

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

Meeting Summary

June 5, 2007

Ulster County Community College
Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge, NY

Members

Present:	Steve Finkle**	City of Kingston
	Nancy Hammond**	Town of Lloyd
	Jack Hohman**	New York State Thruway Authority
	Peter Liepmann**	Ulster County Legislature
	Bruce Loertscher*	Town of Plattekill
	Beth Murphy**	Town of Saugerties
	Rich Peters**	NYS DOT Region 8
	Jeremy Wilber*	Town of Woodstock
	Robert Yerick*	Village of Saugerties

Staff

Present:	Sweta Basnet	UCTC
	Dennis Doyle	UC Planning Board
	Bill Tobin	UCTC

Others

Present:	Bill Brandt	Trolley Museum of New York
	Pam Duke	Town of Rochester
	Lou Frangella	CSX Transportation
	Jean Gunsch	MHSTCC-NYMTC
	Cindy Lanzetta	Town of Marlborough
	Albert V. Myers	Town of Shawangunk
	Anne Noonan	Adirondack Trailways
	Myles Putman	Putman Consulting
	Cynthia Ruiz	UC Area Transit
	Phil Serafino	New York State Thruway Authority
	Steve Szanto	Creighton Manning Engineering

+Permanent Voting Member

*Current Voting Member (Until June 4, 2009)

**Voting Proxy

^Non-Voting Advisory Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:10 am. Mr. Doyle called for voter attendance and announced that a quorum was achieved.

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S FEBRUARY 6, 2007 MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle asked for approval of the meeting summary from February 6, 2007.

Motion to approve by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Ms. Hammond.

APPROVAL OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MARCH 6, 2007 MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle asked for approval of the meeting summary from March 6, 2007.

Motion to approve by Ms. Ruiz, seconded by Ms. Hammond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROJECT UPDATES

City of Kingston Intermodal Facility Site Location Analysis and Conceptual Design Analysis. Mr. Doyle stated that the consulting firm Wendel DuChescherer and Associates of Buffalo, NY has been working diligently on the project. Mr. Doyle thanked UCAT, Trailways and NYSDOT for their input and participation. Mr. Doyle stated the consultants have requested a budget amendment. He added that the consultants have done an additional \$6,700 worth of work while trying to move the site planning process along. Mr. Doyle mentioned that they are in the process of developing alternative site plans for 3 different sites of the 14 original sites that were looked at. Ms. Ruiz mentioned that it is a Federal requirement to go through a planning process for site selection in order to receive the FTA funds for the transit center. Mr. Doyle added that NYSDOT is planning to program funds to build this facility post 2012.

Ulster County Integrated Advance Train Detection and Arrival Prediction Implementation Plan. Mr. Tobin stated that the project is still in the data collection phase. He added that he and the consultant, SYSTRA Engineering, visited the Ulster County 911 Emergency Center and the Hawthorne Traffic Management Center in Hawthorne, NY. Mr. Tobin added that NYSDOT has been helping with the collection of traffic volume counts for at grade railroad crossings in Ulster County. Mr. Tobin discussed having a TOPS committee meeting in the summer to present draft alternative design concepts. Mr. Frangella added that CSX would help in anyway to move the project along. Mr. Doyle added that the Council has made this transportation problem a part of its Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Tobin mentioned the whole idea is to detect the presence and movement of trains but off CSX right-of-way as to not interfere with CSX operations whatsoever. Mr. Frangella mentioned that all the cars carrying hazardous material have GPS system installed in them and their movement is monitored 24/7. Mr. Finkle asked Mr. Frangella if CSX trains have Global Positioning Systems (GPS) attached. Mr. Frangella said yes but that other rail carriers using the CSX system do not always have this technology.

Ulster County Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Mr. Doyle stated that two public meeting have been held with one in Woodstock and the other in the Town of Lloyd. Mr. Doyle added that there were approximately 700 project ideas recommended implementation and the top 15 will be identified for further analysis. Mr. Doyle stated that the study also includes transportation enhancement plans for 20 hamlets. Mr. Doyle added that Council staff is looking at not just transportation funds available but other funding sources as well for the project. Mr. Tobin mentioned that there is a meeting on June 20 to being prioritizing project ideas. Mr. Doyle added that there was lot of repetitiveness in the ideas proposed and projects are being categorized by type.

