

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

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June 24, 2025

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

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UCTC: And they're all morning everyone welcome to the June 24th policy for the Committee the Ultimate Transportation Council.

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UCTC: Right? Sure I will name the municipality. If the voting member present could please state their name. Ulster County.

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UCTC: City of Kingston.

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jschultheis: John Schultes.

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UCTC: Town authorities.

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Leeanne Thornton: Leanne, Thornton.

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UCTC: On an alter.

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James Quigley: James Quigley.

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UCTC: New York State Department of Transportation Standard, New York State. Thruway Authority. Michael Bodette Town of Hurley, Mike Bombs.

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UCTC: town of Marlboro, town of Sean Gong.

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UCTC: Village of New Palms town of Warsing town of Kingston.

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UCTC: Town of Asopis.

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Danielle Freer: Danielle, freer.

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UCTC: And town of Gardner.

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Town of Gardiner: Mary Beth, majestic.

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UCTC: We have a quorum. Thank you. Everyone.

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UCTC: Item 2 on the agenda. For sure.

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UCTC: This is the time it's gone online.

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UCTC: Do have a guest, you have a comment. You can raise your hand, we can watch, did you, unmuted.

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UCTC: hearing no cissors cons, any comments from council members before we start the meeting in the room.

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UCTC: Any comments for council members online

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UCTC: hearing none. Item, turn on the agenda, the approval, the April 20, second, 2025 Policy committee meeting summary. Can I have a motion for approval purposes? Please.

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James Quigley: So moved.

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UCTC: Thank you, Mr. Quigley. Do I have a second second?

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UCTC: Yes, okay, thank you, Mr. Bonds. We have a motion. Second, any discussion. There's a hard copy in the box for anyone interested of the Transcript.

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UCTC: Hearing no discussion, any opposed, any abstentions.

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UCTC: So, Carrie, thank you.

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UCTC: Communications and announcements, Brian, I can mention later on. But I'll mention again this. The Ulster County Transportation Council has, of course, been updating its long range transportation plan, and the public engagement period is coming to a close.

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UCTC: We will be closing the public survey on June 30.th So that's rapidly coming up. We've done some

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UCTC: some pushes to remind folks if they wanted to participate. That now is the time before that survey closes. We've had over 500 responds, which is great for Uctc. Survey with lots of hits on the mapping tool to identify areas of concern and other and other issues of concern. There is a flyer here at the front of the table with a

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UCTC: QR. Code that will link you directly to that survey. If you want to share it with your constituents.

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UCTC: The other announcement is regarding the roadway departure program opportunity. That opportunity. At the

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UCTC: called for projects. The deadline was

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UCTC: early June, and there were no projects submitted from Ulster County municipalities, including Ulster County Government and Dpw, so

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UCTC: it's unfortunate it'll be interesting to see statewide how well the program fares we're still hoping that near State dot will have some projects

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UCTC: on their system within Ulster County.

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UCTC: Yes. And so this was specific for local call for projects. And in the Hudson Valley we did only receive 2 applications

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UCTC: region wide. One was from Columbia County, or a route Columbia County, Dpw. For one of their routes, and then the city of New Rochelle. They have, like an existing project, and they want to add some improvements. And add some funding for eligible components.

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UCTC: So I imagine we'll unpack this at the statewide Directors level and have discussions on the success of the call concerns regarding the complexity of the application. I know that was some concern that I had heard, but

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UCTC: without engineering assistance. It is a heavy lift for municipalities. That's just the way of federally

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UCTC: any other communications and announcements, Brian. That's all that come to mind

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UCTC: any communications and announcements from any of the council members in the room.

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UCTC: Any communications. Announcements from Council members online.

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UCTC: hearing number 5 on the agenda is new business. Item, a Uctc. Resolution 2025 to 10, amendment to the Uctc. Federal fiscal year 2023, 2027. Transportation improvement program to add New York State Department transportation, nice dot PIN number 0 8 0 1, 8, 5 0 shown in attachment. A. This has to do with caving projects on Route 28, and I have a motion for approval.

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UCTC: I'll make the motions. Thank you, Mr. Fein. Do I have a second.

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Town of Gardiner: I'll second.

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UCTC: Majestic.

