



Ulster County Traffic Safety Board DRAFT 2025 Annual Report



As required under Article XL Section A-40.1 (C) of the Administrative Code of the Ulster County Charter, the following Annual Report is provided to the Ulster County Executive and Ulster County Legislature documenting the activities of the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board during the 2025 calendar year.

Purpose

As defined under Article XL § C-120 of the Ulster County Charter, the purpose of the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board (TSB) is to advance traffic and transportation safety, including pedestrian and nonmotorized transport, through study, advocacy and public education in accord with the provisions of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and local law and perform other duties that may be assigned to it by the County Executive and the Legislature. The Board shall further prioritize safety concerns based on relative risk to people using major modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and/or other nonmotorized and motorized transport.

Membership

The TSB is comprised of 12 members, each with background and interest in the pursuit of traffic safety.

Ulster County Traffic Safety Board Members (as of January 2026):

- Neil Bettez, Former Town of New Paltz Town Supervisor
- Marc Cassidy, Town of Rosendale Town Board
- David Corrigan, NYSDOT Resident Engineer (Ulster Co. Residency), Vice Chair
- Eric Kight, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, Chairperson
- Lou Klepner, Chair, Saugerties Complete Streets Advisory Committee
- Brendan Masterson, PE, Ulster County Commissioner of Public Works
- Nick Mercurio, Town of Rosendale Resident, retired NYSDOT engineer, and long-time cycling advocate
- Rosemary Quinn, Kingston Resident and Upstate Regional Representative for Families for Safe Streets and NYS Bicycle Coalition
- Giovanna Russo, Liaison to the Mid-Hudson Transportation Supervisor's Association
- Chief Egidio Tinti, City of Kingston Police Department
- Sgt. Robert Vedder, Ulster County Sheriff's Office
- Lt. James A. Seyfarth, Town of Ulster Police Department

The TSB is supported by Brian Slack, Deputy Director of Planning (Transportation) for the Ulster County Transportation Council, who was appointed as Coordinator of Traffic Safety in November 2021. Staff support is also provided by the Ulster County Planning Department, Ulster County Transportation Council, the Ulster County Safety Department, and the SUNY Ulster Traffic Safety Education Coordinator (vacant). The TSB reports directly to the Ulster County Legislature Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee. Other advisory roles to the board include the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee and the City of Kingston Complete Streets Advisory Committee.

Webpage

The TSB maintains a webpage on the Ulster County website at the following address:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/traffic-safety-board>

Information including meeting notices, minutes and agendas are posted regularly. Additional information regarding membership, News and Events, as well as useful Traffic Safety Resources have been developed to provide valuable information for interested members of the public. Topics include:

- Speed Limits and Requesting Reduction of Posted Speeds on Area Roads
- Requesting and Conducting Engineering Speed Studies
- Requesting Traffic Enforcement or a Speed Feedback Device
- Reporting a Maintenance Concern
- Requesting a Planning Study
- Road Closures ArcGIS Dashboard
- Fatal and Serious Injury Dashboard
- Road Closure Location Dashboard

A county email address – UlsterTSB@co.ulster.ny.us – is posted on the webpage along with the Coordinator’s telephone number. The public is encouraged to submit inquiries regarding traffic safety.

Rules for Governing.

The TSB conducted a review of rules created by neighboring TSBs and used them to develop its own rules, which were approved on September 11, 2023. The rules are referred to as “Bylaws” and are posted on the TSB website under the “Documents” page.¹

Meetings

TSB meetings are typically held on the first Monday of every month in the Ulster County Legislative Chambers between 6:00 and 8:00pm unless otherwise noted. During 2024, the TSB convened on the following dates:

- January 6, 2025
- March 3, 2025
- April 7, 2025
- May 5, 2025
- June 1, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- December 8, 2025

Meeting Agendas and the previous meeting minutes are posted on the TSB website at least 3 days prior to the next scheduled meeting; audio recordings of all meetings are also made available. The meeting agenda includes a standing item of member updates whereby TSB members provide useful and important traffic safety related news, activities, and bulletins.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend TSB meetings and are offered an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of every meeting.

