

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Transcript
September 23, 2025
Meeting held in-person and via zoom at 10:00 am

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: going out.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Like, we have one, maybe two bags a week, that's it.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Because of composting. Oh, God, that's how...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Welcome to the September meeting of the Postal Contract Commission Policy Committee. Call the meeting to order, and I ask, Brian, Brian if he would do a roll call for us. Certainly. I'm going to, name the municipality of the voting member present. Could please state their name.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Ulster County. At Pine. City of Kingston?

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jschultheis: John Schulteis.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Town Authorities?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Leanne?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: desirable.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Town of Ulster?

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James Quigley: Here.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: New York State Department of Transportation. Andrew Jobson.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: New York State Thruway Authority, Laco Bodette.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Town of Hurley? Deb Doherty.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: out of Marlboro Town of Shonga?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Village of New Paltz? Tim Rogers.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: kind of reversing?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Town of Kingston.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Town of the Sopis.

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DFreer: Here, this is Danielle Freer.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: out of Gardner.

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: We are Mary Beth Majestic.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: A great one. Strong one.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have a quorum. Thank you, everyone. Item 2 on the agenda for citizens' comments. Do I have any citizen's comments?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No one in the room, is there any citizens online would like to comment?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none, any council members in the room would like comment?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any council members online would like to comment?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none, item 3 on the agenda, approval of the June 24th, 2025 Policy Committee meeting summary, do I have a motion for approval?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I'm in tomorrow.

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James Quigley: We believe so moved.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I have a motion by Mr. Pine and a second with that, Supervisor Quigley?

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James Quigley: Yes.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have a motion and a second. Any comments or discussions?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none, any opposed?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any abstentions?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Joe Perry, thank you very much. Communications and announcements, Brian? Thank you. Just to inform everyone, Dennis, as Director of the UCTC, submitted

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: a letter confirming that the projects included... approved in the UCTC

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 2026 TIP that was approved in June by this body, confirmed to State DOT that all of our projects were included in this TIP, which is the State Transportation Improvement Program, which is the final step to,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: provide concurrence, on the UCTC, so that's great news. Thank you, Dennis, and thank you, New York State DOT. We'll still wait for one final letter, I'm assuming, from

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: USDOT, I guess, confirming that our STIP is approved? Yeah, the next step is the STIP going out for public review. FHWA is going to review the STIP concurrently while it's out for public review, and then usually they do have comments.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, then we'll, you know, work with them on addressing any comments, and then they'll send us a letter approving the new STIP. So, I mean, typically that happens in November-December timeframe.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Yeah, he's up.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Another announcement we, sent out yesterday, you should have received, is around the UCTC mailing list, that, FTA 5310

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Which is a funding opportunity for transportation and operations for the elderly and disabled.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That opportunity is now open with a deadline later in November.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: the Kingston...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Urbanized area generates somewhere in the vicinity of \$280,000 available, I believe. Or \$295. \$295? Thank you, Chris.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And we're also eligible to apply for funds that are generated through the TMA.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which is closer to \$800,000, somewhere in that vicinity. So there is significant dollars available for transportation, specialized transportation that provides specific services to the disabled and the elderly. And it needs to be in...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in accordance with the county UCTC's adopted, coordination plan, just so everybody recognizes that. That's right. It's not any project, it has to be in accordance with that plan.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, please review that opportunity. The email did go out yesterday. There's a training seminar scheduled for Thursday. I suspect DOT will post those, recordings as well, so if you missed the Thursday opportunity... there's one right now as well.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Or at least it's scheduled for sometime today, at 11 this morning. So if we speed things up, you can still make that. But there's also a very detailed handbook on the Fenton 310 program, and UCTC staff working with New York State DOT and the other MPOs.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And the TMA will review those applications.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then, finally, an announcement we received from the Town of Lloyd. Town of Lloyd is, engaged in conducting a Safe Streets for All plan for, the town. This is a systemic crash analysis where it examines

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: A history of crashes throughout its jurisdiction, and normalizes those crashes based on the amount of volume on local roads.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The purpose is to identify areas that have an unusually statistically high crash rate, and it can go into great detail regarding specific crash types.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: at specific locations. The purpose is to identify those locations that have those high rates, and then, promulgate steps that can mitigate, those high rates of crashes. So that planning process is underway.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: They have a consultant on board. This is a U.S. DOT grant that they received to do this work. They have scheduled a public meeting that's scheduled for October 6th, from 6.30 to 7.30, that's a virtual public meeting to learn about the project.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So if you have the time, I would encourage you to attend. I'll circulate the flyer for that meeting. And I should note that,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Several weeks ago, the UCTC, along with some other municipalities throughout New York State, received correspondence from USDOT. We also have submitted a grant proposal to the same program to conduct very similar work, but countywide. And we did receive