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Town of Gardiner: District. Right? Yes.

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UCTC: Thank you. Appreciate. I have a motion, a second discussion, Brian. Sure this is an amendment to the existing tip, the 2023 to 2027 tip is effective through September 30th of this year, and the New York State Department transportation wanted to make sure that this project was tip active on the current tip

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UCTC: and the future tip, which becomes effective October one. Hence the need for this amendment. I imagine we'll also have some amendments over the course of the summer to the existing tip as well. Later on. But this project, as the description

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UCTC: details on page 2, is route 28 from Walcom Road to route 375, to bring the pavement to a state of good repair.

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UCTC: Have a comment about that. My concern is doing the 28, which is itself, he needs it more or less. The thing is, though, with the rail trail is

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UCTC: right. There's there's so many near misses

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UCTC: right over there. Is there a way of like you? Have? You have 4 lanes? You have 2, and going east and 2 end going west. Is there a way of making one of those lanes like a turn in lane to the rail trail?

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UCTC: Just saying like, I've witnessed myself, and I have had a lot of people call me and say that this is like so dangerous, because what's happening is you're going down a hill.

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UCTC: and it's curving to the left, and you can't see the cars are standing there more or less, I'd say, regarding near misses. We have heard reports of near misses, but the last I looked at the crash rate. There wasn't an elevated crash rate, I know, at the location. I know that, but the project sounds like it's repair and replace, so everything would be maintained as is

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UCTC: but it's good to make the department aware. Yeah, I mean, I'll take this back. But I would definitely say it, you know, if you have the time it'd be nice. You can even use my email address if you really kind of it. Could you send me that as a as a note? Because I'd like to get it along to the right folks, either for this project or for another project. I'll I'll write it down.

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UCTC: Any other comments concerns.

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UCTC: Thank you, supervisor. Hearing none, have a motion. In a second we have a phone call.

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UCTC: And I any of both any extensions.

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UCTC: hearing none. So, Harry, thank you very much.

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UCTC: Vitamin B.

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UCTC: Uctc. Resolution 2025, dash. 11. Adoption of the Uctc. Federal fiscal year 2026, 2030 transportation improvement programs.

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UCTC: Ryan, you have a presentation right? Sure. I'm not going to go through the presentation, and I'll ask for a motion after that stuff. Yeah, I'm not going to go through it. Page by page. We presented it twice already, 1st at the previous Uctc technical committee meeting, and then on June 10, th at our public meeting, of course, we update the tip every 2 to 3 years. The tip is the capital program arm of metropolitan planning organization and keep going. Chris.

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UCTC: who Uctc is

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UCTC: and yes, this is the transportation improvement program. And so it's the the tip covers a 5 year. Federal fiscal year period from 2026 to 2030.

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UCTC: Fiscal constraint is the major consideration. Here we have to program projects under a pretty strict budget control by Federal aid program.

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UCTC: We have been coordinating very closely with New York State dot, also county area transit

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UCTC: and our local sponsors with projects already programmed on the tip to update budgets and schedules.

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UCTC: And if you're not aware sometimes the term tip is used synonymously with step, that

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UCTC: all 14 go to the next slide. All 14 Mpos across New York State are updating their tips right now.

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UCTC: Those tips once approved, get rolled into what is called the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which is essentially a compendium of all the 14 Mpo tips plus the rural program the New York State dot admin.

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UCTC: So we're dealing with Fhwa funding, Federal highway administration and Federal transit fta funding

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UCTC: and the main components here are highway bridge and bike and pent projects. Mobility projects transit. And then Dot has a very significant component of multi county projects, as well as some local projects that were added to this program.

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UCTC: In the past New York State thruway authority and bridge authority have used federally, but they have don't have any Federal aid projects included on this transportation improvement program.

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UCTC: The process is that dot provides us with a fiscal target. Essentially, the amount of money we have to program.

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UCTC: and that occurred in November, and we take it from there the Uctc Technical Committee and staff work specifically to update the local projects. Those are projects sponsored by local municipality, using Federal aid to carry through and update whatever needs to be updated on those projects. And if we have money to add, then we add.

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UCTC: and then we've been fine tuning it in the past several months to get to the point where we're at today.

