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Town of Deerpark

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Town of Newburgh

Town of Warwick

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Meeting held via Zoom. Transcript of meeting as follows:

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JRichmond: I'm going to call this meeting to order.

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JRichmond: And I will run through the introductions of those that I see on the line when I get to the end if I haven't identified you could you please identify yourself and your organization that you're representing. So I have myself Julie Richmond.

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JRichmond: OCTC Director. We have Ashlee Long, Planner for OCTC.

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JRichmond: In terms of staff we have Lauren Burns, who is our travel model planner for OCTC and Jessica Ridgeway who is joining us as a.

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JRichmond: assisting us on the transit planning side as well as Rob Parrington who is our senior transit planner and then I will run through the municipal reps. We have Scott Manley from Newburgh, Jay Sheffield from Port Authority,

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JRichmond: Nicole Farmer from NYSDOT,

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Olu Folarin from MTA, Al Fusco,

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JRichmond: Alan Sorenson, i'm sorry is also on the line, Commissioner for Planning, Jack Farr from Port Jervis, Jason Morris from City of Newburgh, Lizy Philips from Thruway Authority, Michael Sweeton from Town of Warwick and Travis Ewald County DPW.

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JRichmond: Have I missed anyone?

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Gary Spears: Hi Gary Spears here.

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Sandra Jobson: Sandra Jobson from New York State DOT, thanks.

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Gary Spears: Gary Spears Town of Deerpark.

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JRichmond: Gary, sorry.

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JRichmond: I knew you were on the line.

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JRichmond: Thank you. Anyone else?

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JRichmond: Okay hearing none will move to opportunity for public comment. At this time, we can provide an

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JRichmond: opportunity to hear public comments.

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JRichmond: I don't think we have any one on the line from the public, so we will move to accept the meeting transcript from December 8.

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JRichmond: Can I have a motion?

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JackFarr: I'll move, so moved.

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michael sweeton: Second, I'll second Mike Sweeton.

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JRichmond: Thank you Mike. All in favor?

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*Various members: Aye.

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JRichmond: Thank you.

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JRichmond: That moves us to the Transportation Improvement Program and I'll turn it over to Ashlee.

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OC Planning: Okay, thanks Julie, today we have an administrative modifications L and I was just going to run through it really quickly.

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OC Planning: So, first we have a

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OC Planning: Lake Drive over Quassic Creek bridge replacement in the City of Newburgh, and this is adding \$850,000 of repurposed earmark funding to the construction phase in 2021.

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OC Planning: The next project is also in the City of Newburgh Walsh Road over the Quassaic Creek bridge replacement, this is also adding repurpose earmark funds to construction/construction inspection in 2021. It's adding \$2.507 million.

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OC Planning: These funds are coming from an earmark pin the City of Newburgh was able to repurpose.

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OC Planning: The next up, we have the ADA accessible sidewalks and ramps in the City of Middletown. They are also adding repurposed earmark funds and the amount of \$32,000.

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OC Planning: And the next project is the Walkkill Twin Towers middle school sidewalk project which is moving funds from the construction phase in 2022 to the right away incidental phase in 2021.

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OC Planning: And the final project in the admin mod is the ADA Sidewalks

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OC Planning: and ramps in Eastern Orange County. This is a DOT project that's adding \$50,000 to detail design in 2021, and this is coming from a DOT offset PIN

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OC Planning: For system repair or rehabilitation of highway infrastructure.

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OC Planning: So does anyone have any questions about those projects?

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OC Planning: Okay.

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OC Planning: As usual we'll send these out to the project sponsor then once we get approval will move move the action along.

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OC Planning: But if there's no questions I will move on to the amendments.

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OC Planning: So this amendment has two projects in it.

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The first one is a DOT project that is adding this new project for Route 9W subsurface and pavement repair.

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OC Planning: To address recurring depression in the pavement in the Town of Newburgh, so this is a project that's coming with an offset from an offset that's on the MidHudson South TIP.

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OC Planning: So that has programs funding 21, 22, and 24 construction.

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OC Planning: And then the second project and that...

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scottmanley: Can I ask a question about that one

0:05:16.321,0:05:16.920

OC Planning: Oh yes, go ahead.

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scottmanley: About the 9W depression, is that right 84 does it say?

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Yeah I know there's a huge depression there.

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Sandra Jobson: Sandra yep that's that's exactly the location.