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I would consider to be encouraging correspondence, and that they wanted some clarification regarding our application, so we were able to provide that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Jurisdictional overlaps with us, the City of New Rochelle, Town of the Marinek, and New York State Fairway Authority, I want to say. And Bridge Authority. They did tell us last week that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We're in the clear now. There you go. The clear was not working.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and others. Right, right. What they wanted specifically was some level of

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Proof, or commitment that we are coordinating with all those other agents as necessary, and we're able to provide that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then, finally, regarding communications and announcements, Village of New Paltz is moving forward with its sidewalk project. I don't have the pin off the top of my head, but it's a sidewalk project that was awarded, quite a few years ago, and they've,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: made it through design, and I believe you have, or are very close to having design approval from... DOT? From DOT? I think so, yeah. You're right on the cusp of that. Mayor Rogers did send correspondence to me indicating that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: they would... require an additional \$96,000. There's a shortfall of \$96,000.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which I believe would go to the phase for construction inspection, and requested if we had additional federal aid to provide toward that project. We do have carbon reduction program funds.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Which would be eligible for that project, which is a sidewalk reconstruction project, so it would be an 80-20 split, and we calculated that \$77,000 in our, holdings in carbon reduction funds could be provided as an offset.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It would still require an additional \$19,000 commitment from the village for the local share. This is for...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: everyone's information.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I think, the director, is in agreement that those funds can be made available.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any questions or comments?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: There's no such action is required from the... from the committee for transfer of response.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any other questions or announcements, Brian?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Those are all I have.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Moving on to new business, item A, Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area Federal Certification Process.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I know that we have a federal representative, Gallagher on the call with us. I know...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Ryan, do you want to take this and we'll get to Gautam, or Gautam, do you want to go first? I'll just... I'm happy to introduce Gautam Mani. He is our representative from the Federal Highway Administration. Every four years, as we announced during the August meeting.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: UCTC and the other MPOs in the Transportation Management Area, Dutchess and Orange, are required to undergo a full review of our metropolitan transportation process. All of our products and plans are reviewed by a team

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration. So we've been preparing for this.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: certification review all summer, and setting up the meetings, and organizing the spaces, and getting the dates on the calendar. The first meeting will be an all-day affair, scheduled for this Thursday, beginning at 9 30.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We'll be attending in person at Orange County Community College in Newburgh, and then there will be follow-up meetings with each individual MPO, and UCTC's meeting is scheduled for Monday, 6 days from today.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So with that, I can give the floor over to Gan.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: Yeah, thanks, Brian. Thanks for the introduction, and I'd be remiss if I didn't say at the start that, even though this is a federal process, we really value and benefit from all the cooperation from the MPOs in this process. We couldn't do a certification without the MPOs' diligent preparations and arranging logistics and getting things out, like the public comment form, in such a timely manner.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: Which I... I'll get to that. I also wanted to note that, Ray Tomczak, your liaison from the Federal Transit Administration, is also, able to be on the call this morning. So, Ray, definitely, I'll provide a little bit of an overview, but,

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: I, you know, feel free to chime in as well if I miss anything here. So, Brian already talked about, sort of, the basis for this process. I just wanted to note that the federal team always goes through a detailed risk assessment, looking at topics.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: That maybe we didn't cover in full during the last certification review, topics where there are... there are maybe some concerns, and also topics where we think there might be some best practices to, to share.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: So, as, as Brian said, the certification review consists of the federal team reviewing documents, then we have a site visit with, MPO staff and members.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: Involving a discussion, and ultimately, we produce a final report with our findings. The certification for the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA expires in early April 2026, and we fully anticipate

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: Being able to deliver a final report, before that date.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: The reports usually have recommendations for, improvement in the transportation planning process.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: Commendations that recognize, best practices, either on a state or national level, and, corrective actions, where regulations may not be, met. So...