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UCTC: Of course, it's running under the bipartisan infrastructure law which has made that these dollars available.

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UCTC: Keep going, so hold on, we can hold it there.

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UCTC: Hit- hit it one more time. There's there we go!

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UCTC: We were given targets for several Federal aid sources of funding Stpg flex, Stpg off system bridge.

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UCTC: carbon reduction program, highway safety improvement program.

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UCTC: And I feel like there's 1 more additional funding source. So th, those are the fiscal targets.

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UCTC: And we looked at the projects that are currently on the transportation improvement program and what dollar amounts they may need. And we determined very quickly that the majority of our Stbg flex target was going to be absorbed by the existing needs of existing projects already

programmed. Nonetheless, we did have a few dollars, not a few. We had significant funding for our bridge program

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UCTC: and the highway safety improvement program allocation. So we issued an expression of interest, call for project proposals which was mailed to all municipalities.

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UCTC: asking municipalities if they had a project in mind to make us aware of it, and we would determine if it was eligible for funding, and if it was feasible for a inclusion on the transportation improvement program, just go ahead to the next slide.

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UCTC: This is a summary of all the dollars that are programmed on the current transportation improvement program.

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UCTC: Go ahead and continue.

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UCTC: So what did we do with the target town of Lloyd Tilson Avenue project, which is complete, did have a deficit of one over 1.4 million, so we were able to provide Federal aid of 1.4 million, and the town is required to provide 20% match to that same for Ulster County route, 299 shoulders, and the towns of New Pulse and Gardner. That project is scheduled for construction, obligation this fall

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UCTC: and that project was short. Over 1.7 million dollars. So part a major portion of the target was provided to that project.

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UCTC: The Town Gore Creek Bridge, which is a Dpw. Or Ulster county Dpw. Project required funding, then other existing obligations. So our main target of dollars, Stpg flex, which is a great program because you can spend it on any surface transportation project, bridges, trails, roadway projects.

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UCTC: that 5 million dollars was absorbed by the the needs of the existing system. So we had, I think, a small amount of money available roughly, \$300,000 in federally left over. That is

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UCTC: you know, still eligible to be programmed on on future projects. But it's not enough to fund a standalone project.

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UCTC: Go ahead next slide. We also, for the 1st time in recent memory, had a target of highway Safety Improvement Program funding. We thank the Department for for providing that as well, and

we have an existing project on the tip. The Boise Lane project in the town of Ulster that's sponsored by town of Ulster.

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UCTC: It did have a deficit of its own. So 1.4 million in Federal aid was provided to that project. This is a signal coordination project at this rather complicated crossing of Boise Lane and 2 adjoining intersections along with the Csx. West Shore Railroad, so there will be improvements made to the signal

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UCTC: timing and infrastructure in that location, as well as upgrades for pedestrian accommodations going forward.

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UCTC: we had a significant over 12 million dollar target for our off system bridge program. Those are off system refers to off of the Federal aid highway system. So they're largely borough bridges. It's money that's typically targeted toward rural bridges. Towns and Ulster County are what the the

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UCTC: the typical recipients of the of this funding source.

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UCTC: And we're able in this iteration to program 2 brand new bridge projects, one in the town of Warsing for the Barber Road Bridge and another in the town of Lloyd for the Will Dock culvert, which will be converted into a bridge, therefore, making it eligible for the funding source. These locations are what are considered to be high criticality locations, and that

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UCTC: the communities or neighborhoods that are served by these bridges have only one way in and out and that is utilizing these bridges. And so the replacement is

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UCTC: while they're small bridges and they don't get a lot of traffic. They're highly critical to those individuals who use them. So we feel they're good investment.

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UCTC: And we have held over for future programming for off system bridges, 5.7 million dollars in Federal aid that is included on what we call block PIN. So it's held essentially in savings. And we'll discuss with Dot the best strategy for releasing those funds going forward, and I would say to any municipality that has a rural bridge concern, they can reach out to our department at any point in time

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UCTC: regarding their needs. I know we spoke with the town of Asopis and those discussions are ongoing regarding their bridge needs in their town, and

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UCTC: we want to make sure that this money is made available

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UCTC: as needed. Good. And I also, we're working on an exercise back in the office where in our. We've asked our local programs group to look through all the projects

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UCTC: to see if they know of any existing shortfalls on bridge projects. You know, if they're at design approval, or Ps. And E, so we kind of have a sense, too, of what's going on. So we'll share the results of that exercise with you. When we're done for Ulster County. Great, thank you, Sandra. And the town of Gardner has a bridge, too.

