

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

June 6, 2006
Ulster County Community College
Stone Ridge, NY

Members

Present:	Joel B. Brink**	Town of Ulster
	Greg Helsmoortel ⁺	Town of Saugerties
	Steve Finkle**	City of Kingston
	Jack Hohman**	NYS Thruway Authority
	Cindy Lanzetta*	Town of Marlborough
	Richard Peters**	NYS DOT Region 8
	Cynthia Ruiz**	UC Area Transit
	Jason West*	Village of New Paltz

Staff

Present:	Marianne Davis	UC Planning Department
	Dennis Doyle	UC Planning Department
	Jean Gunsch	NYMTC – Region 8 MPO Staff
	Bill Tobin	UCTC

Others

Present:	Bill Brandt	Trolley Museum of New York
	Richard Edling	Trolley Museum of New York
	Glenn Gidaly	Barton and Loguidice Associates
	Nancy Hammond	Town of Lloyd
	Toni Hokanson	Town of New Paltz
	Kathy Nolan	Town of Shandaken
	Jeff Olson	Alta Planning and Design
	Keith Savoury	NYS DOT Region 8
	Charles Schaller	UC Traffic Safety Board
	Phil Serafino	NYS Thruway Authority
	Bob Shepard	Town of Lloyd

⁺Permanent Voting Member

*Current Voting Member (Until June 4, 2007)

**Voting Proxy

[^]Advisory Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:10 a.m. Mr. Doyle announced that a quorum had not yet been achieved. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Tobin announced the upcoming Bike/Ped Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13 and TIP Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for June 20. He also stated that staff is

open to holding meetings in other parts of the County.

Mr. Tobin and Town of Ulster Councilmember Joel Brink will be attending a Statewide MPO conference in Saratoga Springs on June 8 and 9.

Mr. Doyle proudly announced that Ms. Sweta Basnet, from the Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, was hired for the position of Transportation Planner.

Mr. Doyle stated that the Saugerties area is currently conducting a four hour traffic study at part of the SAMA Study (Phase 1). Mr. Jim Rapoli of NYSDOT is assisting volunteers in the Saugerties area with the data collection effort (license plate survey).

Mr. West arrived (10:14 a.m.) and the Council achieved a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Doyle asked for approval of the March 7, 2006 meeting summary.

A motion was made by Ms. Ruiz to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Finkle. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2006- 6: Transportation Improvement Program 2006 Transit Amendments

A motion was made to approve the amendment by Ms. Ruiz, and seconded by Mr. Brink. All were in favor. There was no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2006-7: Transportation Improvement Program 2007 Amendments

Ms. Ruiz made a motion to approve the Resolution and was seconded by Mr. Finkle. All were in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Finkle stated that Ms. Roser from CitiBus submitted TIP amendments for the acquisition of buses and a bus wash system. Mr. Tobin asked Ms. Ruiz if UCAT would be purchasing a bus wash system. Ms. Ruiz replied UCAT would be buying a portable bus wash system.

RESOLUTION 2006-8: SFY Year 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Amendment. Amendment incorporates a US 9W corridor transportation and land use study for the Town of Marlborough while the Orange County Transportation Council deploys a similar study on the US 9W corridor in portions of northeastern Orange County. No UCTC planning or capital funds were programmed with this UPWP amendment.

Motion to approve made by Ms. Lanzetta, seconded by Mr. West. All were in favor. There was no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2006-9: Methodology used to divide and distribute FTA section 5307 TMA formula funds

Motion to approve made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Finkle. All were in favor.

Mr. Tobin explained that the methodology was not attached but is available if anyone is interested in seeing how funds are allocated among designated public transit recipients in Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties. Ms. Ruiz stated she believed the methodology is fair, explained the process, and added that the formula has been published in the Federal Register. Mr. Doyle stated that much work was performed by the transit operators and staff representing

the three MPOs (Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties). The formula is based on need with preventative maintenance and future service needs considered.

RESOLUTION 2006-10: Authorizing the transfer of administrative and management responsibilities of FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds for Trailways from Ulster County to the Capital District Transportation Authority in Albany, NY.

Ms. Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Brink. All were in favor.

Ms. Ruiz stated that once the funds are transferred we are not held responsible for the administration of funds. Mr. Tobin provided a handout with the actual numbers identified.

RESOLUTION 2006-11: Project selection criteria for FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds

Motion by Ms. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. West. All were in favor.