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scottmanley: Okay, you know about one that might start or no?

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Sandra Jobson: Based on what we have here is, you know we're going to start investigating it more closely, and you know do some pavement cores and take a look at it, and then you know see what's you know the best

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Sandra Jobson: solution and it looks like we're planning to do the actual construction not until 2024.

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scottmanley: Okay.

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Sandra Jobson: But,

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Sandra Jobson: yeah I think there is some flexibility there, but this is really the first step of getting the project on the tip.

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scottmanley: Thank you.

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OC Planning: Okay, thank you Sandra.

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OC Planning: And then the second project in this amendment is to delete, to delete that earmark funds project from the City of Newburgh Improve East Ends Roads. This was that earmark that was used as the offset for the Lake Drive and Walsh Road PIN.

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OC Planning: Does anyone have any questions about any of these projects?

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OC Planning: Okay I'm going to keep moving right along. So next up, we have

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OC Planning: a request from the Town of Warwick to reinstate PIN

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OC Planning: 804119, which was a DOT PIN

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OC Planning: for highway reconstruction for Route 94 and County Route 1A. So I will...

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OC Planning: So this request, Mike, I don't know if you want me to explain it or if you'd like to explain it?

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michael sweeton: Yeah I can. So this is project had a long storied, agonizing history.

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michael sweeton: It was part of a project originally back when they were doing sort of,

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michael sweeton: sort of earmarks but direction by

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OC Planning: State legislature to

0:07:26.670,0:07:32.730

michael sweeton: to put in a light and turning lane on on Route 94 where it intersects with County Route 1.

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michael sweeton: And, at the time DOT, said we only had enough money for the light, so they put the light in didn't put the turning lane in, and that was fine.

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We worked

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michael sweeton: to get it on the tip originally and. Then it

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michael sweeton: didn't go anywhere and finally Rich Peters said, I think the State can do this project and it became a State project was on the TIP in 2014.

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michael sweeton: And then you know we all know what happened in '08, '09 and this and then, when the DOT decided they couldn't do a new projects, the only had to do maintenance it.

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michael sweeton: It just went into oblivion and it's,

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michael sweeton: you know, it's one of the gateways into Orange County because it is the road that leads from New Jersey.

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michael sweeton: When traffic is heading North on

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michael sweeton: 94 it literally backs up from that light if someone's going to make a left hand turn all the way down past the commercial area, which has to be at least a mile and a half, maybe longer.

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michael sweeton: And then it has issues that obviously at peak travel time as well.

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michael sweeton: And so I had requested back in 19 to see if we could get the DOT to

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michael sweeton: reinstitute it

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michael sweeton: with potential funds that we had in this this block money that we pushed out.

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michael sweeton: And they, they looked at it, they thought they came up with a rough estimate.

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michael sweeton: Sandra's group

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michael sweeton: was helpful in getting some information.

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michael sweeton: And now i'd like to get it actually on there, if I can.

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michael sweeton: And using, it seems like it's eligible for

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michael sweeton: Large Urban and/or CMAQ. So with the money that's out in 2023, 2024,

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michael sweeton: I'd like to, I'd like the Council to

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michael sweeton: allocate that money for the project, it would be a DOT project Sandra I would assume still.

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Sandra Jobson: Yep we're still here to if you can secure the funding to do the engineering and to let the contract.

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michael sweeton: So again, it, I think it benefits not just us because it is a local,

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michael sweeton: you know frustration point, but it also

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michael sweeton: would help traffic coming in, especially with Legoland opening. We're going to see a lot of traffic coming up

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michael sweeton: in that direction. So I'd asked the Council to consider that.

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OC Planning: So I'm just going to run over the over the block PIN funding. So I believe the requested amount is about \$2.75 million and it

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OC Planning: DOT seems to, seems to indicate that it was eligible for CMAQ and for the large urban funding, so, as you can see, on the block PINs on the screen in the CMAQ PIN there's \$3.7 million in 2024 and then there's \$0.964 in both 23 and 24. So,

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OC Planning: in 24 alone there's over \$5 million

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OC Planning: and this project is asking for about \$2.75 million.

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OC Planning: Does anyone have..

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Sandra Jobson: I just like to, well, the only thing I'd like to add, is 24 might be more realistic for delivery because I'm sure,

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Sandra Jobson: it's going to need right of way.

0:11:13.710,0:11:16.200

Sandra Jobson: So I just want to throw that out there.

0:11:18.840,0:11:19.710

michael sweeton: I'm okay with 2024

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michael sweeton: As long as we can get a firm commitment to you know,

0:11:24.180,0:11:25.560

michael sweeton: keep the project on the TIP.

0:11:30.150,0:11:30.650

OC Planning: Okay.

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OC Planning: Does anyone have any thoughts.

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OC Planning: Very quiet today.

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JRichmond: Do we have general consensus or favor with this?

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jackfarr: I have no exception on putting it back on the TIP. Mike's been very instrumental in getting a lot of things done on this.

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jackfarr: So I think we definitely need to look towards to try to do some help over that way like I said, especially with Legoland going to be opening soon you're definitely going to see a lot of influx of traffic.

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Gary Spears: yeah i'm definitely in agreement with that also.

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OC Planning: Okay, great.

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OC Planning: Sounds like people are in favor of this project, so unless I hear otherwise I'm going to draft the ballot, because it will have to be added in

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OC Planning: back onto the TIP as a new project, I believe, and so we'll draft the ballot and send it out for review and unless I hear, otherwise we can put it out for public comment, and it could be voted on at the next Policy Committee meeting, which is March 2.

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So.

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OC Planning: Any other thoughts?

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michael sweeton: Thank you.

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OC Planning: Okay, so we'll proceed that way, if anyone has any comments, please just let us know.

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OC Planning: So, moving right along. So we actually have a second request for funding. it's from the Duches County Transportation Council.

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OC Planning: And they have a project, a local bridge project that is looking for off sytem bridge funding in 2021 and they just put out the ask if anyone had any funding in 2021 that they might be able to share with them.

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OC Planning: So currently, I'll just point out that we have \$240,7000 in 2021 and the only two projects on our TIP currently are in the City of Newburgh the Lake Drive and the Walsh Road bridges, which both just received the repurpose earmarks.

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OC Planning: So Dutchess County is proposing if we're able to

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OC Planning: transfer over the 2021 funds to them, they would be able to

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OC Planning: make us whole again in 2024.They have a block of large urban funding

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OC Planning: or potentially with the TIP update if we were looking for 2023 funds they could pay us, or you know repay us in Off System bridge funding. But I would say that it seems that the Committee, the local projects in Orange County uses a lot more of the large urban funding, so it might be more beneficial

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OC Planning: to use the large urban funding if people are okay with this request.

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OC Planning: Anyone have any thoughts or

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OC Planning: comments? Jason I know these are your projects. They're the only ones eligible on the TIP that are eligible for these funds right now.

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Jason Morris: Yeah based upon the transfer we just discussed from the unused earmark funds into these two projects, I don't anticipate any additional funds needed at this time

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Jason Morris: for these two projects.

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Jason Morris: Assuming that the Lake Street Bridge which is not shown on here is

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Jason Morris: a separate pot of money that's the New York Bridge grant

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Jason Morris: I assume that's unaffected by, yeah, okay.

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jackfarr: Ashlee, what happens to this money if we don't let them

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OC Planning: Right that's a good question Jack yes, so we would not be using it so,

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OC Planning: yeah, we would effectively just not be using the funds that are on our TIP and it would not be benefiting anyone at this point.

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jackfarr: So as long as we're gonna get this money back, I mean, I think, no harm no foul right now I would think if if we're going to

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jackfarr: let them essentially borrow the money and make it whole again in the next couple years. I mean it's better to let somebody use it and get our structures up and going instead of wasting the money and not using it at all.

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michael sweeton: Yeah I agree with Jack, I support that.

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Gary Spears: Yeah I do also.

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OC Planning: Okay, great.

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OC Planning: Well I'll let the DCTC know and if anyone has any comments in the next day or two just let me know but otherwise

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OC Planning: we'll let them know and we can move that through.

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So.

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OC Planning: Okay does anyone have any questions on any of the TIP items we've talked about?

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OC Planning: Okay.

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OC Planning: I think just moving right along, we can just move into local project sponsor updates if anyone has any updates they like to share.

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michael sweeton: This is Mike Sweeton, and so the bike-hike project is going out to bid and I know DOT wants us to accept those bids on or before the 22nd of February, we intend to do that and then that project will proceed.

