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2011 TIP

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August 4, 2010

Dennis Doyle  
Commissioner, Ulster County Department of Public Works  
Via email to [ddoy@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:ddoy@co.ulster.ny.us) and [wtob@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:wtob@co.ulster.ny.us).

*Re:* TIP Public Comment Period, concerning South Putt Corners Road

Dear Mr. Doyle

We are writing to express the urgency we feel regarding the proposed addition of six-foot shoulders to South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz.

This is an increasingly important thoroughfare that serves not only the needs of motorists headed to and from the New York State Thruway and Mid-Hudson Bridge, but is also the only means of getting to New Paltz High School and the new headquarters of the New Paltz Police.

Any reasonable understanding of Complete Streets – a concept embraced by Ulster County, part of a vanguard of U.S. municipalities enacting such policies – immediately discloses the shortcomings of South Putt Corners Road. There is nowhere for a bicyclist or pedestrian to hide. We regularly see students walking or biking to school when we drive this road, without any place for them. Bill regularly bikes this road himself, at his peril.

We expected work on South Putt Corners Road to commence this year. We were dismayed when it was postponed. We urge you to restore it to the 2011 TIP.

For the record and for full disclosure, Bill is Chair of the New Paltz Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

Yours sincerely,

[signed] William Weinstein, Andrea L. Pekarsky



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Subject Comments on the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and  
draft TIP for 2011 to 2015

Mr. Bill Tobin  
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Ulster County Planning Board  
County of Ulster  
244 Fair Street  
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Kingston, NY 12402-1800

Re: Comments on the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and draft TIP for 2011 to 2015

Dear Bill,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment at the public meeting for the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan on August 3rd. As promised I am sending along some brief comments.

Wallkill Valley Land Trust and Open Space Conservatory have acquired an additional 11.5 miles of the former Wallkill Valley Railroad in Ulster County. This acquisition has almost doubled the length of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail which occupies the former railroad bed. The highlight of this purchase is the iconic 940-foot-long Rosendale Railroad Trestle, perched 150 feet over the Rondout Creek in Rosendale.

The Year 2010 non-Motorized System Map (Figure 4-11) can be corrected to reflect this purchase with an extension of the existing multi-use trail on the old Wallkill Valley Rail bed into the Town of Rosendale and on to the City of Kingston line. A portion through the Williams Lake property is the primary gap ( I think it just under a couple miles) that remains and this is under discussion currently. In addition, some of the statistics, such as on page 9-6 could reflect the additional multi-use trail mile currently developed from 28.1 to approximately 39.6.

In addition to the comments regarding the Rail Trail, I am concerned about the implications of the statistic on page 4-18 that relates the Census data showing that journey to work data for walking and bicycling in Ulster County has declined by more than 23% since this could infer a decreased general demand for infrastructure to support such uses by the general public. An alternate hypothesis would be that the decline has developed since roadways are not conducive to safe use by pedestrians and cyclists - all the more reason to make better accommodation in future projects.

As for the TIP comments, on page 10 in the Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 2011-2015, item 28, pin 875913, "Route 32: Golden Hill Drive to Greenkill Avenue Pedestrian Rehabilitation" could include accommodation for bicycling and a "Complete Streets" approach.

This would be especially critical in light of the fact that the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail comes in at the City line just south on 32 near Rockwell Lane and it would be ideal, in my opinion, to provide a safe route from the rail trail all the way in to Broadway as soon as practical.

Any references to the current initiatives underway in Kingston for "Complete Streets" and "Safe Routes to Schools" might be appropriate, at your discretion.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. It looks like a great plan. I can see you've put a significant amount of work into it. Congratulations on bringing it in to the final stages. Let me know if I can help in any way and please put me on the email list for future public meetings, etc.

Best regards,

Gregg

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Subject Please South Putt Corners Road to the 2011 TIP

August 6, 2010

Mr. Dennis Doyle  
Commissioner, Ulster County Department of Public Works

Dear Mr. Doyle,

We are imploring you to reconsider delaying the proposed addition of six-foot shoulders to South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz. As you know, this project was to begin in 2011 and has now been pushed back to 2014.