Marlboro Hamlet Area Transportation Plan. Ms. Lanzetta stated that they have received three consultant proposals and the Committee is now reviewing them. Ms. Lanzetta added that they will be meeting Thursday, June 7 for oral interviews. Ms. Lanzetta mentioned that the process should provide design alternatives to the transportation problems at the intersection of Western Avenue and 9W and King Street. Mr. Doyle

informed the Council that the Town of Marlborough and NYSDOT had requested the area to be studied to find a solution for their transportation problems. Mr. Doyle added that this is a twelve month study.

City of Kingston Uptown Stockade Area Transportation Plan. Mr. Finkle mentioned that RFP for the project is currently being advertised and proposals are due June 28. Mr. Finkle added that the project looks into issues like circulation, infrastructure, parking utilization in the Uptown Stockade District for the current year, 2020 and 2035. Mr. Finkle added that the project is an extension of the Washington Avenue work that was undertaken by NYSDOT and UCTC. Mr. Finkle stated that streets in Uptown area are not modern and in some cases it's hard to find a way around because of one-way streets. Mr. Doyle mentioned that one of the reasons for undertaking the study is substantial number of Federal aid eligible roads and the movement of regional traffic in the Uptown area. Mr. Doyle added that NYSDOT has begun its work studying the intersection of I-587 at Albany Avenue so this work should complement those efforts. Mr. Doyle mentioned that at the end of these studies, along with the City of Kingston Intermodal study, there will be good picture of how the traffic will move in Uptown Kingston and what the streetscape and traffic patterns will look like. Mr. Putman asked about the stage of Albany-Broadway-Chandler intersection. Mr. Peters mentioned that NYSDOT is looking at the intersection from the redesign standpoint and looking at alternatives. Mr. Finkle mentioned the traffic signal controller died at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Hurley Avenue. Mr. Finkle thanked NYSDOT for lending the City of Kingston a replacement controller.

Ulster County Traffic Monitoring Program. Ms. Basnet stated the 2006 Traffic Count has been completed. Ms. Basnet mentioned that count locations for 2007 have been identified and their locations mapped. Ms. Basnet added that Lochner Engineering is going to do the counts in September or October. Mr. Doyle added that there might be changes to the count locations because of the Kingston Uptown study. Ms. Basnet stated that so far there are 61 count location selected for 2007 and most of the counts are in the City of Kingston. Ms. Basnet provided an update on the UCTC TransCAD model. Ms. Basnet stated she is working on creating various maps for the website.

Route 209 Corridor Sustainable Transportation Land Use Plan. Mr. Doyle stated that a contract has been signed between NYSDOT and Ulster County and that a contract has yet to be signed between Ulster County and the consultant. Mr. Doyle thanked Russ Robbins from NYSDOT for his assistance with the contracts and helping to navigate through the Local Projects Unit. Mr. Doyle mentioned that he anticipates the project to start around late summer.

Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Plan. Ms. Ruiz stated that Mary Howard from UCAT is working on it. Ms. Ruiz added that UCAT is working with Trailways, City of Kingston, Shortline, Human Services agencies and the municipalities on the plan. Ms. Ruiz mentioned that these agencies will be receiving surveys soon. Ms. Ruiz added that Human Services Coordination Plan is a requirement for UCTC because of ISTEALU and also because some agencies in Ulster County use 5310 funds. Ms. Ruiz asked to contact Mary Howard at UCAT at 340-3333 or Bill Tobin for more information. Ms. Ruiz mentioned there is no deadline for Human Services Coordination Plan and the only requirement under ISTEALU is that the plan is to be completed. Mr. Doyle added that UCAT is taking the lead for the Council with respect to the Human Services Coordination Plan.

Fourth Quarter Financial Report. Mr. Tobin mentioned that the UCTC is up to date on all expense reimbursements.

UCTC Turns 4. Mr. Doyle announced that the UCTC turned four years of age on June 4, 2007.

New York State MPO Association Annual Meeting. Mr. Tobin mentioned the NYS MPO Association Annual meeting is scheduled for June 14-15 at West Point, NY. Mr. Tobin added that NYS MPO association has agreed to fund registration and travel for up to two Policy Board members from each NYS MPO.