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OC Planning: Great, anyone else?

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Jason Morris: Jason again from City of Newburgh on the Lake Dr. Bridge we're actually having the structure delivered to the bridge construction site next week.

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Jason Morris: The footings have been poured all the piles are in place, and then the structure is coming next week so that's a

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Jason Morris: that's a big step for us for that project. The Walsh Road Bridge is currently in final design the PS&E package will be delivered to the DOT

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Jason Morris: in about two weeks. So that is moving along for an anticipated bid for construction this year and the Lake Street Bridge is advertised for bid. The advertisement goes out next week, so that will also be awarded by the spring for construction.

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OC Planning: Great thanks Jason.

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Travis Ewald: Ashlee, this is Travis.

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OC Planning: Hi Travis.

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Travis Ewald: How's it going? So the Otisville Viaduct, which is our Bridge

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Travis Ewald: New York project. We received detailed design approval and we're still aiming for going to construction late 2021.

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Travis Ewald: An the pedestrian and safety improvements project, PSAP, we're still waiting for detailed design approval on that and we're hopeful that will go to construction this year as well.

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OC Planning: Okay, great thanks.

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OC Planning: Anyone else?

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Okay.

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OC Planning: Thank just moving right along there were no items under old business unless anyone has anything they'd like to bring up.

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OC Planning: Otherwise, I will move right into new business.

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OC Planning: So.

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JRichmond: Ashlee Ashlee,

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JRichmond: Did you

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JRichmond: want to do the STIP performance update now?

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OC Planning: Oh, yes, I'm sorry I skipped right over that. Just moving right along.

0:19:36.330,0:19:36.870

OC Planning: Thanks Julie.

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OC Planning: I was actually going to ask Sandra if she could maybe go over the STIP performance report that we just got.

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Sandra Jobson: Well, I don't have the figures right in front of me Ashlee I'm sorry I wasn't wasn't clear. You don't want to go over... How about I give the big picture scoop

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Sandra Jobson: on STIP performance?

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OC Planning: Sure yeah that would be great.

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Sandra Jobson: Okay.

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So, each year, over the past few years, what FHWA has been doing is at the beginning of each federal fiscal year they basically take what we refer to as a snapshot

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Sandra Jobson: of all the projects that have a construction phase in that particular federal fiscal year. So, for example, they did that last,

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Sandra Jobson: not this fall, but the previous fall in 2019

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Sandra Jobson: and

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Sandra Jobson: at the conclusion of the federal fiscal year

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Sandra Jobson: they'll take a look at okay well, you said you're going to obligate let's say you know 10 construction projects.

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Sandra Jobson: And maybe you only did eight because two of them had to be pushed into the next year. So they you know, consider that, basically, you know 80%. It's pretty straightforward and simple the way it's calculated.

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Sandra Jobson: But unfortunately over the years, everyone's been kind of struggling with that.

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Sandra Jobson: But just this past year,

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Sandra Jobson: Ashlee do you have the numbers in front, because I know regionally, we did hit 50% and I think, for the first time, we were out of the red, which was

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Sandra Jobson: a pretty big accomplishment. I mean it doesn't...

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Sandra Jobson: But each of the individual MPO's had their own calculation. Do you happen to know yours was on delivery?

0:21:32.160,0:21:34.740

OC Planning: For the amended and the unamended I have, I have both of them on the screen.

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Sandra Jobson: Okay.

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Sandra Jobson: The more important one is the unamended.

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OC Planning: So what was your

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Sandra Jobson: performance for unamended in 2020?

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OC Planning: So percent construction project obligated for OCTC, it was,

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OC Planning: let's see, 54.5% by number.

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Sandra Jobson: Right so they will

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Sandra Jobson: What they're looking at is money spent but also number of projects. So as far as the money went were at 54%. What were you for a number of projects delivered.

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OC Planning: That was actually, 54.5% is by number and 66.3% was by cost.

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Sandra Jobson: Okay.

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Sandra Jobson: Was by cost, awesome.

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Sandra Jobson: So sometimes what happens with cost is we kind of get lucky in a sense, because

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Sandra Jobson: maybe other projects went up in cost that went to construction, so that actually helps you on the cost category.

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Sandra Jobson: So that's why the two numbers are usually slightly different and we do typically do better in cost than sometimes necessarily number of projects because, for very good reason, sometimes projects need you know, to go to be delayed, don't happen.

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Sandra Jobson: So those were, you know, they don't sound like great numbers, but we've been on a really good trend regionally, of the upward trend, so let's hope you keep that going.

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Sandra Jobson: Ashlee I did send you our snapshot for federal fiscal year 21, the one we're in right now. So you might want to share that snapshot with the Members so they kind of see how you know what projects we would really like to get to construction this year to help with this performance.

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Sandra Jobson: Sure yeah.

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OC Planning: We can send that out to Members.

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Sandra Jobson: Okay. So perfect. How's that? Anyone have any questions?

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OC Planning: I think, just as a reminder, a couple of years ago we were we were definitely in the red, and I think it was we were at six or 8% it was something pretty low so we've

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OC Planning: really improved a lot for performance.

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OC Planning: So.

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OC Planning: if no one has any questions on that,

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OC Planning: I will actually move on to old business now.

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OC Planning: Does anyone have anything they'd like to share or bring up?

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OC Planning: Okay.

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OC Planning: i'm going to move right into new business, and so this is the UPWP.

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OC Planning: So our new federal funding estimates for the

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OC Planning: UPWP program are approximately \$713,000, which is about \$4,000 less than our estimates last year, so we're basically you know, it's flat funding.

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OC Planning: And so, our total program estimate, including our new new estimate, so the whole entire program comes to about \$3.6 million.

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OC Planning: And so we have a lot of ongoing tasks that staff carry out throughout the years you know, administrative tasks and then other just work tasks such as non motorized

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OC Planning: planning or

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OC Planning: activities or complete streets planning and activities and safety work that's done. So that's all in the draft UPWP, which was shared, but today I'm going to go over specifically some of the the new tasks that were added in.

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OC Planning: Just so everyone's on the same page with those. So the first task is

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OC Planning: A Unified Planning Work Program task and what it does is specifically breaks out work done on the UPWP itself, so that the development of the new UPWP or any amendments that might happen or any work that needs to occur would now go into this task specific to the UPWP.

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OC Planning: The next task that's new to this UPWP is data collection and compilation. We have been performing this work

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OC Planning: in previous years, obviously, but this task will help break out of staff work being done and help us track it a little better and is more specific to, you know, what exactly staff's working on and

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OC Planning: this would include things like the park and ride lot utilization counts, you know, looking at bike/ped counts, which we just completed, sidewalks connectivity and rating other crash data and,

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OC Planning: Anyway,

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OC Planning: we're looking at just breaking out that task for more specific work.

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OC Planning: Next up is the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. So our bike and ped plan is fairly dated at this point.

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OC Planning: So this task is to break out the plan, specifically, and this is for staff efforts in researching and preparing for

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OC Planning: potentially going out to

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OC Planning: for a consult consultant supported plan and the next UPWP, So this would include scoping potentially the task out, this is kind of preparation for a bike ped consultant supported plan.

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OC Planning: The next task is the Sidewalk District Feasibility Study so this task is actually the result of the Cooperative Community Program, the call for projects that we did earlier. We received

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OC Planning: three applications all from the City of Newburgh and the one that was chosen was a sidewalk district feasibility stud. So this consultant supported study

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OC Planning: aims to look at the feasibility of the creation of the sidewalk district in the City of Newburgh. So we'll be scoping and working with the City on that project and then going out to bid this year.

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OC Planning: Does anyone have any questions on any of those tasks so far?

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Okay.

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OC Planning: The next new task is a State and Regional Transportation Liaison. So this task supports our planning efforts for statewide planning research projects, as well as

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OC Planning: efforts to coordinate with the Metropolitan Area Planning forum, or the MAP forum of which OCTC is a member. So this is some, the MAP forum, particularly you know, is a consortium of multiple MPO's across multiple states and so they're doing,

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OC Planning: they're sharing their work and coordinating on things like regional freight and other efforts. So this task captures that work, as well as any work that, you know, going towards

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OC Planning: efforts to participate in statewide planning and research projects that affect our area.

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OC Planning: And so, then the next new task is a new corridor study for the New York State Route 17 M and US Route 6.

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OC Planning: So this is a consultant supported study that would be scoped out and put out to bid this year.

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OC Planning: So it's a cooperative planning effort to look at this corridor from the Town of Chester to Town of Wallkill. And so,

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OC Planning: the corridor is continuing to undergo development, and this includes large scale projects, and so the purpose and the goal to study is to provide assistance to municipalities in the study area.

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OC Planning: in balancing and managing future development, growth and transportation needs along the corridor. So there will be a needs assessment of existing and future transportation conditions and then ultimately they'll be recommendations for transportation infrastructure improvements

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OC Planning: and then the objectives are also listed in this task. So that will be upcoming in the year. That's another larger study and that's going to be a bigger effort.

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OC Planning: Does anyone have any questions on either of these tasks?

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OC Planning: Okay.

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OC Planning: And then the final two tasks that are new to this this UPWP are Electric Vehicle Assistance.

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OC Planning: This task was actually in a previous UPWP but we brought it back in, we anticipate more staff efforts to provide guidance to local governments that wish to take action and implement electric vehicle

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OC Planning: deployment in their areas. So staff is going to provide recommendations and best practices to any municipalities that are interested

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OC Planning: in getting this electric vehicle

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OC Planning: infrastructure kind of jump started.

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OC Planning: And then the final new

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OC Planning: task for the UPWP is a General Planning Consultant Services task. So this task is a consultant, a transportation consultant tasks,

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OC Planning: so it'd be kind of like

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OC Planning: a consultant, that would be available for smaller tasks, not specific studies or anything, it would be for kind of smaller work to assist staff and bring in technical expertise.

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OC Planning: for planning activities, transportation planning activities. So the consultant would be on under contract for a year and we would see how that works out with them. So does anyone have any questions about any of the tasks listed here or any of the tasks listed in the draft UPWP?

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Okay um,

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OC Planning: this will go out for public comment before the March 2 meeting and will be on the agenda for adoption on March 2nd.

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OC Planning: If no one has any comments or questions we will move right along to the air quality conformity determination which Lauren is actually going to speak about.

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Lauren Burns: Ashlee, thank you. Can hear me?

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OC Planning: Yeah, you're good.

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Lauren Burns: Good.

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Lauren Burns: All right, so Orange County

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Lauren Burns: is in the Poughkeepsie New York ozone non attainment area, also known as PONA, and the New York New Jersey New Jersey Connecticut PM 2.5 maintenance area with NYMTC.

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Lauren Burns: So EPA requires that transportation air quality conformity be demonstrated by an MPO in a non attainment or maintenance area whenever transportation projects are programed that may significantly impact air quality.

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Lauren Burns: NYMTC is amending their TIP and, as such, they're triggering the conformity determination for PM 2.5.

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Lauren Burns: The New York State Interagency Consultation Group, also known as the ICG

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Lauren Burns: concurred on January 12, 2021 that the amendment does not affect the PONA area and therefore does not necessitate a new conformity determination, so the PONA conformity determination, adopted on November 19

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Lauren Burns: remains valid. So there are no new or significantly changed non exempt projects added to the

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Lauren Burns: OCTC TIP or LRTP and so

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Lauren Burns: will be relying on previous regional emissions analysis that was completed in 2017.

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Lauren Burns: The conformity determination will be, is currently being reviewed reviewed by the ICG and

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OC Planning: will go out for 30 days of public comment starting on January 27 and it will be posted online and sent to the OCTC contact list.

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Lauren Burns: Anyone have any questions about that?

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Lauren Burns: Okay, hearing none. Thanks Ashlee.

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Lauren Burns: Thank you Lauren.

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OC Planning: Okay, if

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OC Planning: there are no questions for Lauren,

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OC Planning: I think we can move into staff reports. Julie, I know you had some reports you wanted to

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OC Planning: update on so.

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JRichmond: I'll give.

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Some quick updates.

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JRichmond: So we are

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JRichmond: updating the UPWP, one thing you may notice when you look at it, is the

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JRichmond: TMA Regional Transit Study, the study itself will be coming off the UPWP because we finished that. That was completed in December, but the Regional Transit Planning, you know, a category will remain on of course for implementation and collaboration with the TMA.

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JRichmond: Hopefully you all had a chance to participate in the public meeting summary that we had in December for the Regional Transit Study. The final completed draft is now posted on the project website.

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JRichmond: So you can go there and view it at your convenience.

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JRichmond: And I believe we may have the recorded meeting on there as well, if you were not able to attend that.