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UCTC: The town of Gardener has not submitted or notified me of any, which is that I'm aware of. But we'll

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UCTC: and they can certainly make us aware. And we'll we'll start to have those discussions slide.

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UCTC: Let's not forget about the Fta side. Federal transit administration aid. This Council deals with the appropriation of those dollars

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UCTC: quite frequently. The Ucat and Ulster County Government are the designated recipients of Federal

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UCTC: several different sources of Federal aid, including Fta. 5,307, that is attributed to the Kingston urbanized area, and section 53 0. 7, attributed to the Poughketsey, New Bern urbanized area, both of which

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UCTC: cover portions of Ulster County. So we get significant funding from those sources as well as another source called Fta 53, 39.

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UCTC: In this tip we're looking at a variety of capital improvements to the rolling stock, 1 point 2 5

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UCTC: 1 million for the design of a new Ucap bus storage facility. That's simply for the design.

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UCTC: Another one and a quarter 1 million for upgrades to the existing ucap facility, to make it Ada compliant

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UCTC: and to modernize their their maintenance facility.

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UCTC: And we're setting aside 12.5 million dollars in FDA, funding for the construction of a new Ucap bus storage and maintenance facility. The location is yet to be determined. The needs were determined preliminary needs through a 2019 study that Uctc. Did on behalf of Ulster County Government.

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UCTC: The electrification of the fleet has created significant storage and capacity needs.

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UCTC: and the fleet has essentially outgrown its current facility at Golden Hill. So we'll be looking to provide what would probably be a minimum of 12.5 million for the construction of that facility within the next 3 to 4 years, we'd like to see construction.

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UCTC: So it's also important to announce that the New York State Department of Transportation has provided 4

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UCTC: at least 2 new projects and 4 ongoing projects that are significant investments in the Ulster County transportation system. The Shandakin routes 212 and 214 that's in Shandakin and Woodstock has a significant slope. Repair project

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UCTC: to those roads that's been programmed for a while now, but not to this. I've heard about the design. Yes, we we had set aside some money for engineering, only it's going really well. So now we're comfortable assigning the construction funds right? 18 million dollars in Federal aid. And these are just Federal numbers, too. There's a state match requirement of 20%. Or it may, it may vary by program

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UCTC: the match requirement. But that's a significant project. Route 212 in Woodstock. This design process has been ongoing for the replacement of several culverts

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UCTC: in the Tinker Street area in Woodstock. It's a 27.5 million dollar

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UCTC: construction project that will include pedestrian enhancements. If if that's at least included in the description.

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UCTC: you know the extent to which those pedestrian enhancements are constructed, I think, is to be determined at this point. Yeah, so this is a great project, too. So we're like replacing. I want to

say, it's 4 bridges, 3 or 4 bridges in the corridor, and then also looking at you know, addressing the sidewalks in the village proper.

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UCTC: And then what happened over the past year was as part of our public outreach. We heard a lot about wanting to make you know, a good kind of bike path connection between the village of Woodstock and Bearsville.

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UCTC: We're pretty sure we don't quite have the funding to construct it, however.

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UCTC: because we know there, there's such a will for that as part of the engineering of this project, we're gonna scope out what that might look like.

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UCTC: See how much it would cost.

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UCTC: And then it. It probably would make a good candidate, maybe for a future tap application. But for the engineering to be done in the Environmental Review, I think, will really help with the application. So it was kind of like we might not be able to afford it now for construction. But let's look at it from an engineering standpoint.

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UCTC: So that in the future, even through funds here at Ucp, you know what I mean? It'll be yeah, that's fantastic. I think so, because again, these these federally projects are a big burden for municipalities. And to have that engineering backing and assistance from the department is a huge benefit. Yeah.