We have lived in New Paltz since 1999 and it's hard to believe that the only road that leads to the local high school is such a dangerous road for walkers, cyclists, and even motorists. With the new headquarters of the New Paltz Police and the increasing traffic to SUNY New Paltz, this road will be getting even more use and will become increasingly dangerous.

To be perfectly frank, we are frustrated and outraged that his project will not begin next year as planned. We know there are many roads in Ulster County and we also know that budgets are tight but this road has long been a danger zone that should have been addressed years ago. Hopefully, this project will be rightfully restored to the 2011 TIP.

Sincerely,

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Subject: South Putt Corners Road Project

Dear Mr. Doyle and Mr. Tobin:

Attached please find a letter from Superintendent Maria C. Rice appealing to Commissioner Sheeley to return the high priority status to the South Putt Corners Road Project that it previously had. In addition you will find the September 25, 2009 letter to Commissioner Sheeley from the District Clerk which contains the resolution passed by the Board of Education in unanimous support of this same project last year. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

**Beverly J. Sickler**  
**Administrative Assistant**

**Office of the Superintendent**  
**New Paltz Central School District**  
**196 Main Street**  
**New Paltz, New York 12561**

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Letter to Commissioner Sheeley from MCR 8-5-10.pdf Letter to Sheeley 9-25-09 from District Clerk.pdf

August 5, 2010

Mr. David A. Sheeley, Commissioner  
Ulster County Department of Public Works  
315 Shamrock Lane  
Kingston, New York 12401

Dear Mr. Sheeley:

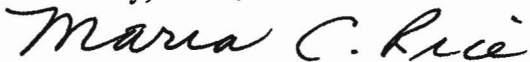
Having learned that the Ulster County Department of Public Works has postponed until 2014 the planning and design of six-foot shoulders on South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz, I am compelled to appeal to you for redress.

The Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District on September 16, 2009 unanimously approved a resolution to support efforts to improve safety on South Putt Corners Road by repaving this thoroughfare which is adjacent to our high school and critical for passage of vehicles and pedestrians alike. You were advised of the board's support in a letter to you dated September 25, 2009.

Since the Board of Education does not meet again until August 18, 2010, there may not be ample time for them as a body to express to you the same support as the former board did less than one year ago. I will bring this matter to the members on August 18 and fully expect that they will urge you to restore to this project the former high-priority status that it had a year ago.

Until that happens, I am requesting that you do everything within your power to appeal to those political leaders who have power to move this project to a high priority status. The health and safety of students, specifically but not limited to high students, is in jeopardy everyday that this project is delayed.

Sincerely,



Maria C. Rice  
Superintendent of Schools

c: William Tobin, Principal Transportation Planner  
Dennis Doyle, Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Michael Hein, County Executive  
Members of the NPCSD Board of Education



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September 25, 2009

David A. Sheeley, Commissioner  
Ulster County Department of Public Works  
315 Shamrock Lane  
Kingston, New York 12401

Dear Mr. Sheeley:

I am writing on behalf of the New Paltz Central School District's Board of Education to advise you that the following resolution was unanimously passed at their regularly scheduled Workshop Meeting on September 16, 2009:

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District supports the efforts of the New Paltz Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee to improve safety on South Putt Corners Road for students, staff and community members by repaving this critical artery to the New Paltz Central High School thus providing safer passage of this thoroughfare for both motorized and non-motorized users; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education encourages Ulster County Department of Public Works to set this project as a priority, ensuring that the work commences as soon as possible by remaining the third item on the list of highway projects in Ulster County.*

It is hoped that this official action helps to promote the progress of this important project. Thank you on behalf of the members of our board for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly J. Sickler".

Beverly J. Sickler  
District Clerk

c: Bill Tobin, Principal Transportation Planner  
Dennis Doyle, Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Michael Hein, County Executive



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*Re:* TIP Public Comment, concerning South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz

Dear Mr. Doyle and Mr. Tobin:

I am writing to you concerning the **Draft FFY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program**. And in particular PIN 875990, South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz.

