ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Policy Committee Meeting

AGENDA

September 23, 2025 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Rosendale Town Hall 1915 Lucas Turnpike, Cottekill, NY 12419 - Rm M1

Join via Zoom:

https://ulstercountyny.zoom.us/j/81101119321?pwd=cMsbZcyKIn8aOUMeHAEkJLrfsZJjuV.1

- 1. Policy Committee Call to Order Roll Call, Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)
- 2. Call for Citizen Comments
- 3. Approval of the June 24, 2025 Policy Committee meeting summary
- 4. Communications and Announcements
- 5. New Business

a) Mid Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) Federal Certification Review

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are currently conducting the quadrennial Federal Certification Review of the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC), and Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC).

FHWA and FTA, in accordance with 23 USC 134 (k)(5)(A)(i) and 49 USC 5303 (k) (5)(A)(i)(e) must certify that the metropolitan planning process conducted by UCTC is being carried out in accordance with applicable provisions of Federal law not less often than once every four years. The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the required planning activities of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 are being satisfactorily implemented by the UCTC and the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA.

Notification regarding the public comment period and how to submit comments will be sent to the UCTC distribution list on September 15, 2025. Written comments may be sent using this form. FHWA and FTA are accepting written comments from the public on UCTC's implementation of the federal transportation planning process through October 31, 2025.

Gautam Mani, Senior Community Planner for the Federal Highway Administration NY Division, will attend UCTC's meeting to discuss the upcoming Mid Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area Federal Certification Review process.

The Certification Review meeting for the full MHVTMA will take place on Thursday September 25th from 9:30 to 4:00 at SUNY Newburgh; representatives from the MPOs as well as NYSDOT and USDOT staff will attend. Individuals who wish to view or participate in the meeting via TEAMs may contact Brian Slack for more information at bsla@co.ulster.ny.us.

FHWA has conducted a desk review of the MPOs planning products, which will be made available prior to the review. The results of the previous 2021 MHVTMA Certification Review can be found here.

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<u>Recommended Action:</u> Discuss the upcoming MHV TMA Certification Review. No action (20 minutes).

b) <u>UCTC Resolution 2025-12: Adopt the Ulster County Transportation Council Year 2050</u> Long Range Transportation Plan.

The Draft UCTC 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan was be presented to UCTC Technical Committee members on August 26, 2025. Federal regulations require that each MPO develop a long range transportation plan (LRTP) from which the transportation improvement program (TIP) shall be derived at least every 5 years if meeting air quality conformity standards. The UCTC last adopted a LRTP in 2020 with a horizon date of 2040; a revision updating the Financial Plan was adopted in 2023. UCTC has updated its LRTP to year 2050 based upon new data collected and forecasted. Plan 2050 sets the planning and programming priorities for the entire UCTC metropolitan planning area transportation system. The 2050 LRTP was developed by UCTC staff with public engagement assistance provided by FHI Studios (now IMEG) and technical assistance provided by Transpo Group.

In accordance with UCTC Operating Procedures, public meetings presenting the draft LRTP were presented on August 13 in Kingston and August 14 in Ellenville; both meetings were accessible to the public by Zoom and posted to the UCTC YouTube channel.

The Draft UCTC 2050 LRTP was made available for public review and comment from August 11 through September 5, 2025. All public comments voiced during in-person meetings and submitted in writing are included in Appendix F of the Final Draft UCTC 2050 LRTP. UCTC's response to comments, including any document revisions that may have been made to the document in response, are listed therein.

UCTC staff will present the contents of the Final Draft UCTC 2050 LRTP, summarize the public review process associated with the Draft UCTC 2050 LRTP, explain any revisions made to the draft, and request approval of the Final Draft from the UCTC Policy Committee.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Final Draft UCTC 2050 LRTP and consider adoption of Resolution 2025-12. (30 minutes).

c) <u>UCTC Resolution 2025-13: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program to Add New NYSDOT Project PIN 8LC231.</u>

At the request of New York State Department of Transportation, Resolution 2025-13 will amend the 2023 – 2027 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add new project PIN 8LC231. The project will rehabilitate one culvert that carries NY Rte 213 over an unnamed stream; rehabilitate one culvert that carries US Rte 209 over an unnamed stream; replace the culvert that carries NY Rte 299 over an unnamed streatm and two culverts that carry NY Rte 28 over unnamed streams. The project will make the facilities more resilient to extreme weather events. Total project cost is \$8.049 utilizing a mix of state and federal funds; project schedule has construction obligation in October 2025 (FFY2026).

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Under UCTC TIP Amendment Procedures, any project to be added or removed from the UCTC TIP requires Technical Committee approval, 15 day public comment period, and final Policy Committee approval.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Discuss Resolution 2025-13, review any public comments submitted during the comment period, and consider adoption (10 minutes).

6. Other/Old Business

- Project Updates
 - o UCAT Route Optimization Plan
- MHVTMA Certification Review scheduled for September 25 and September 29th 2025
- Ulster County Traffic Safety Board scheduled for October 6, 2025

The UCTC Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on October 28, 2025.