approval of the updated Lrtp, we'd be working on the

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: the stylized version of this of this document and and that way that way, we make sure we get all the all the technical content wrapped up and focus on that in the in the coming months.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: So yeah, any, I guess. Yeah, Brian, any anything else

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UCTC: No, that's great. I I should just note that maris's colleague.

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UCTC: Scott Levine, who is working with us as well. Scott's been a transportation consultant for, and I get at least a couple of decades. He's primarily a modeler and helps

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UCTC: prepare, as well as Maris. Long range plans for many Mpos in New York State and across the country. Scott couldn't be here because he's also a professor professor of geography at Suny new pulse.

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UCTC: So some of you may be familiar with Scott through that venue. But he's yeah. He's lecturing right now at New Falls. So we're happy to have transpo on board, and we've worked, you may recall, with Transpo on our human services transportation plan.

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UCTC: So they have a lot of just

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UCTC: direct knowledge of Ulster County and our transportation network that they're coming to to bring to bear on this effort. So we're we're really pleased so far with the effort we've seen.

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UCTC: and I just wanna say that

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UCTC: I would urge everyone to take a look at the existing Lrtp. And look at the figures and maps in that document and figure out that all of those figures or maps have to be updated.

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UCTC: All of that data has to be Qa, Qc, and there is a significant amount of data that goes into this. One of the most difficult things we're having having.

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UCTC: is the range of population projections for the county.

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UCTC: The various sources of population. Projections of the county go as high as over 200,000 by 2050 to as low as the fact that the population of the county actually decreases between where we are today and where we are going to be in 2050.

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UCTC: That's a that's a that's a level of range, and we'll present those as a level that they're presented as a level now in the plan. But think of crash data! Think of pavement data. Think of all the things that go into essentially making decisions, of how you invest in your prior, in your, in your transportation system. And all of that data is in the long range transportation plan. All of it needs to be updated in Qaqc

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UCTC: supervisor. I'm just curious if we can identify how much of the 15% of people that don't have cars live in the rural communities that don't have public transportation. And you know, if that effect is that information going to be available. Yeah. So there's the question in the survey. And it's as Raul noted. It's really interesting that that figure is so high, because

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UCTC: most of the folks that are on the Uctc. Mailing list

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UCTC: our our government or administrators of that capacity. When you really want to drill down to the general public. We look to our census tools to determine. Who, you know the the rate of car ownership and households. So we can do that by municipality. I believe it uses the American Community Service Acs. American community Survey

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UCTC: 5 year estimates, and we have it currently in the current plan for 2018.

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UCTC: When you get outside of the city of Kingston, because they're estimates the

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UCTC: there's there's an imputation error bigger than the number that you're it is because of the size of the survey

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UCTC: in in some of the rural areas. That's what ends up happening. I just I know there's there's some concern about the people that don't have cars that live on rural roads, and how much

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UCTC: you know. I know we've expanded and improved our world transportation, but

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UCTC: I feel like there might be some room for more improvement in that, just because there's so many people that can't get to. And it could be seniors that are answering the survey as well, yeah, yeah, that's what could happen.

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UCTC: Thank you for that. Any any other questions, anybody online?

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UCTC: No.

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UCTC: Great. Okay. Hearing that. Yes, thank you for dropping in sure project. Update.

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UCTC: you're you're welcome. Thank you.

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UCTC: just 2 project updates. The 1st is the route optimization plan is still very much ongoing. We're engaged with foursquare itp that is, doing a wholesale re imagination of also county area transit routes.

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UCTC: You can look at draft preliminary routes. Right now, if you go to the participate ulcer page. Those have been up there for several months now, and they're being refined, based on input we've received from the public as well as new schedules will be developed, and we expect to present those refined final draft routes and schedules.

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UCTC: Probably in. It's probably in May of this year.

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UCTC: We also have just completed a full wholesale inventory and assessment of Ucat's transit software. So Ucat uses a variety of different software tools to develop schedules, to deploy buses, to schedule shifts for their drivers.