This resolution describes project selection criteria that must be approved by Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties. Mr. Tobin added that this year's additional funds shown on the next resolution are approximately \$1.4 million dollars. Mr. Doyle stated that municipalities with transit projects are able to compete for funds. Ms. Ruiz added that if anyone does have a transit project (capital projects) with regional significance they should contact her at 340-3335.

RESOLUTION 2006-12: Distribution of FTA Section 5307 TMA formula funds

Motion by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Mr. West. All were in favor.

Mr. Tobin stated that the numbers came in after the agenda was mailed. Mr. Tobin provided a handout with the actual numbers. He added that there was a different funding source (FTA Section 5340 funds) utilized to compensate for a decline in 5307 funds allocated to the TMA. Ms. Ruiz stated that it was a new funding source for areas showing population growth in larger urbanized areas.

RESOLUTION 2006-13: Requirement to Self Certify the SFY 2005-06 UCTC Planning Process

Motion by Mr. Helsmoortel, seconded by Ms. Ruiz. All were in favor.

Ms. Ruiz asked about the tri-annual review and if there were any findings. Mr. Doyle stated there were no findings. Ms. Ruiz congratulated staff and informed the Council that was a big deal not to have any findings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Finkle stated that City of Kingston would like to develop a Master Plan study for uptown Kingston and asked the Council about adding transportation planning funds for the extension of the Washington Avenue study. Mr. Finkle stated that if the council could expand the Washington Avenue study it would help offset the expense. Mr. Tobin asked if the scope would include the Broadway corridor. Mr. Finkle replied that it would be just the Stockade District. Mr. Doyle said the City should put a scope together and come back to the Council with a proposal to amend the UPWP.

Mr. Doyle asked Mr. Peters if NYSDOT was doing work on the intersection of I-587 and Albany Avenue. Mr. Peters replied that NYSDOT was performing an analysis in house. Mr. Finkle

stated he was concerned about the lack of efficient transportation circulation between Washington Avenue and I-587. Mr. Tobin asked if he was looking for data or alternative routes. Mr. Finkle responded the City of Kingston is interested in identifying infrastructure needs, directional signage, possibly analyzing the reversal of one-way streets, freight movement, parking, and handicapped curbing to improve the economic vitality of the Uptown area. Mr. Finkle stated that Mr. Doyle and staff have been very helpful. Mr. Tobin stated that the Council meets again in August and October. Mr. Finkle stated the City will have a scope prepared in the near future.

Ms. Ruiz asked Mr. Tobin if he would forward the resolutions to Maureen Mauritz. He said he or Jean Gunsch would do so once Mr. Dennison, UCTC Secretary, signs them.

Mr. Doyle introduced Jeff Olson of Alta Planning and Design who presented the Ulster and Delaware Rail with Trail Feasibility Study. Mr. Tobin distributed the Executive Summary Report to those in attendance. The final report is available for viewing on the UCTC web site.

Ms. Ruiz asked about ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990) requirements. Mr. Olson stated that if any part of the corridor is federally funded, it should be accessible to all. Topography issues may not accommodate all levels of disability. Ms. Ruiz asked about the rail corridor near the Trolley Museum. Mr. Olson stated the Trolley Museum of New York has been made more accessible to allow for visitors to access the site.

Mr. Doyle thanked Mr. Olson for his presentation and his work on the Ulster and Delaware Railroad Corridor Trail Feasibility Study.

Mr. Finkle asked if the project was a feasibility study or a planning study and wanted to know if the MPO will make a recommendation. Mr. Doyle responded that staff would forward the study to the County, as the landowner. Mr. Doyle added that several sections of the railroad corridor make sense for enhancement grants for different communities. Mr. Finkle stated the City of Kingston has met with Catskill Mountain Railroad to improve areas from Midtown Kingston to the Kingston Plaza.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Doyle asked how many Council members planned to submit Transportation Enhancement Program grant applications. Ms. Hammond stated that Town of Lloyd was working on installing a rail trail. Ms. Hokanson stated an enhancement application to the bridge over the Walkkill River from rail trail to the fairgrounds. Mr. Tobin said the County is considering a shoulder improvement project for South Putt Corners Road. Ms. Ruiz stated the Town of Rosendale would be doing sidewalks on James Street. Mr. Savoury stated he believed the Town of Gardiner may be doing sidewalks.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 am