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: I just want to note at the start that, the Ulster County Transportation Council did address our corrective action from the last certification review that had to do with, financial planning and all of that.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: work is reflected in the, financial plan for the long-range... for the new LRTP that, you are scheduled to take action on today. So, I wanted to note that at the start, and thanks to Brian, Dennis, and, another, UCTV staff for addressing that.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: So this cycle, we're doing a little bit of a new format where we, do part of the certification review in person, as Brian said, on Thursday, in Newburgh, and then,

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: We'll do individual sessions with the MPOs, each of the three MPOs over half days next week. And so, for the certification review, just going through a little bit about the topic areas.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: There's gonna be a pretty significant focus on safety, both at a TMA-wide level, and how the MPOs collectively are addressing safety, but also the work that each of the individual MPOs is doing.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: With their safety action plans, and a lot of the safety action plans that are being done individually by members of each of the MPOs. So, that's a huge focus, and as part of that, there will be a discussion of the active transportation work, that UCTC is doing, and the other MPOs.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: We will cover the status of the Connect Mid-Hudson study, that was, that dealt with transit improvements, and sort of, any progress that the MPOs have made on implementing recommendations or refining recommendations from that study.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: We will discuss the congestion management process and intelligent transportation systems and operations and potential opportunities for the MPOs to

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: have a greater leadership role there, in coordination with, with NYSDOT, and we'll talk through the regional freight planning efforts that have taken place, throughout the TMA.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: And, the individual MPO session that, as Brian said, will take place next Monday. We'll focus, really focus in on the core products, your long-range plan, your TIP, and, your UPWP. We look forward to discussing your, your new LRTP, and also how you,

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: how the development process went for your most recently adopted, TIP.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: And then there's gonna be really focused this time on how the UPWP, you know, helps inform future capital projects, and how the planning process that you go through in the UPWP

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: how our TP goals are helping inform the entire process of consideration of studies and projects. And, you know, we'll look at opportunities to implement planning environmental linkages where the MPO can help to jumpstart project development.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: And, you know, I think one thing that may be different if you, participate in the individual MPO session from the past is I think we're gonna,

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: You'll hear us discussing these products

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: sort of together, not having, as distinctive sections, because these projects... these products all go together as part of the planning process, so...

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: I'll just reiterate that the certification review, is always an opportunity to identify ways that FHWA can... NFTA can assist, and, right now, you know.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: as you're probably aware, it may take time for us to deliver any kind of technical assistance, but we're still asking the MPOs and MPO staff and members to consider ways that we might be able to assist, so don't hesitate to bring those things up as part of this process.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: And, another thing I'll reiterate is that it is not... the CERT review is not just about the staff. Brian, Dennis, and Chris do really tireless work to deliver the MPOs

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: program, but, those of you who are voting members around the table, and even advisory members, are the ultimate decision makers, for the Ulster County Transportation Council, and so this is...

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: an assessment of how the transportation planning process in the whole Mid-Hudson TMA area is working, and you all play a vital role in that.

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: So with that, you know, I think Brian noted the public comment form that is out, and that is an opportunity. We open that up to members as well to use that to give feedback, to give, feedback that'll be kept anonymous. We will...

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: It'll only be shared internally with the federal team, and, you know, we'll only, contact you if you desire to have a follow-up discussion with us. But, you know, we did want to use this opportunity if anybody had any,

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: Any feedback? This is another forum to potentially give that. Just overall assessments of how the transportation planning process is going. These can be good things, things that, you found to be exemplary with,

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: with the Transportation Council, certainly identify things that can be improved, and I recognize that, you know, this may not be the forum where everyone

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: feels comfortable giving that kind of feedback to the federal team. So again, we do have that comment form. You're welcome to contact me or Ray to give, further feedback at any time, and...

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: Yeah, I, you know, I will leave it at that to start. I certainly have...

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Gautam Mani, FHWA: other things I could, discuss, and, you know, I'll open up to questions, or Ray, if you had anything else you wanted to, to cover as part of this.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, Ray, do you have anything you'd like to say?

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raymond.tomczak: No, I think Gautam did a very thorough job of going over the overview of the process, and just, like he said,

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raymond.tomczak: I know it can get a little bit scary for a lot of MPOs and TMAs, you know, when we undergo this process, but just know, as Gautam said, you know, we try to work as a collaborative partner with you all.

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raymond.tomczak: With the DOT, and really just seeking ways to enhance the transportation planning process to be as best as it can possibly be. So, you know, we're here to support you guys, and

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raymond.tomczak: Yeah, like you said, we did the risk-based review, and

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raymond.tomczak: you know, just initially, it doesn't look like there's any, anything major that came up, from that review. So, yeah, we're just gonna be continuing going through the process, and feel free to reach out to us at any time, if any of you all would like to talk, you know.

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raymond.tomczak: offline.

