

# ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

## Ulster and Delaware Railroad Corridor Trail Feasibility Committee Meeting Summary

February 9, 2006  
Olive Town Hall, Shokan, NY

<b>Present:</b>	LeRoi Armstead	NYS DOT Region 8
	Jim Bogner	NYC DEP
	Bill Brandt	Trolley Museum of New York
	Linda Burkhardt	Town of Olive
	Fred Burkhardt	Town of Olive
	Mircea Catona	UC Highway Department
	Helen Chase	Town of Olive
	Linda Cook	Town of Hurley
	Richard Cripe	City of Kingston
	Peter DiSclafani	Town of Shandaken
	Richard Edling	Trolley Museum of New York
	Gladys Gilbert	Catskill Mountain Railroad
	Harry Jameson	Catskill Mountain Railroad
	Bruce La Monda	Town of Olive
	Joe Munster	Town of Shandaken
	Kathy Nolan	Town of Shandaken
	Earl Pardini	Catskill Mountain Railroad
	Mary Ann Pardini	Catskill Mountain Railroad
	Charles Schaller	UC Traffic Safety Board
	Robert Stanley	Town of Shandaken
	Greg Vaughn	Catskill Mountain Railroad
	Robert Wilkins	UC Traffic Safety Board
	Bill Tobin	UCTC
	Jeff Olson	Alta Planning and Design
	Tom Mank	UCTC

Meeting began at 5:05 pm with Committee members introducing themselves.

Much of the discussion centered on the media and how information is conveyed to the media. Several committee members in attendance expressed concern over how the media presented the facts about the Rail Trail Feasibility study. Another expressed concern over exactly who should be speaking to the media.

The Committee discussed the possibility of assigning a spokesperson or Committee Chair to speak to the media in the future.

Mr. Olson presented a slide show he intended to show the public and the Committee supplied comments and recommendations.

Mr. Bogner stated the NYC DEP does not want to be an obstacle to this planning process but wants to offer support to facilitate the study. The NYC DEP wants to cooperate and be part of the decision making process.

The CMRR noted that one of the biggest obstacles to this project may its "multi-use" aspect (i.e. snowmobile users, horse riders, hiking, biking, etc.).

It was noted that construction of a trail may help the CMRR with maintenance and construction of the corridor (ex. Clearing of brush and trees on or near the tracks, repairing trestles, etc.).

The CMMR stated that they are interested in the potential of getting assistance to help upgrade and maintain the railroad corridor right-of-way.

After an overview of the slide show was presented, Mr. Olson invited Committee members to review maps posted around the room to offer further comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm with the Public Meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm.