



# ULSTER COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

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**Jen Metzger**  
County Executive

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Chairperson

## Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

**November 11, 2025 Minutes**

Location: Karen Binder Library Conference Room

Approved December 8, 2025

<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Eric Kight, NYCDEP, Chair	Giovanna Russo, MHV School Transp. Supervisors Assoc
David Corrigan NYSDOT, Vice Chair	Brendan Masterson, UC DPW
Rosemary Quinn, Upstate Regional Rep, Families for Safe Streets/NYS Safe Streets Coalition/City of Kingston resident	
Lou Klepner, Chair, Town of Saugerties Transportation Advisory Committee	
Brian Slack, Coordinator of Traffic Safety (Board Member Ex Officio) Ulster County Transportation Council	
Egido Tinti, City of Kingston Chief of Police	
Marc Cassidy, Town of Rosendale	
Sgt. Robert Vedder, Ulster County Sherriff's Dept	
Nick Mercurio, Town of Rosendale	
James Andrew Seyfarth, Town of Ulster Police Department	
Neal Bettez, Town of New Paltz resident	
<b><u>Nonvoting Members</u></b>	
Adam Dietz, Ulster County DPW	
<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
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### **I. Welcome and Introductions – 6:00pm**

### **II. Approval of the September 8, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by David Corrigan. Second by Seyfarth. Motion carried.

### **III. Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **IV. Member Updates**

Adam Dietz noted that DPW is continuing bridge and culvert work at various locations throughout the county and also some various asphalt patching work.

David Corrigan indicated that NYSDOT has been making good progress on the ongoing ADA sidewalk contract. Contractor is also completing a low-friction asphalt project in Esopus and Ulster on 9W. NYSDOT posted a new 50mph speed limit on Rte 32 ‘hill to hill’ in the Town of Rosendale. Speed limit reduction in Town of Gardiner on a

segment of 44/55; speed was reduced from 55 to 45. NYSDOT maintains a Hazardous Tree Survey to flag potentially hazardous trees along the state highway.

Slack provided an update to UCTC plans and projects; a corridor management plan for Ulster and Albany Avenues in Kingston and Ulster will be initiated in 2026; UCTC continues to await an announcement from the FHWA regarding its 2025 Safe Streets for All grant application; no other safety updates at this time. Slack reported on an issue raised during the previous meeting re: traffic circulation in and around the new BOCES facility at Enterprise Drive. The Town of Ulster is the responsible party for land use control at the site; the Town did not have a detailed site plan review and approval process; therefore, no formal internal circulation plan was submitted. Slack is working with the Town and Ulster County DPW to recommend potential improvements to signage on Enterprise indicating that a school is ahead; a school zone is not possible considering that there is little to no pedestrian travel to the site.

Nick Mercurio had no updates and deferred to Marc Cassidy for Town of Rosendale updates.

Rosemary Quinn reported that she attended the NYS Empire State Greenways Conference sponsored by NYS Parks and Trails to present on “Mending Broken Trails: Centering People, Safety, and Communities.” There were several other notable and informative presentations. Rosemary also attended the Vision Zero conference in NYC, which included a presentation which focused on ebikes, deliveries, safety and the emphasis by food delivery companies to push quicker delivery times at the expense of rider safety. Rose concluded by noting that she has witnessed another crash near her place of employment at Overlook Mountain Bikes on 28 and Mountain Rd. General discussion ensued.

Marc Cassidy reported that NYSDOT does expect to install some low-cost improvements at Rtes 32 and 213 and will detail more extensive (costly) options for future consideration. Chief Shaffrick has been providing resources to increase speed enforcement in the new 50mph zones on Rte 32. Mr. Cassidy has inquired about the value of placing ‘unmanned’ policy cars adjacent to the highway as an effect means for reducing speeding; the practice has received mixed responses. Chief Shaffrick has also been coordinated with NYSP to focus on heavy truck enforcement.

Mr. Klepner reported that NYSDOT approved the town’s request for a speed reduction on Rte 212 in Saugerties; reduction from 55mph to 45mph from Centerville Rd near to the Woodstock town line; the request was submitted nearly 3 years ago. The Saugerties Transportation Committee have received a request from residents on Fish Creek Rd which will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Works.

Neil Bettez spoke at the NYS Empire State Greenways Conference sponsored by NYS Parks and Trails on the topic of the HW DuBois bike lane project focusing on the need for early planning and coordination for these types of projects.

Chief Tinti reported that the Traffic Safety Unit has been very active; the City has purchased flashing hand-held stop signs for issuance to school crossing guards in an effort to increase visibility and safety.

Lte. Seyfarth reported from the Town of Ulster that there have been a number of stop sign requests submitted by local residents for Town roads. He repeated concerns already discussed regarding traffic safety and circulation in and around the new BOCES site on Enterprise Drive.

Mr. Kight reported regarding roads surrounding NYC DEP land and waters; there will be an anticipated single lane closure on the Ashoken Diving Weir Bridge from November 17-21 8am-4pm daily for inspection work.

## **V. Old Business (Open Items)**

### **a. Ulster County Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy**

*UCTC staff is currently reviewing local policies that were developed by municipalities in NYS under the first and second rounds of Safe Streets for All awards.*

### **b. Education and Outreach Activities**

*Discussion included under item c below*

c. Traffic Safety Board Reserve Fund – Slack

A reserve fund in the amount of \$3,598.10 associated with the TSB has been drawn down as follows: 1,000 Rack cards @ \$160.5 + 1,000 vests @ \$2,643.49 = \$2,803.99. **Remaining balance \$794.**

*Slack provided an update on the vest distribution; 7-8 locations received vests for distribution; those locations were publicized through press release by the County Executive's Office. Most have been distributed; remaining packs were provided directly to law enforcement agencies. Overall, interest for vests from the public continued to be strong. Rosemary inquired if we're allowed to solicit donations from private entities for future efforts; Slack will investigate.*

**VI. New Business**

*Mr. Mercurio raised the issue of the safety of ebikes and their popularity among youth. General discussion ensued regarding enforcement and existing laws governing them; guidance on the operation of e-bikes and e-scooters is available at <https://nybc.net/nys-bike-law/e-bike>. No action.*

*Mr. Mercurio questioned whether the new county law to ensure the safety of vulnerable road users needs to be reviewed by NYS Dept. of State. Members theorized that this is standard administrative protocol. It was also raised what action the county would take to publicize the new law. Slack will submit an inquiry to the legislature see if any action is planned and report back.*

**VII. Other Business**

**VIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Slack; second by Quinn.

The next meeting will be rescheduled to the following Monday December 8 due to travel associated with the Thanksgiving holiday.