I know you are aware that during the years 2003-2006, the Town of New Paltz conducted a NYSDOT sponsored Transportation-Land Use Study. I served as Chairman of the Bicycle Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee for that study. Almost from the beginning our sub-committee placed South Putt Corners Road at the top of our list of recommended projects.

An important goal of the Bicycle Pedestrian Subcommittee was to find ways to encourage cyclists and pedestrians by providing safe and secure facilities. New Paltz High School is located on South Putt Corners Road and students currently walk and ride along this road. Unfortunately, there is no shoulder on the road and it is both hazardous and frightening to walk or ride along it with cars traveling in excess of 45mph. We feel that many more students will choose non-motorized transportation once the road is repaved and shoulders are installed.

We were excited when the South Putt Corners repaving project was added to the TIP and was originally scheduled to commence in 2010. Now however, we are dismayed to find that the project has been pushed out to 2014-2015 and beyond.

Currently I am serving as a member of the New Paltz Bicycle Pedestrian Committee and the Transportation Implementation Committee. Both of these committees unanimously agree that the South Putt Corners Road repaving project is of the very highest priority. Please restore this project to begin in 2011.

Sincerely,  
Alan C. Stout  
Member, New Paltz Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Member, New Paltz Transportation Implementation Committee



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Mr. Dennis Doyle, Director  
Ulster County Planning Department  
Ulster County Transportation Council  
PO Box 1800  
Kingston, NY 12402

Dear Mr. Doyle and Members of the Ulster County Planning Board,  
We moved to Ulster County in 2001 and were surprised at the time by the lack of bicycle and pedestrian access to New Paltz High School. Lacking shoulders and sidewalks, South Putt Corners Road seemed a chaotic mix of inexperienced drivers, high speed bypass traffic, school buses, pedestrians and cyclists. Although we no longer have children attending the high school, we were very relieved two years ago when we learned that the road would be re-designed to accommodate all users. Of the roads in the area, it seemed the most logical choice for improvement. Doing so would be in keeping with the goals of the national Safe Routes to Schools Program, the U.S. program designed to increase the health of children and the community.

Although competing projects and finite funding resources can understandably delay even important road construction, if South Putt's improvement is put off to 2014 it will have been thirteen years (at least) of untenable conditions on that road. As residents and taxpayers we can't help but feel that we are letting our children and our community down by not speaking up for equitable access to our public right of ways, especially to our schools.

To demonstrate what a student would experience should they choose to bicycle to New Paltz High School we've filmed a short YouTube segment. Who, in good conscience, could encourage their young teenager to attempt this ride?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDEyHp7waCc>

We're hopeful that the staff of the Ulster County Transportation Council and members of the Ulster County Planning Board share our sentiments. We appreciate your efforts in finding a way to make the improvement of South Putt Corners Road a top priority for Ulster County.

Sincerely,

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August 18, 2010

Mr. Dennis Doyle, Director  
Ulster County Planning Department  
Ulster County Transportation Council  
PO Box 1800  
Kingston, NY 12402

Dear Mr. Doyle and Members of the Ulster County Planning Board:

Yesterday, I took another terrifying trip along South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz. I often travel along that road, as it is a recognized thoroughfare to the south of New Paltz for those wishing to bypass village traffic.

Two sets of young people were trying to navigate the narrow shoulder of that road, one set on foot, the other on bicycles. Truthfully, I don't know how they managed to avoid being hit as cars tried to pass them with very little room to move into another lane because there is no shoulder on this road -- only the narrowest of paths immediately next to the road. I have walked this road myself, and ridden it by bicycle, and it takes a strong stomach to do it. There is really no place to go if a car is unable to veer out into the other lane. It's especially bad for bicycles because, in addition to having no shoulder, the asphalt is bumpy and built up to a ledge with nothing but a narrow sandy path down below. If you've ever ridden a bicycle, you will know that this is the proverbial "between a rock and a hard place," with great potential for skidding out of control. This leaves the rider with no option but to stay out in the lane with the cars, relying on the driver to slow to a crawl if unable to move into the oncoming lane.