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UCTC: 2 new projects as well. Washington Avenue in the city of Kingston State. Dot has included on this transportation improvement program over 15 million dollars

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UCTC: for intersection and operational improvements on the corridor between Schwank Avenue and Sawkill Road. That's Washington Avenue in the city of Kingston. We did receive quite a few public comments on this project in particular, and as a result of those projects, we did make a change. The Department changed the project description.

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UCTC: which I believe, is on page 33.

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UCTC: This is project PIN 8, 8, 1, 7, 5, 9. The Department changed the project description to specifically reference. The Onw rail trail crossing as part of within the project scope. So we appreciate the department responding to public comments in that regard as well. Design is not

scheduled for obligation until 2027 for this project, which construction at this point estimated to be in the year 2030,

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UCTC: and then finally, a new. Another new project is Route 208 intersection in Shanga. That triangle intersection. As you're heading north, south through the town, 10.5 million in highway Safety Improvement program funding for operational improvements at that intersection. Which, again, has construction estimated for or construction. I'm sorry.

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UCTC: Engineering obligation is estimated to begin in 2027.

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UCTC: And also it's important to mention the multi-county investments that are programmed on our transportation improvement program. There are a variety of specific project areas that the department puts in essentially lump sums across several pins for issues such as bridge, maintenance, pavement, improvements.

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UCTC: lines and signs, culverts,

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UCTC: stormwater improvements, landscaping. There's a wide variety of different types of needs. Of the of the transportation system. Those are not assigned to any specific county. It's region 8, the entirety of region 8. We have 773 million dollars in Federal aid in this 5 year program that is programmed across Region 8 for those purposes.

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UCTC: So this is the older presentation. I forgot to update the new one. The the map was updated, and you'll notice in the document itself that all the projects that have a specific project. Location are included on the tip map, which is on page, and there are hard copies available of the document here.

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UCTC: The tip map is included.

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UCTC: So on pages 35, and 36,

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UCTC: probably the most important component of the tip is the fiscal constraint table. It's the most important component, at least from the Us. Department of transportation is concerned, because this is the table that shows us each Federal fiscal year by program, the amount of dollars that are programmed

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UCTC: on the tip and the amount of dollars available. So it essentially proves that we have not over programmed our tip that the Federal aid is available

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UCTC: for all the projects included on this transportation improvement build route.

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UCTC: And then, finally, we like to highlight projects that were completed during the previous Federal fiscal year. And so there's a list of some of the important projects, including bridge and trail and highway projects, over 23 million dollars and Federal aid was obligated during the previous tip cycle.

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UCTC: The word Street Bridge was actually that was obligated in the tip cycle even prior to that in 2020. But we'd like to highlight it because it was such a significant investment in Ulster County over 50 million dollars to rehabilitate that historic bridge in Kingston

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UCTC: the Tilson Avenue project, which was a Barton and Lajudas designed project in the town of Boyd

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UCTC: New York State dot the signal in the town of Gardener. The intersection of 44, 55, and Brunswick Road is now operational.

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UCTC: thanks to Dot for programming that Henry W. Du Bois is now open and operational as well. That is the Empire State Trail connection in the town of New Pulse. That tap project

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UCTC: Henry Street sidewalks in Kingston was a beautiful project that was completed 2 years ago. In Midtown, Kingston.

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UCTC: and of course the Kingston Rail Trail, which follows the O. And w trail right of way connecting the town of Hurley with the city of Kingston. This project was managed by Ulster County Planning Department.

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UCTC: and quite a few bridges and one of those I know, at least, is the Walden Road Bridge. And can you identify the other? They're not Mirror image

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UCTC: Samsonville Road? Yes, I think that's right

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UCTC: and then to the next one. This, I believe, is the Brunswick Road Bridge.

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UCTC: so great work by our bridge crew after part of the public works, but also kind of like.

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UCTC: So that. And oh, oh, I always. We never want to forget our capital improvement. Yeah, we have significant rolling stock purchases for Ulster County area transit as well.

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UCTC: So we've made it through all of our key benchmarks right up until today. June 24th Utc Policy Committee. I should note just a few notes about our public meeting that we held on June 10.th

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UCTC: We had 9 members attend in person one remotely so I consider that to be a pretty successful turnout. We had great discussion during that meeting, and I appreciated everyone's time. And you can watch that discussion on the Utc. Youtube page. It also includes a song by one of our former county legislators.