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raymond.tomczak: But thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thanks, Ray. Thanks, Gotta. Much appreciated. And I would encourage Council members at this time, if you have any questions or comments that you want to make, now's the time to make them.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Anyone online.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It's a quiet bunch today. I mean, additionally, we have all kinds of questions, so... but thank you again, Ray. Thank you,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Well, thank you, kind of much appreciated. I just want to draw members' attention to the agenda electronically. There is a link to the questionnaire form on the third paragraph. You can find that form. And this was sent out to all members electronically as well through our mailing list. So if you do have comments, you can submit them in writing.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And members are welcome to attend the day-long session, and if you are interested in attending remotely or in person, please feel free to contact me, and we'll provide you with that location information or the link.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, thank you. We're moving on to item B on the new... under new business, the UCC Resolution... excuse me, 2025-12.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Excuse my voice.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Good job to the Ulster County Transportation Council for the year 2050.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Mobility 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Rather than take a resolution, I'm going to have Brian go through the, the plan, and then we'll, move, I'll take a resolution to adopt.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Sure. So if you were in attendance at the, August meeting of the UCTC Technical Committee, we went through a detailed presentation. I'm not going to go through the entire presentation.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: At this meeting, I would like to note that we did two public meetings in August presenting the topic of the Long Range Transportation Plan. One was held in Kingston.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And the other was held in Ellenville. And we did get fairly decent attendance and comment from those meetings, and those meetings were recorded and are available on the UCTC YouTube channel, if you are interested in viewing that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: After we held our public meetings, we did advertise also the meetings, but the availability of the document, and indicating that it was open for public comment through September 5th, so nearly a month.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: UCTC operating procedures actually do not require a set public comment period like our Transportation Improvement Program does, but we do think it's important that the public is aware and given an opportunity to review and provide comments, so we are happy to do that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: At the conclusion of the public comment period, we had quite a few comments, which I'll go through,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: today, and we did make some very minor revisions to the document. Chris, if you could fast-forward on the PowerPoint to nearly the last slide. I probably should have put these new slides in the beginning, but...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, as you can see, it was a pretty comprehensive presentation on all elements of the document. Perfect, right here. Thank you. So, as I mentioned, we did have the public comment period, and all

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: comments are summarized in Appendix H of the document. We now have 7 separate appendices in this, what is now a 260-page document.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That, sets the planning horizon to 2050 and includes all the goals and objectives of the UCTC in the document.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We did, as I mentioned, make some minor changes based on those comments, and those are shown in track changes in the document. I'm just going to walk through them with everyone right now and pass that around.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: On page 51, we just made a very minor revision to the language regarding the state of bridge replacements in Ulster County. Page 53

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: One of the more significant comments and biggest revisions that we made to the document, a member of the public was very concerned that we didn't specifically mention

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: the use of the leading pedestrian interval technology, which can be used in traffic signals to provide pedestrians a few seconds lead time when crossing the street. It's considered to be a best practice in transportation traffic engineering for signal design.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: By giving that pedestrian just a few seconds to lead into the intersection, it allows them to get a head start, and all motorists typically will then see them halfway across the intersection, and then wait for them to complete.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: their movement. So, we added a full section explaining what LPIs are, and clarified that we do recommend them, and have recommended them, to specific planning projects, such as Kingston Broadway, and the Clinton Ave project in Kingston, and elsewhere.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: on the Route 9W project in the town of Ulster. So that was a great, addition, but not a... really not a significantly major change, however.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Page 81.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have a safety project spotlight, which explains the Broadway Streetscape Project, what that project hoped to accomplish, that we did the conceptual plan in 2015, then, of course, the City of Kingston implemented the findings of that plan through a transportation enhancement project.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The spotlight shows a 10-year crash history on Broadway, and it's a pretty...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: precipitous decline in crashes. We're very happy to show that. The question we received from the public was.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Are these just vehicular crashes? Are they all crashes? Are they specific to bikes and peds? The illustration shows all crashes, so it's vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and other, if there's anybody

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Actually, through a mobility device that may have been hit.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So all crashes were captured in that... in that illustration on page 81. So that's added.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Page 82, just a minor, I think that was a typo to the text. Page 96, one comment we received from a resident of Kingston who lives on Washington Avenue indicated a really great comment that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Even our garbage travels more than it needs to, indicating that, where he lives, he watches all of the refuse, going through the city, on its way to the thruway, and a large

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: semi-trailers, and noticed that there's a significant impact in terms of garbage odors at his residence, and also litter that results on the highway. So we were

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Definitely, agreed that that is an impact of the transportation system, and added it to our specific section on transportation and the environment, that litter and odors is a potential impact to the transportation system.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then finally, there was another minor revision on page 111. And of course, all of the comments that were received are in the very final appendix, appendix H.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We include the comment.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Not only those that were submitted in writing, but those that were voiced verbally during the public meetings. And we have a response, how we feel the LRTP,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: response to that comment, and if we needed to make a change, those are all indicated in the table in Appendix each. So those are the only changes made to the document since it was approved by the UCTC Technical Committee.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And we would request, at this point, final approval of the resolution approving the 2050 LRTP for the next 5 years.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So I'm asking for, motion to approve the Long Range Transportation Plan as amended through public comment.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So moved. Thank you, Mayor Rogers. Do I have a second?