This might not be so bad if it were an ordinary road. But this is a road that is regularly travelled by New Paltz High School students. Right now, they are sharing the road not

only with rushing commuters, but with other high school students who are young, inexperienced drivers. Add to this mix school buses and the new police headquarters on that road (bringing not only increased traffic but the possible need for speed), and we can be sure to hear of some dramatic event before long. I had been heartened to hear that South Putt Corners Road would soon be re-designed in keeping with the goals of the national Safe Routes to Schools Program. Now, I understand there is a proposal to put this improvement to 2014. While I know you have many competing projects to consider, I urge you to return this one to a place of priority. Thank you so much for all you and your colleagues at the Ulster County Transportation Council and the Ulster County Planning Board do, and for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Judy Reichler

**NEW PALTZ TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

June 15, 2010

David A. Sheeley, Commissioner  
Ulster County Department of Public Works  
315 Shamrock Lane  
Kingston, New York 12401

Dear Commissioner Sheeley,

I am once again writing on behalf of the New Paltz Transportation Implementation Committee (TIC) regarding the repaving project for South Putt Corners Road, this time to urge this project's restoration to the TIP currently under review.

Until last November, this project was on the TIP but removed when it was discovered that South Putt was improperly classified and ineligible for federal funding. The members of TIC remain mystified that this issue had not been identified and our Town Supervisor notified of this obstacle much earlier in the proposal process but have focused on achieving the necessary reclassification. We have been exceedingly pleased by how expeditiously Ulster County, the New York State Department of Transportation and the federal agency acted to remedy this situation.

The safety issues which I identified in my letter to you of October 19, 2009 continue to make this project one of our highest priorities and since then have been expanded by the relocation of the New Paltz Police Department's relocation to So. Putt Corners Road. While this move enhances the NPPD's abilities to meet our community's needs, it also increases traffic volume on this road and, most importantly, the type of traffic now includes police vehicles having to enter So Putt for emergency responses.

The road classification issue has been satisfactorily resolved. The conditions which justified this project's having been on the TIP not only continue but have become even more compelling with the NPPD's move to So. Putt. Since the TIP is undergoing

review, there is the opportunity to restore this project to it. Accordingly, the New Paltz Transportation Implementation Committee once again urges you to evidence Ulster County's commitment to addressing the conditions on So. Putt Corners Road by restoring it to the TIP for design and preliminary engineering in 2011.

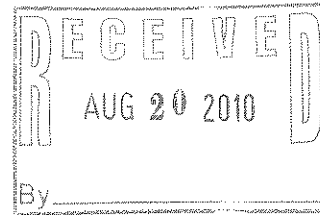
Sincerely,

Gail K. Gallerie, Chair  
New Paltz Transportation Implementation Committee

c: Michael Hein, County Executive  
Toni Hokanson, Town of New Paltz Supervisor  
Terry Dungan, Village of New Paltz Mayor  
Rich Peters, DOT Regional Planning and Program Manager  
Dennis Doyle, Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Bill Tobin, Principal Transportation Planner  
Hector Rodriguez, County Legislator  
Susan Zimet, County Legislator  
Maria Rice, Superintendent, New Paltz Central Schools  
William Weinstein, Chair, New Paltz Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee

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William Tobin, Transportation Planner  
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Ulster County Office Building  
244 Fair St.  
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Dear Mr. Tobin:

Thank you for taking the time to clarify the question of the deadline for public comment that will be brought to the Transportation Council on 8/31.

As I explained to you the New Paltz Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is in the midst of collecting petition signatures requesting that priority be returned to the provision of paved shoulders on South Putcorners Road. Our reasons are outlined in the cover page of the petition, a copy of which is enclosed. We will be delivering the actual petitions at a future date.

We would appreciate your passing this on to the Transportation Council.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Judy Mage'.