Officers

At the January 2025 TSB meeting Eric Kight was re-elected to serve as Chair of the TSB; David Corrigan was re-elected Vice Chair; Brian Slack was re-elected to serve the position of Secretary. Terms are for 1 year.

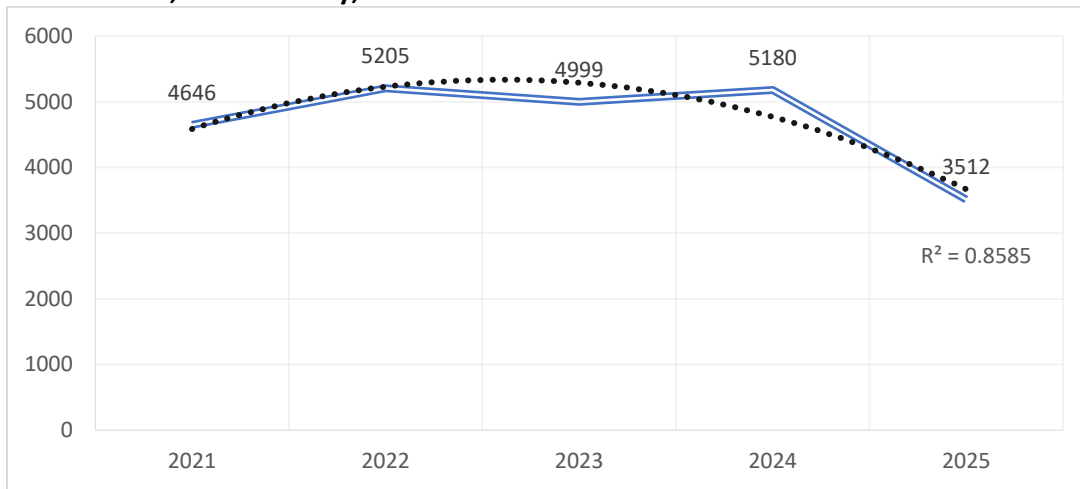
¹ <https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Boards/Traffic-Safety-Board>

Ulster County Crash Statistics²

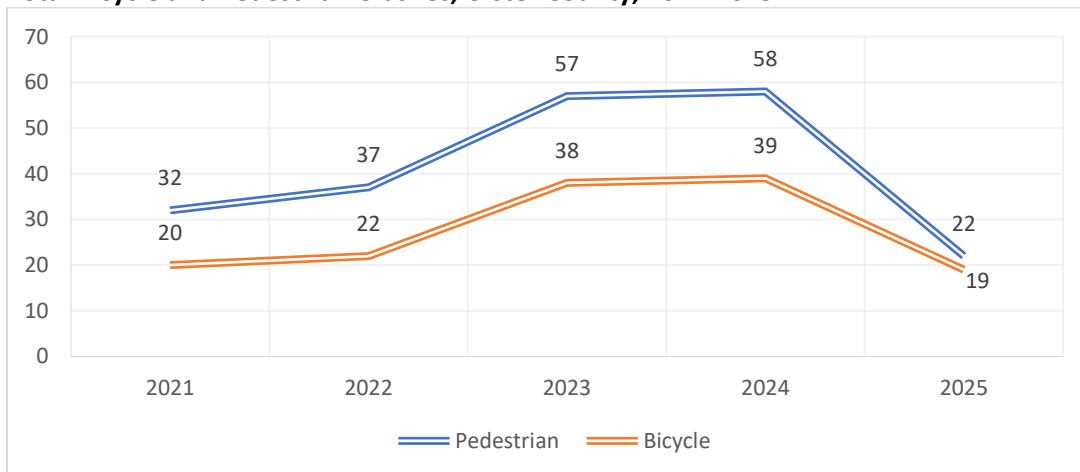
Beginning in 2020, the United States began to experience a significant spike in nationwide severe and fatal traffic crashes which was likely due to changes in travel patterns, traffic conditions and driver behaviors brought about by the COVID pandemic. A review of traffic crash data for Ulster County during the period 2021 – 2025 revealed a trend that appears to show a slight to moderate decrease in crashes across most travel modes and crash types. Future analyses will endeavor to develop an adjusted 5 year trend analysis beginning with FFY 2020 as a baseline in an effort to closely monitor variances from this historic period of severe and fatal traffic crashes.