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UCTC: regarding the transportation system. So, thanks to Phil Earner for that as well,

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UCTC: the final draft copy of the tip, which is online.

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UCTC: And also we had made copies available here. It does include all the public comments that were received during the public comment period, and that's in the Appendix, they were added. So you can review those public comments as well which are under Appendix B. That were submitted by during the period Rosemary Quinn.

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UCTC: I'm just gonna go over their names Mary Miller, City of Kingston, Rosemary Quinn, City of Kingston.

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UCTC: Lee Kalish.

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UCTC: who is town of Marble Town, and finally, Resident Andy bicking from Sophis. They commented primarily on the Washington Avenue project in in the. They were in favor of the project, with some minor changes to the description, and there are some other projects that they mentioned. So please review those and consider them as well. That is the transportation treatment program.

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UCTC: I believe I covered all the Regs and requirements. We thank everyone for their participation and assistance, and getting us to this any questions from the council members or concerns

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UCTC: hearing. Now, do I have a motion to approve?

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UCTC: I'll make a motion to find. Do we have a second.

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UCTC: Mr. Bombs? I have a motion, and a second, any additional discussion or concerns

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UCTC: hearing none, any imposed any extensions.

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UCTC: So, Carrie, thank you very much. Thank you.

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UCTC: Programmed all these projects into the tip for us, so we we couldn't have done it without assistance.

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UCTC: Moving on. Item numbers 6 on the agenda. Other old business. Utc, Uctc, 2015, Lrtp updates. Yeah. I already mentioned that the public engagement component is coming to a close our consultants Fhi studio, which is now Imec studio they did several tabling events throughout the county. We also did some focus group meetings earlier this month, and the survey will end on June 30, th

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UCTC: and then they will prepare a a summary which summarizes all the major themes and issues of concern that were raised by

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UCTC: the public through that comment period, and they'll be directly incorporated into the plan of projects, and our which, as well as the financial plan component of the Long Range Transportation Plan. We are rapidly coming to a conclusion of this development process. For for the Lrtp.

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UCTC: We consider it to be a minor update. We're not changing the overall format or framework of of the document, but it's still significant effort. Every illustration chart diagram needs to be updated with new information.

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UCTC: And if there are any trends that are changing significantly, we need to recognize those as well. The financial plan has all new numbers and new needs as well the needs of the transportation system.

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UCTC: So the schedule for that

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UCTC: completion will be public meetings in early August.

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UCTC: The Uctc Technical committee will then be required to review that draft document and then forward it to the Policy Committee for a September final approval, and the document needs to be approved no later than September 30, th

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UCTC: 2025. So we believe we're on schedule to have that completed.

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UCTC: What's up on our website currently for the Lrtp, yeah.

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UCTC: Links to public engagement and background information. There are no drafts available at this point in time.

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UCTC: and it's also the the public engagement is linked to Ulster County governments participate. Ulster Page. So there's a pretty clear timeline and series of steps. Iterative steps explained through through participate Ulster. What what the Lrtp process looks like

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UCTC: any questions. I know you all, or keep me

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UCTC: hearing none other project updates, Brian.

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UCTC: We have our comp program

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UCTC: which will be beginning this fall. I've been doing a lot of talking, Chris. Do you have anything you want to share on the Ulster County traffic? Just that. It'll be starting all we're aiming for

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UCTC: about 2 weeks in September. We'll be getting the

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UCTC: actual locations to them at some point August that they are consultants or the locations actually set up, you know. Figure out where they're gonna set things up. We'll be doing around 90 accounts, potentially some special ones. But

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UCTC: that list is in the process of being created. And yeah, I think that's yeah, just a few things regarding the process of the comp program. We do these annually.

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UCTC: We had taken a few years off during Covid. So we're doing catch up. If municipalities have specific roads

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UCTC: that, they would like to have traffic counts performed on. Please notify Chris Seeger at the office of those locations, and we'll consider them. We can't promise that we'll do them, but we'll try.

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UCTC: Nds

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UCTC: is interesting that not only nds, but this is nationwide trend. We're moving away from the traditional tube cars on the roads for a variety of reasons and moving to cameras. So

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UCTC: when we do approach the period of time, it'll be a roughly one week period where they'll be deployed in the field setting up the cameras.