Judy Mage  
Village Representative to the  
New Paltz Bicycle and Pedestrian  
Committee

cc: William Weinstein, Chair, NP Bicycle and  
Pedestrian Committee

Michael Hein, Ulster County Executive

# Make South Putt Corners Road Safer

Petition sponsored by the New Paltz Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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To:

- Michael Hein, Ulster County Executive
- Susan E. Zimet, Hector S. Rodriguez, Mary Beth Maio, Paul J. Hansut, New Paltz Representatives, Ulster County Legislature
- David Sheeley, Commissioner, Ulster County Department of Public Works
- Dennis Doyle, Director, Ulster County Planning Department
- William Tobin, Principle Transportation Planner, Ulster County Planning Department

From: The Undersigned Ulster County Residents

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We the undersigned have learned that the Ulster County Department of Public Works has postponed until 2014 the planning and design of six-foot shoulders on South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz. This highway department project was planned for 2010, and was supported by the \$500,000 Transportation Implementation and Land Use Study and volunteer work done by dozens of citizens.

South Putt Corners, an alternative to Main Street and SUNY New Paltz, has an increasingly heavy traffic volume. With no margin of safety against motorized traffic, it is a threat to every New Paltz High School student who walks or bikes to school. The recently completed New Paltz police station on South Putt will add to the traffic and safety issues, especially for the bicycle patrol officers. Increased use of the road by fast-moving first responders will further increase the chance of accidents.

The planned repaving and widening of the road to include six-foot shoulders is a critically important local project. We urgently request that the above-named Ulster County officials amend the Ulster County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to restore the widening of South Putt Corners Road to its former high-priority status, with work starting in 2011. The health and safety of our children, police force, and citizens requires no less.

More information & blank petitions at [www.newpaltz.org/SouthPuttPetition](http://www.newpaltz.org/SouthPuttPetition), 845-255-2070 or 845-255-7671.

Write to [bikeped1@townofnewpaltz.org](mailto:bikeped1@townofnewpaltz.org).

Mail petitions to S. Putt Petition/Bike-Ped, Town of New Paltz, P.O. Box 550, New Paltz NY 12561.

Deliver petitions to the Bike-Ped mailbox at New Paltz Town Hall.

# Make South Putt Corners Road Safer

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge the Ulster County Department of Public Works to NOT postpone until 2014 the planning and design of six-foot shoulders on South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz and to restore the widening of South Putt Corners Road to its former high-priority status, with work to start in 2011.

(Star your name if you want to distribute petitions to your friends, family and co-workers. We will contact you.)

	<u>First Name, Last Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>City, Town or Village</u>	<u>Email / Phone</u>
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12.	Soren Bergeson		Gardiner	sbergeson@earthlink.net

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Write to [bikeped1@townofnewpaltz.org](mailto:bikeped1@townofnewpaltz.org).

Mail petitions to S. Putt Petition/Bike-Ped, Town of New Paltz, P.O. Box 550, New Paltz NY 12561.

Deliver petitions to the Bike-Ped mailbox at New Paltz Town Hall.

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August 20, 2010

Mr. Bill Tobin, Principal Transportation Planner  
Ulster County Transportation Council  
244 Fair Street  
PO Box 1800  
Kingston NY 12402-1800

RE: Ulster County Long Term Transportation Plan-TIP 2011-2015

Dear Mr. Tobin,

I am the Vice Chairperson and Treasurer of Kingston Land Trust and am making comments pertinent to the scope of my organization's mission concerning open space and non motorized transportation as well as some general comments on my own behalf concerning public transportation. Generally, my comments concerning non motorized transport support the statement on Page 4-25 of the Long Term Transportation Plan to the effect that system fragmentation needs to be replaced with a seamless, contiguous network with continuity and echo to some the text in the UCTC June 23, 2010 Technical Meeting Presentation.

I attended the August 3, 2010 Transportation Meeting and Presentation and commented at that time on the Non Motorized portion including the importance of bringing the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail (WVRT) into the City of Kingston which due to acquisitions by Wallkill Valley Land Trust and Open Space Conservancy now reaches the Kingston City line. The 2010 Non Motorized System Map Figure 4-11 and any related statistics showing the length of the WVRT should be amended to reflect this.