For all charts, 2025 figures are *preliminary* and may increase slightly after data is fully processed and reported by responsible agencies.

Total Crashes, Ulster County, 2021 - 2025

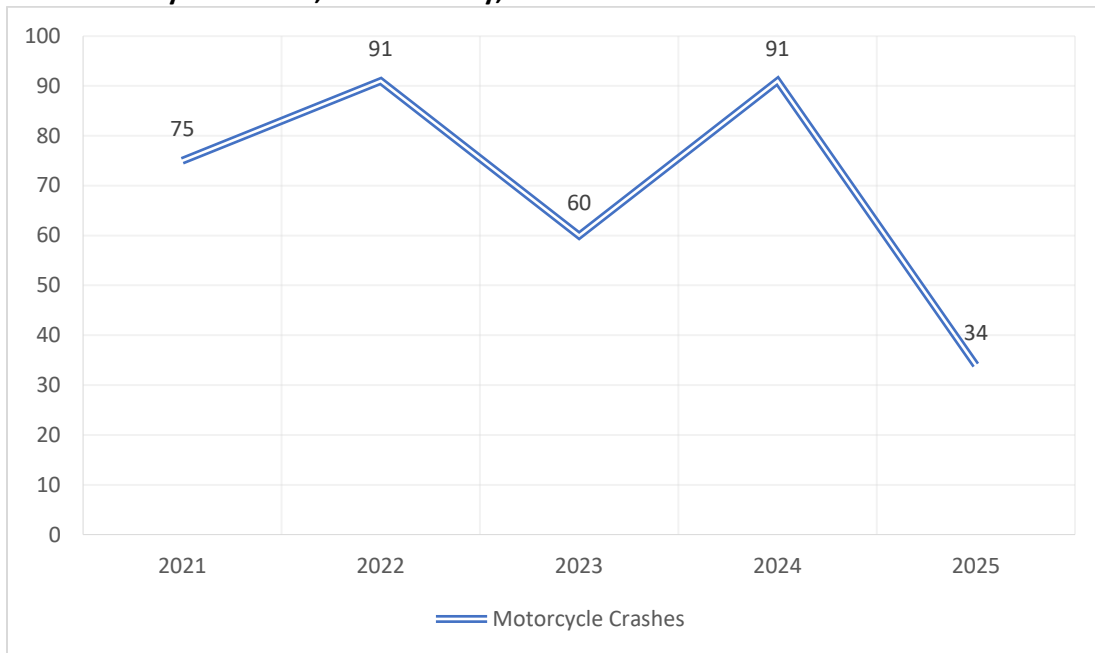


Total Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes, Ulster County, 2021-2025