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James Quigley: Supervisor Quigley seconds.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We have a motion and a second. Any additional discussion from the Council members?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none... Any opposed?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any abstentions?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none, approved, thank you very much. Thank you, everyone. Nice work, Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: People from staff.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item C, UCTC Resolution 2025-13, commitment to the 2023-2027 UCTC Transportation Improvement Program, and the New York State... a new New York State DOT project pin number 8LC231.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Discussion, Brian?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Sure. All additions or projects to be removed from the Transportation Approval Program require technical and policy committee approval, as well as 15-day public comment period. We did... we...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: advertised in the amendment, as shown here, for 15 days in, Hudson Valley 1.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and Ulster Publishing, and there were no public comments, received. The amendment is to the existing Transportation Improvement Program, so that covers 2023 to 2027. That tip is only valid for another 2 weeks, beginning October 1st.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: or as the STIP is approved, then the new... I guess when the STIP is approved, then the 2026 STIP will take effect. So this is a project that, New York State DOT, hopes to, move into,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: execution, as soon as possible, hence the request to amend not only the existing 2023 TIP, it's already included in the

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: next transportation improvement program. So this will allow DOT to, obligate funds on these concert projects.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Do you have anything further to add regarding the project or locations, Sandra? No, I mean, I think you have a good, description here, but if anyone has any questions... I need 213...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Route 299. Yeah, 2 rehabs, 3 replacements.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Culvert work. Yes, all culvert work.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any questions from the Council?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Fernando, I have a motion to approve the amendment.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Mr. Pine, I have a motion for Mr. Pine. Do I have a second? I'll second. Thank you. I have a motion and a second?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any opposed?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any objections?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Joe Carey. Thank you. Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item 6? I missed something? Nope, that's it. We're on.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Item 6. Other old business project updates, Brian. Sure. The Ulster County Area Transit Route Optimization Plan. As you may have seen some articles in the paper recently, we are moving forward at a rapid pace

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Toward completion of the route optimization plan, there are two key benchmarks that we have in front of us.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: To wrap that, planning project up.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I just received, a... an overview of our final recommendations from the consultant yesterday. I've not had a chance to review them, but we will first meet with our technical advisory committee to present those recommendations to them to receive any input.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then we will schedule our final public meeting with the public to present

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: the proposed new routes to the public, and that will likely be scheduled for the end of October. No date determined at this point in time.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The purpose of the route optimization plan was to re-envision UCAT's, fixed route transit in Ulster County to try to identify,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Opportunities to create efficiencies throughout the system, a system that grew up relatively

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: organically over time, and then merged with the Kingston City Bus had not fully been examined, in over a decade. So this was an opportunity to review

ridership data going back many years, really get, solicit input from riders and members of the public, what they like about the system, what they don't like about the system.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: What they would like to see changed in the system.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then just crunching all that massive amount of data to develop, some recommendations for some new routes.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: All the areas that are currently served by Ulster County Area Transit will continue to be served.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: under the new routes. But the routes do take on a different structure, and they're detailed through the... right now, the draft routes are shown on Participate Ulster. What we'll be showing are the final draft routes, later on in October.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The total... this is a conceptual plan. It's really up to Ulster County Area Transit and Ulster County Government to, put forth the recommendations and implement the plan. So we're... what we've created is,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: a strong concept that we feel would, serve the riders and the residents of Ulster County into the future, and serve them well. We assumed an increase in,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: overall, available funds. Available funds, but also in passenger hours and revenue hours, of 30%.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So this would be an increase in service, throughout the county by, a total

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: combined amount of, 30%, if

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The system builds out completely to our recommended

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: amount. That would be an increase in budget as well, which has been, addressed by the Ulster County Legislature through the bed taps, that there is now a designated revenue

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that will be, provided to Ulster County Area Transit from the bed tax that was approved in 2024, I believe. So that is a revenue base.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: new... it's a new source of revenue that's based on consumption, so it's gonna vary year to year, we know that, but it is additional revenue that's been designated.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And so that, presumably, is where the increase in budget would be acquired from.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, we're looking forward to presenting the new routes, and also, along with those new routes, there are detailed schedules accompanying them. But again, how the routes are implemented is...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 100% on Ulster County Area Transit. We're going to provide the concept for moving forward, and we hope that Ulster County Area Transit will have everything they need to implement this plan, hopefully in... at some point in calendar year 2026.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: There is an implementation plan that's being submitted along with this, so there is an implementation plan. It's not like, here it is, good luck implementing. There is an implementation plan how to go about this.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: anticipation is, is that this is a 3-year, and a minimum of 3-year, implementation, both in terms of organizational structure, capital equipment that's needed, as well as, human capital as well. Are you able to make your consultant working on... are you able to make them available?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: to UCAT, right, that would do the implementation? Are you able to make them kind of available for, like, follow-up technical support? Not through the current contract, but it's... I'm... I'm certain that our consultant, Foursquare ITP, would be interested in