It should be noted that the gap portion of the WVRT through the Williams Lake property (aka Canopy Development) is presently under consideration. I helped lead an historic preservation tour group at the Williams Lake location last October and found that the developer's representative had placed rail trail signs on the property approximately along the location of the old rail route through to the historic quarry area and indicated that the formerly proposed reroute of WVRT at Breezy Hill Rd in Rosendale was no longer a consideration. This needs to be confirmed, followed up and finalized.

TIP Map Reference 26 PIN 875904 Kingston Rail Trail O&W

It should be noted that Kingston Land Trust is presently working on closing title to a small parcel directly adjoining a portion of the NY Ontario & Western Rail Trail (O&W RT) in the City of Kingston and is most interested in partnering with the City of Kingston, Ulster County, Town of Ulster and other interested parties in planning and implementation to make the section from Hurley to Kingston accessible and well maintained. We understand that a portion of the Kingston section of the O&W RT is under present consideration.

TIP Map Reference 26 PIN 875913 Route 32 Golden Hill to Greenkill Ave Rehabilitation

This ties in to the comments above on WVRT and the comments made on August 3, insofar as WVRT needs a safe route into the City of Kingston from its present terminus at Route 32 near to Rockwell Lane to provide continuity to the trail system. I made comments to this effect in 2008 on the Non Motorized Transportation Plan and also commented briefly on August 3, 2010 on this before the City of Kingston

Common Council. I would suggest utilizing a Complete Streets approach on the Route 32-Greenkill Ave section which could serve the purpose of providing bicyclists and pedestrians from Kingston access to the Golden Hill facilities and to the WVRT and vice versa. The possibility of using all or portions of the presently closed old rail bed through or in the vicinity of the transfer station to the area near Greenkill Ave. or Pine Grove Ave should be considered. Kingston Land Trust is interested in working in partnership with Wallkill Valley Land Trust, OSI, the City of Kingston, Ulster County, Town of Ulster and other interested parties in planning and implementation to bring the WVRT section into Kingston as soon as possible. Figure 4-12 (Year 2035 Non Motorized System Map) may need more detail in the City of Kingston portion to present exactly where the multi use trail is intended to be located.

TIP Map Reference 49 PIN 881097 I587-Albany Ave & Broadway

On behalf of Friends of Historic Kingston, I prepared a preliminary list of historic resources and stakeholders which was submitted to UCTC and your consultants Fitzgerald & Halliday. I will defer comment on that project at this time.

TIP Map Reference 45 PIN 880862 Wurts St. Bridge Painting

I was glad to see that this important historic resource is scheduled for maintenance. Thank you.

Ulster & Delaware, City of Kingston

Note that the NMTP in 2008 showed the section in the City of Kingston from near Kingston Hospital proceeding downtown to be a multi use trail. Assuming it is unsuitable for use by the trolley museum for its trolleys, this could provide continuity with proposed WVRT route into Kingston especially if a Complete Streets approach is used.

Proposed Next Phase Project Legacy Trail north from Kingston

It is possible that part of this project could start sooner than next phase using local and county roads and existing rights of way. Additionally, with the cooperation of the owners of properties proposed to be developed on the Kingston-Ulster waterfront, the sections through such properties may possibly be opened earlier.

Long Term Transportation Plan –Public Transportation

Pages 4-25 et seq discuss public transportation. Greater coordination of services and schedules between providers needs to be implemented including Kingston Citibus, UCAT and Adirondack Trailways. I believe this is discussed in the Fixed Route Analysis done some years ago. I concur with the statement on Page 4-32 that the City of Kingston needs an Intermodal Terminal which would help implement the elimination of this service fragmentation. The Intermodal is noted as TIP Map # 56 PIN 8T0449. Since we are discussing long term planning, better access to the MetroNorth station in Poughkeepsie via expansion of the Ulster Link should be considered. With the build out of the Kingston waterfront properties expected during this long term time range, thought should be given with regards to extending the Ulster-Poughkeepsie Link into Kingston from its present terminus in Rosendale.

Thank you for permitting me to comment.