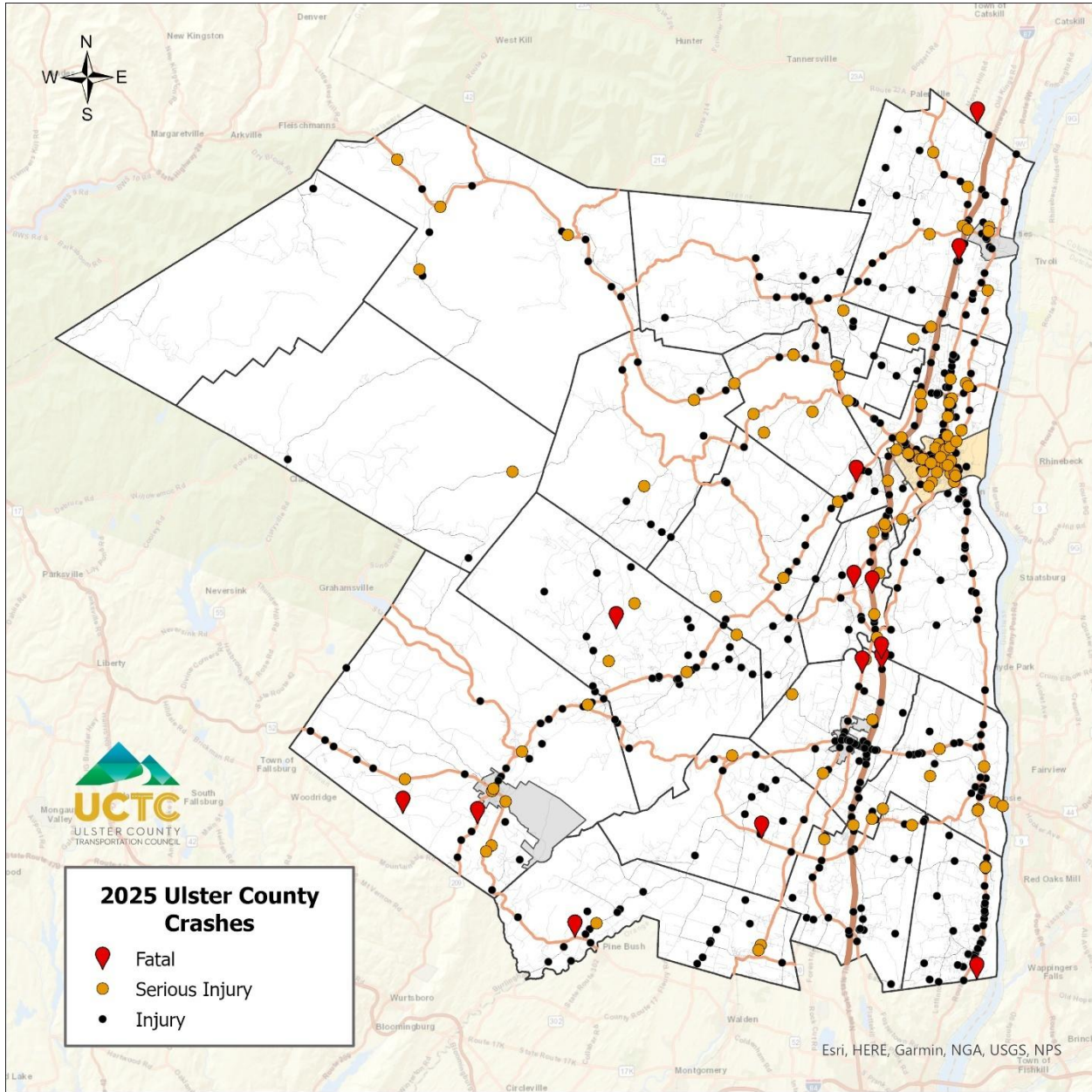
² Information derived from NYS Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR).

Total Motorcycle Crashes, Ulster County, 2021-2025



Aggregate data has been included in a table in an appendix to this annual report.