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UCTC: And things of that nature. So

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UCTC: all of that software is a bit mysterious, you to transportation planners.

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UCTC: The technical memo that has been it hasn't been released to the public yet, but it should be in the next couple of days really starts to explain how these software packages work, what what you get currently using what the pros and cons are. It's it's 1 of the most insightful technical memos that we've received in recent years, because it really just starts to explain

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UCTC: these software systems in layman's terms. And I'm beginning to get a better understanding of them. And there are significant investments in both in terms of dollars, also in terms of their ability of the U of the Ucat system to respond to change, and particularly if we move into micro transit to do the scheduling necessary for micro transit

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UCTC: right?

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UCTC: So I hope to release that in the next few days it's just going through the final revision as a draft document, and will be put on. Participate Ulster shortly. So the project still very much on on schedule. We will look to do a amendment to the contract and a part of that amendment is to add additional work outside the current scope of work to do an inventory of existing stops and stop amenities

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UCTC: also known as bus shelters and we'll look at bus the bus signs. I I think

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UCTC: if you travel throughout the country you may know that there are a variety of Ucat bus stop signs that show schedules and other stop information that are just no longer accurate.

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UCTC: And we've been asking, you know, where's the inventory of the these signs. Who's made them? Do you know where where they're located? And there there is no clear inventory of the signs, so you can't manage what you can't measure and we need to have at least the basic inventory

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UCTC: of the signs of the shelters and other amenities before we can plan for improvements. So that's the purpose of the the amendment. It'll be a relatively small in terms of scale of the current contract, but it will require some additional dollars. When that's ready, we're still going back and forth.

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UCTC: We'll present that

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UCTC: to to this board. But we already budgeted for that in the upcoming upwp so we will not need to amend the unified planning work program.

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UCTC: You have another update. Right? You had another update. The only other one is the traffic count program. And do you have? Is that your update? That's my update. So we we do have a new contract with our traffic count folks, and we should be rolling out traffic counts. I don't think we'll make the spring but we should be able to make the fall traffic counts when schools in session.

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UCTC: I did also want to say, and I wonder if Maris is still on. But if she's not, that's okay. I also

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: The one

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UCTC: I also wanted to say Paris if you could. We're talking, I know. Scott had talked about new data sources with respect to trying to measure traffic, using some of the other data sources that are available, wondering if you could just discuss those briefly

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: Oh, yeah, I'm not the expert on it, but I know we're we are exploring the use of

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: npm, Rds data. I believe I don't know what that stands for. But it

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: we we're gonna be looking at a few key corridors in the county. To understand, you know, different peaking traffic conditions that that go beyond. Just you know the Am. Peak hour. Pm, peak hour. We're we're trying to understand.

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: you know, if there are, or where there are, you know, more weekend peaks, or, you know, Friday afternoon, Sunday afternoon, when people might be you know, traveling

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: to and from Ulster County more for recreation purposes. yeah. So that's 1 of the additional

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Maris Fry - Transpo Group: data sources that we're we're planning to look into to just look at a different lens of traffic than is than is typically looked at

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UCTC: Thanks, Mayor, I appreciate that. And then, last, but not least, Brian, your Traffic Safety Board, Ulster County Traffic Safety Board has a meeting scheduled for April 7.th The Board meets at 6 Pm. 1st Monday of the month in the legislative Chambers, 6th floor Ulster County Government Building. So before we close? Is there any comments or announcements from people in the room, from council members in the room?

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UCTC: Any comments or announcements from individuals online?

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UCTC: Hearing none. I remind you that the Ulster County Policy Committee will meet on April 20 second. I look forward to seeing you all there, and at that particular time we'll consider some of these resolutions as well as some further updates to the tip. Thank you very much for being here. We stand adjourned.

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UCTC: Thank you.

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UCTC: Thank you.