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UCTC: We'll issue a letter to the municipality, letting everyone know that this is occurring.

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UCTC: So highest elected officials will receive that letter.

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UCTC: You'll have the time timeframe of when they'll be out there and some other important information and key contacts as well. If you have, typically, you receive constituent concerns.

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UCTC: Why is this camera on my street? What are they doing? What's the purpose? That sort of thing? You can refer them to us, and we're happy to answer those questions. It's just a new way to do counts. That's the they're familiar with the 2 counts, but they're not familiar with the camera counts the easiest way to explain. It is just a new way to do traffic right? Just give them the speed cameras. Right?

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UCTC: That's correct, right? This is just a small fixed Mount camera. That. It's a video camera. And then they take the video and literally, somebody back at the office, then counts cars

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UCTC: on on the computer. Those cameras have labels on them, too, with contact information for anybody that's

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UCTC: concerned about why a camera suddenly appeared. Right? Yeah.

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UCTC: camera traffic counts include counting pedestrians and cyclists. That's an or if we order it, we can, that can occur. Yeah.

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UCTC: So right there, there's a variable, a sliding scale menu of of the types of counts that we order. So there's classification speed counts which I believe all of our traffic counts will have a minimum of traffic of vehicle classifications and and speed.

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UCTC: We can also do turning movement counts. These will not be intersection. Turning movement counts for the most part, unless they're specifically requested. And we can also do bike and pet counts.

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UCTC: We could even do train counts if we wanted to with these cameras. So we. We have the ability in our contract to order those. If those are. If there are specific needs and concerns regarding pedestrians and cycle volumes within your municipality. Let us know. We'll see if we can order one up

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UCTC: any other questions on one, Griff.

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UCTC: Any other questions, Brian, we have any other projects. We have a new 9 W. Project right? We haven't started. We have not scoped the Route. 9 W. Project

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UCTC: that's not Route 9, Walney Avenue and Ulster Avenue town of Ulster and City of Kingston. That is the next project. We would like to get out the door, but we have not prepared a scope of work from that. So rest assured town of Ulster City of Kingston. It it is on our list of things to do on our radar.

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UCTC: The work around with this this week actually scopes

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UCTC: and the route optimization plan for Ulster County area transit is very much underway and nearing completion. We'll have draft final draft

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UCTC: proposed routes for the system later this summer. But right now, the challenge, we are a little behind schedule on that project, the challenge being that

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UCTC: once we propose a new sketch, a new route, we 1st we draw the route

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UCTC: that we feel will meet the needs of the riders and the system.

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UCTC: And then the consultant begins to work on an actual schedule to stop schedule.

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UCTC: And that's where it becomes really detailed. And the next and final step is to then run the route with a Ucab bus during a regular period of traffic a weekday weekday traffic

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UCTC: to see if we can actually meet the schedule that we're we're estimating on on paper. The trouble that we're facing right now is finding the time for new cat drivers to take their buses out because they're short staffed. It's an extra bus and an extra person that is required to

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UCTC: to staff the bus that you can quite simply, doesn't really have right now. So we're trying to find the time to get all those test routes run, and then we can begin to. We might need to refine the routes, even the schedules, even further after that.

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UCTC: And the problem area seems to be right now. The city Kingston seems to be a problem.

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UCTC: And that's the one area that we're critical in terms of reducing head base if we can.

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UCTC: So that's 1 1 of the focus areas we're looking at

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UCTC: anything else. Brian, those are all my project updates.

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UCTC: Thank you. Any other updates from council members in the room.

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UCTC: any other updates from council members online

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UCTC: hearing none. Brian, the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, July meeting is canceled. No July meeting. We'll consider an August meeting, and I should also know there. At this point. We don't envision having a Uctc. Technical Committee meeting in July. We'll postpone that meeting until August and August was the major topic should be the long range transportation plan right? And we may have some tip amendments to at that point

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UCTC: any other business to come before the Council

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UCTC: and your motion to adjourn. Thank you, Mr. Bombs, you're seconding that motion. Thank you very much. I have a motion second. Is anybody opposed? Nobody abstain. Everybody have a great summer and say so. All right. Thank you.

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