

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Technical Committee Meeting**

Meeting Summary

October 14, 2010

SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY

Members

Present:	John Bellucci [^]	NYS Bridge Authority
	David Bolles	Ulster County Department of Public Works
	Barbara Budik ^{**}	Town of Saugerties
	Dennis Doyle	UC Planning Board/UCTC Staff
	Jack Hohman ^{**}	NYS Thruway Authority
	Rich Peters ^{**}	NYS DOT Region 8
	Ed Pine	UC Department of Public Works
	Sue Ronga	UC Department of Public Works
	Ralph Swenson ^{**}	City of Kingston Engineering Department
	Sweta Basnet	UCTC Staff
	Burt Samuelson	UCTC Staff

Others

Present:	Kathy Nolan	UC Trails Advisory Committee
	Anne Noonan	New York Trailways

^{*}Permanent Voting Member

^{*}Current Voting Member (Until June 4, 2011)

^{**}Voting Proxy for Permanent Voting Member

[^]Non-Voting Advisory Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Doyle at 10:00 AM. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

CALL FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2010 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Doyle asked for approval of the meeting summary from the June 23, 2010 Technical Committee meeting. **Motion to approve by Ms. Budik, seconded by Mr. Peters. All in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Resolution 2010-13: Apportionment of Unallocated Federal Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 and 5340 Capital Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA): Mr. Doyle stated that the resolution will transfer the unallocated FFY 2009 and 2010 Section 5307 and 5340 Capital Funds in the TMA to Metro-North for replacement of Undergrade Bridges in Orange County. Mr. Doyle asked for approval to move the resolution for discussion purposes.

Motion to approve by Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Swenson.

Mr. Doyle stated that the resolution will approve \$1.040 million for capital improvements on bridge structures in Orange County. Mr. Doyle stated that apart from Orange County, Dutchess Loop had also requested for \$1.804 million its transit facility. Mr. Doyle stated that Dutchess County has indicated that it no longer needs the money because it been awarded the FTA State of Good Repair grant for the project. This means that about \$2.2

million is available in the FTA 5307 funds in the TMA for FFY 2009-2010. Mr. Doyle added that the TMA staff will continue to look at ways to use the money. **All in favor.**

Draft Resolution 2010-14: FFY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Amendment: Mr. Doyle stated that the resolution is to amend the FFY 2010 TIP to move the phases for the River Line Crossing Safety Kings Highway/Saugerties project (PIN#8T0451). The amendment has been requested by NYSDOT. Ms. Basnet handed out the TIP strip with proposed amendment. Mr. Peters stated that what is shown on the TIP strip is not exactly what it should be. Mr. Peters stated that construction start will remain the same with the phases before construction being amended. The intent is to coordinate the timing of these phases with construction. Mr. Peters stated the amendment will move the Preliminary Design (PD), Right-of-Way Incidentals (RI), and Scoping (S) from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012. The Detailed Design (DD) will be moved to FFY 2014. The construction will continue to be scheduled for FFY 2015 as earlier. Mr. Peters added that there was confusion related to the project because there were two projects in the TIP that did the same work in the area along Kings Highway. Mr. Peter stated that the other project was deleted in the TIP update. Mr. Peters stated that quite zone project through the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster has also been pushed back which may have added to the confusion. Mr. Doyle asked Mr. Peters to go over the dates in the amendment. Mr. Peters stated that the amendment will reschedule the PD, RI and S for 10/1/2011; the DD and the Right-of-Way Acquisition (RA) for 10/1/2013. The construction will have the start date of May 2015 as originally scheduled. Ms. Budik requested for a corrected copy of the TIP strip. Ms. Budik stated that the project has been messed up from the beginning. The project was listed as the top safety concern by the TIP group. The project was dropped from the TIP by NYSDOT by error. Ms. Budik stated that the project is really needed. Ms. Budik stated that she would like to see the project be accurate and on track. Mr. Doyle stated that the TIP strip will be circulated as part of the mail ballot. Mr. Doyle stated that it will be taken to the Policy Committee through mail ballot. Mr. Doyle stated that UCTC will confirm the TIP strip with NYSDOT and email a copy to Ms. Budik. Mr. Doyle asked for a motion to forward the resolution to the Policy Committee for approval. **Motion to approve by Mr. Swenson, seconded by Mr. Peters.** Ms. Budik stated that she is going to abstain until she gets the corrected TIP strip. (00:12:00)