Very truly yours



Kevin McEvoy

# **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN**

## **NEW PALTZ RESIDENTS**

### **Make South Putt Corners Road Safer**

Petition sponsored by the New Paltz Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

*To:*

- Michael Hein, Ulster County Executive
- Susan E. Zimet, Hector S. Rodriguez, Mary Beth Maio, Paul J. Hansut, New Paltz Representatives, Ulster County Legislature
- David Sheeley, Commissioner, Ulster County Department of Public Works
- Dennis Doyle, Director, Ulster County Planning Department
- William Tobin, Principle Transportation Planner, Ulster County Planning Department

*From:* The Undersigned Ulster County Residents

We the undersigned have learned that the Ulster County Department of Public Works has postponed until 2014 the planning and design of six-foot shoulders on South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz. This highway department project was planned for 2010, and was supported by the \$500,000 Transportation Implementation and Land Use Study and volunteer work done by dozens of citizens.

South Putt Corners, an alternative to Main Street and SUNY New Paltz, has an increasingly heavy traffic volume. With no margin of safety against motorized traffic, it is a threat to every New Paltz High School student who walks or bikes to school. The recently completed New Paltz police station on South Putt will add to the traffic and safety issues, especially for the bicycle patrol officers. Increased use of the road by fast-moving first responders will further increase the chance of accidents.

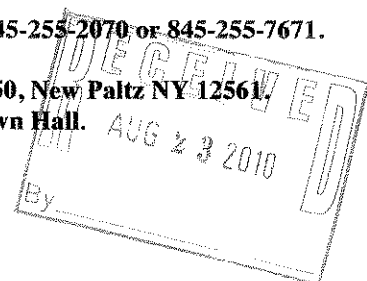
The planned repaving and widening of the road to include six-foot shoulders is a critically important local project. We urgently request that the above-named Ulster County officials amend the Ulster County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to restore the widening of South Putt Corners Road to its former high-priority status, with work starting in 2011. The health and safety of our children, police force, and citizens requires no less.

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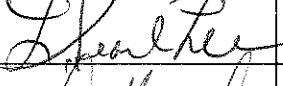

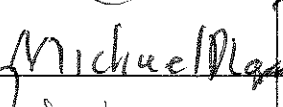
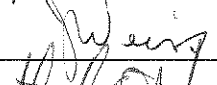

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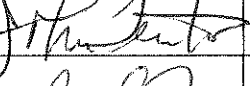
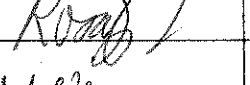
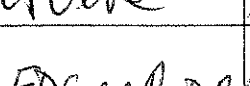
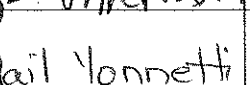

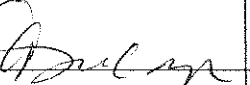
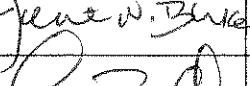
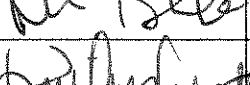
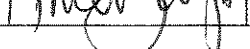
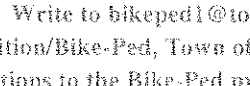
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August 19, 2010

David A. Sheeley, Commissioner  
Ulster County Department of Public Works  
315 Shamrock Lane  
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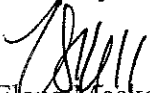
I am writing on behalf of the New Paltz Central School District's Board of Education to advise you that the following resolution was unanimously passed at their regularly scheduled Workshop Meeting on August 18, 2010:

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District supports the efforts of the New Paltz Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee to improve the safety on South Putt Corners Road for students, staff and community members by repaving this critical artery to the New Paltz Central High School thus providing safer passage of this thoroughfare for both motorized and non-motorized users; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education encourages Ulster County Department of Public Works to set the improvements of South Putt Corners Road as a priority, ensuring that the work commences as soon as possible by returning the highway project to its former high-priority status, and not postpone the project until 2014 in order to improve the safety on South Putt Corners Road for students, staff and community members.*

It is hoped that this official action helps to promote the progress of this important project. Thank you on behalf of the members of our board for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Elena Maskell  
District Clerk

c: William Tobin, Principal Transportation Planner  
Dennis Doyle, Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Michael Hein, County Executive