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in answering questions and providing that assistance. And there's an ongoing discussion in terms of budget about how to implement this, and the county's budget is due out

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Next week?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The week after next. It's October 1st, I think it's 5 days.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No, is there an update on, on the, you know, the increase in facilities, the new bus garage, the... That's in the capital program. I can't give you an update on that until the capital program comes out.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: It was in the prior capital program, so one would presume it's going to be in this capital program as well. But facility needs are not addressed through this discrete planning project.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Any questions?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, we look forward to, really presenting quite a bit of information to the public in the weeks ahead.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, Brian, I'm going to put you on the spot.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We finished a major project with respect to the Long Range Transportation Plan.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: priority for the next major plan that we're doing is? Yes,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Christopher and I have been working diligently on developing a scope of work to do a corridor management plan for Albany and Ulster Avenues in the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster. That draft scope of work is nearly complete. I just was reviewing it yesterday. We've got it really close. It's a slightly different

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Approach that we've taken with other, similar projects.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So, we'll be convening the town and the city and New York State DOT staff to talk about that scope of work to make sure it meets everyone's needs, and then we can issue an RFP to do that work.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Beyond that, we have two pending USDOT grant applications. One is for a Protect grant that is a resiliency plan that we submitted back in February. I have not...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: that those awards have not been announced. I did hear rumor at the time that the program would be discontinued by the current administration, but that wasn't the case.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: But they have not announced that award. The other one we already mentioned is our Safe Streets for All USDOT... USDOT grant, which would do, a systemic crash analysis countywide. That would be an update to our 2019 plan. That is a priority.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We're... but we're waiting to see if we receive federal aid. If we don't receive those grants, we're gonna do that

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Crash analysis with our own planning grants that we have. Reduced. It'll be a reduced effort. Right, right.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And then finally, the, 2020

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: 2050 long-range Transportation Plan identifies an active transportation plan as a high priority.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I personally feel that's a high priority. We've received applications from individual municipalities to do their own active transportation plans. These are plans that take a comprehensive look at bicycling, walking, and other non-vehicular modes of transportation.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: and identifies safe mechanisms to implement them, not only at the municipal... at the municipal level, but at the county level. So it would look at our trails network, but also all the facilities that we

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: have in Ulster County that, make it easy to travel by foot or by bicycle, but also the inhibiting factors that prevent people from, wanting to use those modes. So an active transportation plan, I think.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: There's a lot of need and a lot of purpose for that. We don't have that programmed right now in our planning, unified planning work program, but I would likely include it.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: In next year's UPWP. Okay. Thank you. And, Chris, I'm going to ask you about your traffic count program.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Yes, the counts have been completed. Right now, we are waiting on the consultant to do their data verification before they send it to us, but we can also do our QAQC on it, and then it gets uploaded to NYSDOT.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I haven't heard anything that has gone poorly. We've also noticed a specific county through Facebook. I myself don't have a Facebook account, but Brian explains to me that there is

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: mixed reactions.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: to there being cameras put across the county and down 90 locations, so I can't specifically speak to any of those individual ones, but at least there was notification out there, and looking forward to getting the data back so we can upload this with the state and continue on with our count program, so... We didn't receive any questions from municipalities or the public, you know, minus the one that time?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Everything has been okay so far. I believe it was from Woodstock with the comment from Woodstock.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: they asked about where the cameras were, I want to say, went to you rather than me, but... Right, right. But otherwise, no, no one else has reached out to ask any questions about the cameras or anything,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I think letting the county publicize it out there is probably pretty helpful, especially because we put pictures up of what these things look like.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: They're different than the tubes across the road, so I guess they look a little bit more ominous than otherwise, than they otherwise would, but I think it was...