Transportation Management Area (TMA) Update. Ms. Gunsch mentioned that TMA is currently working on dividing the 5307 funds among MTA, Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties. Ms. Gunsch added that the formula, which was approved a few years ago, is being used and that the members will meet for agreement. Ms. Gunsch stated this time there was 5310 funds coming into the TMA and that will be divided in a same way.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Resolution 2007-8 MPO Self-Certification. Mr. Peters mentioned that the fiscal constraints analysis is missing HBRR funds and may not be entirely accurate. Mr. Tobin mentioned that the numbers were draft and help clearly demonstrate fiscal constraint. Mr. Peters suggested not showing any numbers and only state, in narrative terms, the UCTC is fiscally constrained. Mr. Doyle suggested that Council staff check the numbers for Ulster County with NYSDOT and run those numbers through. Mr. Doyle, from the Technical Committee standpoint, proposed that the Resolution is OK and that agreement remains the same and that the Council should check the numbers with NYSDOT to indicate what current resources are available. Mr. Doyle asked for approval for the Draft Resolution 2007-8 MPO Self-Certification with amendments. **Motion to approve by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Mr. Liepmann.**

Draft Resolution 2007-9 SAFETEA-LU Compliance. Mr. Tobin mentioned FHWA, FTA and NYSDOT helped to provide guidance with respect to how the SAFETEA-LU Action Plan should be developed. Mr. Tobin suggested developing an interim Action Plan since the UCTC had updated its Long Range Transportation Plan a year and half ago and is three and a half years away from its next comprehensive update. Mr. Tobin added that the plan has been reviewed by the FHWA, FTA and NYSDOT prior to today's presentation.

Mr. Doyle asked for approval for the action plan. **Motion to approve by Ms. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Loertscher.**

Status of the Draft FFY 2008-2012 TIP Update. Mr. Tobin mentioned the TIP Subcommittee had a meeting on May 21. Mr. Peters stated the original goal was to have the TIP document to the FHWA by September and added that NYSDOT is looking to get this done as quickly as possible. Mr. Peters suggested distributing an updated draft TIP by the end of the month. Mr. Doyle added that he would anticipate a Technical Committee meeting by end of June or early July and then go for public review with the idea that Policy Committee will meet in September to adopt the TIP.

Draft Resolution 2007-10 FFY 2006-2010 TIP Amendment. Mr. Doyle stated that the agenda has been amended to include City of Kingston SAFETEA-LU High Priority

Projects (earmarks). Mr. Tobin mentioned that the City of Kingston requested the amendment at the May 21 TIP Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Tobin stated that the following two Kingston projects need to be amended to the current TIP: 1) a Pedestrian Waterfront Walkway project totaling \$1.040 million, and 2) an Uptown streets improvement project totaling \$1.040 million. Mr. Tobin handed out Resolution 2007-10 with attached TIP strip.

AGENCY PIN WORK TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FUND SOURCES FUND/OB DATE	TOTAL 5-YEAR PROGRAM in millions	PHASE	5-YEAR PROGRAM (FFY) Starting October 01, 2007						
					PRE FFY 2008	FFY 2008	FFY 2009	FFY 2010	FFY 2011	FFY 2012	POST FFY 2012
AQ CODE	COUNTY										
AQCN A	ULSTER	TOTAL >>>	0.994		0.206	0.000	0.000	0.185	0.809	0.000	0.000
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AQCN A	ULSTER	TOTAL >>>	1.280		0.115	0.000	1.280	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CITY \$76019 MOBIL <Exempt>	KINGSTON PEDESTRIAN WATERFRONT WALKWAY, RAVINE STREET TO ROUTE 9W. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY .23 MILES OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY AND APPROXIMATELY 405 LINEAR FEET OF BULKHEAD ALONG THE RONDOUT CREEK. SAFETEA-LU HPP. TOTAL COST: \$1.045 MILLION	HPP 05/2007 LOCAL 05/2007 HPP 05/2007 LOCAL 05/2007	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	DETLDES DETLDES PRELDES PRELDES	0.080 0.020 0.020 0.005						
AQCN A	ULSTER	TOTAL >>>	0.000		0.125	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Mr. Doyle asked for approval of the addendum to the agenda. **Motion to approve by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Mr. Liepmann.**

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Ruiz informed the committee that UCAT is being audited by the FTA in June 2007.

CALL FOR CITIZENS COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.