Draft Resolution 2010-15: Apportionment of FFY 2009 and 2010 FTA 5316 and 5317

Funds in the TMA: Mr. Doyle stated that the resolution is for apportionment of the FFY 2009 and 2010 FTA 5316 and 5317 TMA funds to Dutchess and Orange counties. Mr. Doyle stated that the proposal is to move \$350,000 from FTA 5316 or JARC (Job Access and Reverse Commute) funds to Orange County Employment and Training Administration. It provides transportation assistance out of Newburgh to employees in the suburbs. It is part of their JARC process. The resolution will also move \$216,882 of FTA 5317 or the New Freedom (NF) funds to the Northeast Dutchess Mobility Management and Freedom Bus. Mr. Doyle stated that there was a call for application for the funds on a TMA wide basis and these were the only applications received. These funds are lost if they are not used. Mr. Doyle stated that about \$100,000 is available for the Kingston Urbanized Area from the FTA 5316 and 5317 TMA funds. Mr. Doyle stated that there have been no applications for these funds. Three years ago, money was transferred back to the state in the absence of the application for the funding. Mr. Doyle stated that there are not many takers for these funds because there is not a lot of money available and a substantial amount of administrative oversight is required for the use. Mr. Doyle asked for

a motion to forward the resolution to the Policy Committee for approval. **Motion to approve by Ms. Budik, seconded by Mr. Swenson. All in favor.** (00:15:40)

TIP Amendments: Grant Avenue CSXT Railroad (RR) Crossing Upgrade Project and Leggs Mill Road CSXT RR Crossing Upgrade Project: The amendments will add funds to Grant Avenue CSXT RR Crossing Upgrade (PIN#893244) and Leggs Mill Road CSXT RR Crossing Upgrade (PIN#893245) projects in the Town of Ulster. These amendments can be handled administratively. Mr. Peters stated that cost for the project has gone up since it was originally programmed. This doesn't affect the funds available to Ulster County because it comes from the statewide funds for RR crossings. Mr. Doyle stated that these amendments do not require Policy Committee action. UCTC staff will work with NYSDOT to handle it administratively. (17:10)

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Doyle stated that the TIP that was sent by the council as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on October 1, 2010. The draft TIP that was approved by the council has been approved and finalized by the FHWA with amendments to the South Putt Corners Road project made by the council. The sponsors now have the approval to proceed with the projects on the TIP. Mr. Doyle stated that the draft TIP that is available on the website is accurate with exception of the South Putt Corners Road project. Final TIP will be printed and mailed out to the council. (19:00)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROJECT UPDATE

Traffic Monitoring Program: Ms. Basnet stated that the consultant Lochner Engineering had collected total of 65 counts in the county in April 2010. In addition, NYSDOT has provided with 30 counts that were collected in 2010. Ms. Basnet stated that the Traffic Count report for 2010 should be complete soon. The council will get a copy of the report and will also be uploaded online. Ms. Basnet added that she is working on the comparison of 2010 and 2007 count data.

Commuter Parking Lots Capacity Analysis and Needs Assessment: Ms. Basnet stated that she is going to visit the commuter parking lots in the county in the week of October 18, 2010. UCTC has been doing the analysis of the commuter parking lots in the county since 2006. A final report will include recommendations for these lots.

Kingston I-587 at Albany Avenue Intersection Study Update: Mr. Doyle stated that the consultant Fitzgerald & Halliday held a three day design charrette that included a public meeting on September 28, 2010; one-on-one meeting with the stakeholders on September 29, 2010; and an open house on September 30, 2010. Nationally and internationally recognized experts on Alternative Street Design were brought in for the charrette. Mr. Doyle stated that there were series of presentations that were made. Mr. Doyle stated that he is going present to the council one of the last presentations given to the Steering Committee.

Mr. Doyle presented the PowerPoint slides from the charrette to the council. The PowerPoint can be accessed online at <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/planning/i587.html#schd>.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.