They're easy to miss. I mean, it's a pole-mounted, looks about the size of a digital camera, essentially. They're not bird feeders, honestly. Those bird feeders on a pole, but...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: I know people did think that there were speed cameras, yeah, right.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Right. So, thank you for that update, Chris. Brian, I'd like you to just update us on the meeting we attended with respect to Woodstock and that project from DOT in Woodstock. Certainly. The New York State Department of Transportation has had, on the Transportation Improvement Program for some time, a very significant

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: bridge project. There are five, small bridges on Route 213, Tinker Street in Woodstock, that are slated for complete reconstruction. They're easy to miss. They're small bridges, but when you do see them and the structures there, they're clearly, getting old.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: up there in the years. So this is somewhere in the vicinity of \$27 to \$30 million reconstruction project. As part of that, the DOT did pledge to provide pedestrian improvements on Route 212 for the town.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: which the Town's Complete Streets Advisory Committee has been, very interested in, and has been acting, sort of, as... as a...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: interested party, with working with the DOT, and the town board on that issue, so...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Dennis and I had a meeting with members of the town board, the town supervisor, the Complete Streets Advisory Committee, and DOT's project manager, Mark Crook, who happened to be the designer of the Kingston Roundabout. Great guy to work with.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: To go over...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: some of the questions and details regarding what sort of improvements could be made. The,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Former, regional director, Lance McMillan did, receive a request from the town to...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: build a, side path all the way out to Bearsville as part of this project. And he said, while the resources did not exist through that discrete project to do a side path, which would be, I think, roughly 5 miles.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: from the town center out to Bearsville, that they would do designs for the town, and those were presented, preliminary designs, for a side path on Route 212, which would be on the southern side of the state highway.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: There would be significant costs, involved in full build-out of that effort, but

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: having a preliminary design, as well as a pledge to assist with right-of-way acquisition and analysis by the DOT, I think, is a huge benefit to the TEM that really puts that project one step closer to reality.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Other details regarding the project.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: involved, whether a side path, which would be a, you know, the width varies, but it could be anywhere between 8 to 12 feet in width.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Would be a multi-use side path that bicyclists and pedestrians could use, together.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The Complete Streets Advisory Committee is very interested in having a facility like that included as part of the project. The designer, however, is concerned that the... there is a lack of space to implement something that, aggressive. It's an interesting discussion to see that the...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Community and department, thinking about how to balance Lack of right-of-way.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Elimination of parking, potential elimination of substantial amounts of parking. And then also, the loss of, quite a few, very large

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Not more than a few. Tree, yeah. The tree... the tree, with the tree commission also being concerned about that loss as well. So, it's a... it's a challenging environment to work in.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Given all of those, you know, all those constraints, and... but there's a... there's a significant opportunity as well. So, it was a...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: they're going to come back with some alternatives. Very interestingly, the town is actually

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: hired a... its own... its own transportation planner to look at, at this act of transportation and to participate, with that, and that's been, I think, a real help to the town, not only, and to the department as well, to have the town understand what's being asked.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: In greater detail, and then also have the department, to interface with the department in a professional manner.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That's right. It was a very interesting discussion. I think everybody, appreciated the generous time that New York State DOT provided in trying to

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Develop solutions, and at the end of the day, there's going to be a great investment

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: in Route 212 in the town, I think the end results are going to be fantastic. They may not meet everyone's, you know, immediate concerns.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: But I think the pledge to provide those designs long-term are going to be very helpful.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Anything else, Brian?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No, we covered the certification review, begins Thursday, that's an all-day affair for us. And, the next Traffic Safety Board meeting is scheduled for October 6th. Those are held at 6 p.m. on Monday, in the Ulster County Government Building. Thank you. Any additional comments, or...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Under old business for council members? Mr. List? Yeah, can we get an update on the off-system bridges?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And how much funding is left out of that \$12.6 million? Sure. Sandra, if you wouldn't mind, while I look up the, PIN, do you know if New York State DOT will be issuing a Bridge New York call anytime soon? I don't know, sorry.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Almost there. Sure.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Mr. Listen, would it be okay if we provided that offline to you? I have it right here. Oh, got it, Brian.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hold on, no, I know.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No, that's fine.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: STPG... Lock program for off-system bridges.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: UCTC has, in savings for future programming, \$7.2 million,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That's total dollars, that includes the local batch as well. So, on the federal side, that's roughly 6.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Million, alright?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: And in the projects that were selected, were they in the process?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: You would have to ask the local sponsors on those, but they would be working through a state and local agreement with New York City DOT. We talked about, you know, issuing a request for proposals. I think the dip has to be adopted, too, first. Okay. So I would expect early next year.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Right.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: They'd start kicking off the state-local agreements.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: For UCTC's new projects.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Don't call them, they'll call you. Yeah, exactly.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Yeah, thank you. Anything else?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Dennis?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: You said, Merrilee?

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: Mary Beth? Yeah, I just think, I want to make a comment, since I have the DOT here. I brought this up years ago, but with the increased e-bike traffic coming out of the Wildflower Resort on Route 4455,

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: When you head, east, and you hit the bridge over the Walkhill River, the...