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JRichmond: West Central Study that is still ongoing, the West Central Land Use Study. We also had a meeting on that study in December, we have the, I believe, the third study advisory group meeting and there was a lot of information covered.

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JRichmond: We didn't get the best attendance, but I also think we were,

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JRichmond: there was a snowstorm pending, so I think a lot of people may have been preoccupied with that, but I do believe we, we circulated the recording of that meeting

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JRichmond: to the SAG members and I don't know if we distributed it to the entire OCTC member list, but if there's anyone interested in

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JRichmond: obtaining that just let Ashlee know and we can get that to you. That is not necessarily posted.

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JRichmond: on.. There's a quick summary of the SAG meeting posted on the project website, but the meeting itself is not.

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JRichmond: Two other things I guess, I just wanted to provide a quick update on

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JRichmond: our Transit Subcommittee which you've probably heard me talking about

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JRichmond: many times in the past. We kind of established the the

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JRichmond: organization of it, and last year, I think it was or maybe even before that, but

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JRichmond: we are sort of memorializing it and it's it's kind of evolving and we're going to make it a formal subcommittee of OCTC we're going to be amending our operating procedures in the near future to

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JRichmond: address the creation of subcommittees. So that subcommittee will actually be

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JRichmond: a subcommittee of OCTC and there'll be a reporting mechanism. So if you're not necessarily on the Transit Subcommittee

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JRichmond: itself participating in that because it does get into great

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JRichmond: detail and the going ons of projects and implementation of the

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JRichmond: transit goals that were outlined in the

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JRichmond: transportation comprehensive plan, as well as the long range transportation plan so I, I think

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JRichmond: we're not, we had a meeting, we had a transit subcommittee meeting

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JRichmond: early this year, a couple weeks ago in January 2021.

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JRichmond: We will be sending a summary of that meeting.

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JRichmond: And I believe we can again will we'll we'll expand the distribution of the the meeting minutes to the entire OCTC.

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JRichmond: Anyone who is not currently sitting on that Transit Subcommittee and is interested in participating feel free to let us know. I, we're trying to sort of expand the involvement.

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JRichmond: And we also have a presence for the Transit Subcommittee on the OCTC website now.

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JRichmond: And we will, I think sort of the plan moving forward is we're going to try to have those meetings quarterly,

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JRichmond: or roughly quarterly and if we, I think the the Planning meeting following the Transit Subcommittee meeting will actually have a a spot on the agenda for

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JRichmond: someone to provide an update on that Transit Subcommittee meeting.

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JRichmond: And then there's just one other thing, I just wanted to give the members an update,

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JRichmond: or a heads up rather, I'm going to be sending out an email

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JRichmond: which is kind of a little bit of a survey. I've been working with FHWA on collaborating with NYSDOT on providing a series of training modules for preliminary cost estimating. NYSDOT has a preliminary cost estimating tool. It's called PCET and

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JRichmond: we are trying to set up a training. So my questions

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JRichmond: to the members

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JRichmond: are are really very brief, I I'm going to send out a YouTube video that shows sort of a sample of the training and

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JRichmond: the questions I have for the members are what time of the year with the

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JRichmond: training make the most sense? I would imagine not

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JRichmond: during the construction season.

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Would the target participants be?

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JRichmond: Would it be our engineers, your consultants? There's different types of training. We can target the training towards engineers. We can target the training also towards municipal officials, there so there's different levels of training, we can provide

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JRichmond: depending on who the targeted participants are, and then the question would be what delivery methods might be preferred?

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JRichmond: Just kind of a general overview of the tool.

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JRichmond: So I will be sending that email out following this meeting, and if you could just get back to me with your potential interest and how many participants you think you might have available to participate and there there's no cost involved to this training.

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JRichmond: I believe that is all I have on

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JRichmond: new business

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JRichmond: or old business too.

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OC Planning: Great. I think the only other item is to save the date for the Policy Committee meeting that's going to be March 2, 2021

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OC Planning: at 1pm. So I'll send the save the date for that meeting.

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So.

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OC Planning: Does anyone else have any other member reports they'd like to give?

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OC Planning: Hearing none.

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OC Planning: Julie, it seems like we can adjourn.

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OC Planning: Yes, I guess, I will call an

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JRichmond: adjournment of this meeting.

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Thank you everyone.

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michael sweeton: Thank you.

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Sandra Jobson: Thank you have a good day have a good day bye bye.

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Have a good day.