All Injury, Serious Injury, and Fatal Crashes, Ulster County, 2025

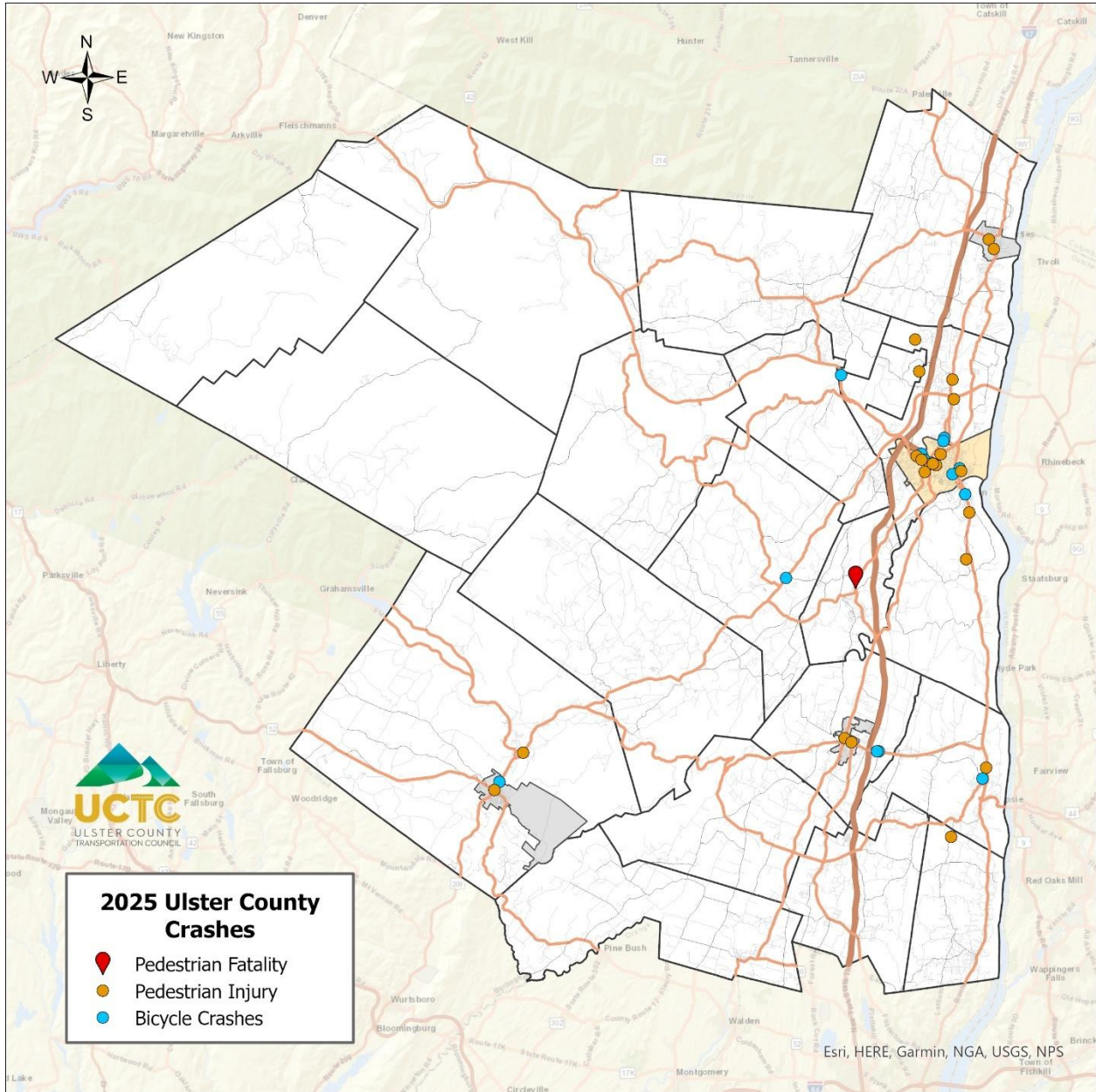


All Injury, Serious Injury and Fatal Crashes, Ulster County, NYS –2025

	Number of Crashes
Injury	524
Serious Injury	115
Fatal	14

Source: NYSDOT Crash Location & Engineering Analysis & Reporting Tool (CLEAR) for calendar year 2025. Analysis excludes minor, non-injury motor vehicle crashes.

All Fatal and Serious Injury Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes, Ulster County, 2025



Fatal and Serious Injury Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes, Ulster County, 2025

	Bicycle	Pedestrian
Injury	13	13
Serious Injury	3	11
Fatal	0	1

Source: NYSDOT Crash Location & Engineering Analysis & Reporting Tool (CLEAR) for calendar year 2025

In 2025, a reserve fund in the amount of \$3,598.10 associated with the TSB was identified by the Finance Department; the TSB was asked for the funds to be designated toward a purpose and drawn down. The TSB determined that the funds should be used toward the purchase and distribution of reflective materials. In the fall of 2026, with assistance from the Ulster County Executive's Office, Ulster County TSB publicized and distributed vests to multiple locations throughout the county. The distribution was timed to align with Daylight Savings Time and Halloween. The program continued to be well-received by the public.

The TSB drew down those funds as follows:

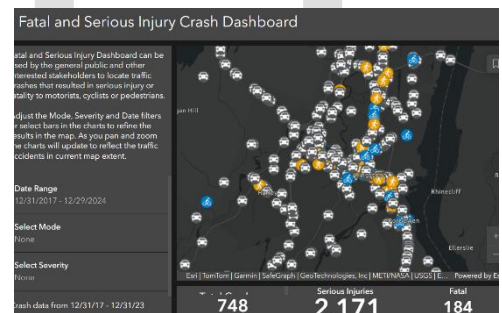
- 1,000 Rack cards - \$160.50
- 1,000 vests - \$2,643.49

Total Expenditures: \$2,803.99.