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: Bike path is... well, it's not a bike path, but the shoulder

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: It's prohibiting people to stay on the side of the bridge because there are obstructions on both sides, little guardrails, and people are now going into 4455 to come across the bridge, which is really quite dangerous.

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: And these are people that come up from the city, they're not used to the speeds that people travel on, and I think it's an accident waiting to happen, and I'd like somebody to take a look at that, please.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thanks, Mary Beth. Just as an aside, under New York State law, e-bikes are not permitted on roads where speed limits are over 30 miles an hour.

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: Okay, maybe I should let Wildflower know that.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: What about regular bikes? Regular bikes are. Regular bikes are motor vehicles under the statute, but somehow, when they amended the statute and recognized new bikes, they

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Basically gave them a special category, and they're actually not permitted on roads over 30 miles an hour.

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Gardiner Town Supervisor: Well, we got both bikes, regular and e-bikes, so if someone could take a look, that would be great. Thank you.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thank you. Yeah, if it's okay, Mike asked me to bring up a few things, and I actually want to bounce off the Complete Streets-Woodstock discussion. So, in Hurley.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: our safety committee, also worked with the Woodstock, Complete Streets, and we also passed the Complete Streets, so we're really focused on bikers.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: pedestrians and vehicles, right, having the ability to travel on all our roads in Hurley. So.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: In July of 24, we put forward 3 resolutions. One was to, lower speed limits for our school zone in Myers, which we did actually just get approval to low... we asked for 15, they lowered it... DOT gave us approval to lower it to 20, which is great, so we're

going to be working on that. But two of the other resolutions, one is to lower the speed limit to 25 on all our roads.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: That was rejected, as well as,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Lowering the speed limit on 209.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we got a rejection which basically says that people are already speeding, it's in the 85 percentile, and so, therefore, they will not lower the speed limit. So basically, as Mike puts it, we're rewarding people that speed, and...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: not considering safety. And part of the issue, and this is specifically what I wanted to bring up, is

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: We talked about the rail trail. So we have the trail trail that runs all along this section that we asked for. Three entrances, which are very dangerous. One of them has a blind... it's a blind entrance, on the ASOPIS, going across the Aesopas on 209.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So we pointed out all these things, just a few weeks ago. I'm also on the... in the fire department, so I'm a first responder. We responded to an accident in... smack in the middle of this section, which we talked about, a head-on collision.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: The car ended up maybe 8, 10 feet away from the rail trail, and debris thrown all over the rail trail. And this is what I pointed out in this resolution, is that the danger of... we've had multiple collision, you know, accidents where they go right across the rail trail.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: So we're... we're gonna, we're, you know, obviously we're gonna fight this a little bit and try to, you know, go back and say, you know, please reconsider, especially in light of the new. I know the county is coming forward and talking about putting some speed signs along this section of 209, but...

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: You know, in reality, you know, we're really looking for a speed reduction before we have more... more... not only fatalities from vehicles, but also, you know, potentially pedestrians and bikers that use the rail trail.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Thanks, Debra. Anything else? Nope. Any other council members have anything they want to bring in front of them? I just have a question. So, on our main street in New Paltz, where it's 35 miles an hour, e-bikes are not permitted?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: technically, that answer would be no. I also, have a question, too. So we have this, intersection on a state road with a traffic signal, and our engineers working with DOT to update something, but,

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: we've got a bunch of complaints about how, like, it's like a voice system and buttons, and it's not really working well, and I've heard it from a few different people. Like, is there anyone from DOT who can just go and see

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: what's going on, and if there's an easy fix, which there never is, but maybe, like, who can I contact to go look at... Well, you can definitely send it to me, and then I can make sure it gets in the right location, but I would say, whenever someone has an issue, you know, depending on your relationship with the local

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: New York State DOT office, the residency, that's always a place to start. They can also, just like myself, help navigate, you know, to the, you know, who. And then also, you know, I work in the Poughkeepsie office, that's also the regional office.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: You know, you can always send stuff directly there.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: If that's funneled to the right department, we need... I mean, unless, you know... Yeah, we're in the midst of updating some technology in terms of, like, a camera or something, that it's, like, part of our water main project.

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: But I've gotten these other odd complaints about how it's, like, super unintuitive right now, or something seems to be off. Okay. Yeah, no, they can definitely go out and take a look at that. Okay. And you have my contact information? Yeah, okay. Anything else, Mick?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: No. Anybody online have anything?

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Transportation Council, Ulster County: Hearing none, next meeting of the Ulster County Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on October 28, 2025, and this room begins at 10 o'clock, so look forward to seeing you all here, and some of you online, and we stand adjourned.