Remaining balance as of 1/1/2026 **\$794.**

Education. With financial support from the Ulster County Transportation Council, \$25,000 has been set aside to support such activities in 2026 utilizing a portion of UCTC's Federal Highway Administration annual planning grant.

Ulster County Fatal and Serious Injury ArcGIS Dashboard. An interactive mapping 'dashboard' was developed by UCTC staff at the request of TSB members. The dashboard pulls 5 years of traffic crash data from NYS DMV data sources and geo-locates the incidents and categories them by mode and severity. The dashboard will continue to be hosted and updated by UCTC into the future. The data range includes crashes for full calendar years 2018 – 2024; calendar year 2024 was added during the reporting period. The data can be found through the Ulster County TSB "Resources" page at <https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Boards/Traffic-Safety-Board>.



2025 School Bus Driver of the Year Award. TSB, in partnership with the Dutchess County TSB, coordinated this annual award. The School Bus Driver of the Year Award recognizes drivers with exceptional service and safety records and is issued in conjunction with the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board and "Operation Safe Stop." Operation Safe Stop is a cooperative project in New York State that seeks to promote school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts.

The 2025 award was provided to Mary Dutka, a driver for the Highland Central School District; Mary has 30 years of school bus driving experience operating through all of those years without a preventable/chargeable accident.

New Paltz High School Senior and Pathway's UC BOCES student, Ethan Gregor, was also provided an honorary mention for his Eagle Scout project involving research and development of a presentation on School Bus Safety. The video is presently being processed by BOCES to be put on NPCSD website. The Mid Hudson School Transportation Association would like to recognize his accomplishments. Ethan has been formally recognized by the Association in March where he provided a formal presentation

and received his Recognition of Accomplishment in the form of a certificate and monetary check for upcoming college expenses.

A ceremony was held in the Rotunda of the Ulster County Sheriff's Department with plaque and proclamations issued by the Ulster County Executive.

Discussion Topics. The following topics of interest were discussed by the TSB in detail during regular meetings:

- NYSDOT [Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) and [NYSDOT Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan](#)
- Local road engineering and construction project updates
- Updates regarding NYSDOT area traffic safety studies
- Enacting 25 mph speed limits on local roads
- ArcGIS Online GTSC Crash Viewer
- Discussion regarding [Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2025](#), A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County and how it can be implemented
- Use of the reserve fund

Motions and Resolutions of Significance

April 7, 2025: Resolution advancing the long-term goal of the development of a safe non-motorized transportation route between West Hurley, Shokan, Boiceville, Shandaken and Kingston.

Goals for 2026

TSB goals for 2026 include the following:

- Regular discussions at TSB meetings regarding any bicycle and pedestrian serious injury/fatal crashes that occur on Ulster County roadways
- Development and presentation of detailed traffic safety statistics to provide a data-driven focus to roadway safety measures in Ulster County
- Increasing GTSC grant applications and award capture among all municipalities in Ulster County
- Useful additions to the TSB website and wider visibility of that content
- Selection of dynamic and informative guest speakers at TSB meetings
- **A measurable decline in traffic-related crashes in Ulster County, particularly those that involve the most vulnerable users of our transportation system**

Appendix

Ulster County Traffic Crash Data, 2021-2025. Source: ITSMR

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Total Crashes	Total	4646	5205	4999	5180	3512
	Injuries	811	952	906	909	593
	Fatalities	14	14	14	20	12
Pedestrian Crashes	Pedestrian	32	37	57	58	22
	Injuries	27	37	54	50	19
	Fatalities	2	0	1	4	1
Bicycle Crashes	Bicycle	20	22	38	39	19
	Injuries	17	21	36	33	12
	Fatalities	2	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle Crashes	Total	75	91	60	91	34
	Injuries	56	69	44	65	24
	Fatalities	2	3	2	5	2

*2025 data is preliminary