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ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

**Agenda**  
**Policy Board Meeting**  
**March 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM**

Legislative Statutory Committee Room  
Orange County Government Center  
255 Main Street, Goshen, NY

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**Meeting Participants (In-Person)**

Name:	Organization:
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Alan Sorensen	Orange County Department of Planning
Hon. Barry Cheney	Orange County Legislator, District 8
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Raina Tawil	Orange County Department of Planning
*Nicole Farmer	NYS DOT Region 8
Eric Denega	Orange County Department of Public Works
*Jason Morris	City of Newburgh
*Jacob Tawil	City of Middletown
*Mike Sweeton	Town of Warwick
*Gary Spears	Town of Deerpark
Denise Quinn	Town of Wawayanda
*Scott Manley	Town of Newburgh
*Anthony Cardone	Town of Monroe
*Michael Weeks	City of Port Jervis (MHE Engineering)
*Charles Carnes	Town of Crawford

**Meeting Participants (Virtual)**

Laura Ripley	NYS Thruway Authority
Sandra Jobson	NYS DOT, Region 8
Andrea Nilon	Vision Hudson Valley Pathways (Committee Chair)
Martin Allier	WSP
Burton Thelander	OC Citizens Foundation Pathways
David Lake	Mid-Hudson South Transportation Council (TCC)
Ali Mohseni	Mid-Hudson South Transportation Council (TCC)
*Oluseye Folarin	Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Hael Stewart-Fisher	Newburgh TAC

\*Voting Member (or proxy to voting member)

**Call to Order / Introductions**

Mr. Porr called this meeting to order, and introductions were made from 0:00:08.460 through 0:02:01.740.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

0:02:08.400,0:02:11.760

Harry Porr: Ok thank you, everyone. Our first our first item on the Agenda is an opportunity for Public comment, and we'll open that up right now. Does anybody have anything they'd like to share?

0:02:13.440, 0:04:27.360

Burt Thelander: I've got some brief comments ...so I, I looked at the UPW...G[P] 2023-2024 WG workgroup document... I want to thank you folks for putting together, that Planning document. And, particularly the emphasis on tackling [the] Climate crisis, Planning Environmental Linkages, and Data Transportation Planning and, in the Non-motorized Transport Planning section. You talked about the Heritage Trail... to Howells, to Middletown Transit Hub, I wanted to ask you to consider other Rail/trail opportunities to promote non-motorized there's a railroad grade Middletown to... Slate Hill to Unionville I think, Alan? and others have talked about that um well, there's also- on Railroad grades from the Howells, Otisville into Cuddebackville that might warrant long-term exploration- and there's also an O&W Railroad grade Port Jervis up to West Brookville, Wurtsboro up to... um, Kingston that might warrant exploration and including in that planning; so, I just wanted to mention that. And then I think also collaborating with non-profits on Page 22 [UPWP 2023- 2024]is something that Pathways Vision group is trying to promote. We've done a lot of that work with Planning and other public entities. And then, the last thing I wanted to mention... there's a section in there on sustainable Transportation practice? and there's also a section on Performance Measure Targets, we might want to consider establishing funding EV charging stations. I know the Federal Government has been focusing on that I'm less sure about New York State, but that might be something the County might want to look into supporting to promote use of EV's to tackle the climate crisis. [So] thank you for listening.

0:04:27.360,0:04:31.980

Harry Porr: Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who would like to make a comment today?

0:04:37.020,0:04:48.360

Harry Porr: Going once? Hello?

Ok, is there anyone else would like to speak today?

Okay, hearing nothing, we'll move on. Thank you.

**Accept Meeting Transcript – December 13, 2022**

0:04:49.440,0:04:55.200

Harry Porr: [The] Next item is to accept the Meeting Transcript from December 13, 2022. I need motion for that?

0:04:57.360,0:04:58.080

Mike Sweeton: Motion.

0:04:58.080,0:04:59:100

Harry Porr: Second?

0:04:59:100,0:05:00:109

Jacob Tawil: Yeah, second.

0:05:02:01,0:05:06:01

Harry Porr: questions or comments?

All those in favor? \*Aye\*

All those opposed? \*None\*

Ok the motion passes.

**OCTC Resolution 2023-01: SFY 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Adoption**

05:06:100,0:05:13:150

Harry Porr: Okay. Next item is the Orange County Transportation Council Resolution 2023-01, and I'll ask the Lauren to brief us on that.

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Lauren Bennet: I'll just give a quick background to the Unified Planning Work Program or the 'UPWP.' program for the Orange County Transportation Council. It describes the planning and administrative activities or programs to be undertaken during the State fiscal year. It is funded through two different funding sources; the first is Federal Highway Metropolitan Planning funds or 'PL' funds and then, there are the Federal Transit Administration or FTA Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program, or 'MPP' funds.

So, as I said, the annual cycle is based on the State Fiscal Year, so it will run April 1st through March 31st of next year, and the OCTC is responsible for Orange County and is responsible for coordinating federally funded Transportation activities within the County. As a reminder, the OCTC's annual allocation for the 2023-2024 state fiscal year is just over \$948K. Including previous backlogs, we are expecting to have our funding level around \$3.4 million. And, the draft UPWP was presented at the January [2023] Planning Committee meeting. It was sent to NYSDOT for review on February 1st and the Draft went out for 14-days of public comment from February 9th to February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, and we did not receive any public comments.

0:06:50:200,0:06:54:010

Harry Porr: Ok, anyone here with any questions or comments? Ok, hearing none, we'll ask for a motion to accept this Resolution?

0:06:54:01,0:06:54:900

Charles Carnes: Motion

0:06:56:02,0:06:57:200

Harry Porr: Ok, second?

0:06:58:910,0:06:59:100

Jacob Tawil: I'll second.

0:07:00.840,0:07:08.580

Harry Porr: Great, all those in favor?

Opposed? \*None\* Motion passes. Ok great, thank you.

**OCTC Resolution 2023-02: OCTC FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 23-02**

0:07:10.020,0:07:16.260

Harry Porr: Next item is Orange County Transportation Council Resolution, 2023-02, and we'll ask Alan to brief everybody on that.

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Alan Sorensen: Yeah, so this TIP Amendment 2023-02 includes three projects: the first is PIN 881636, which is Route 9W Storm King Mountain drainage and median-barrier improvements-that's a New York State DOT project, adding \$10.85M for wall improvements and construction funds with an offset from the Mid-Hudson South TIP; second project is PIN 8TO005 purchase of Bus Wash for the Town of Warwick, adding a new project with FTA 5307 block funds; and the third is PIN 8TRO33 which reduces \$160K fiscal year 2023 to offset, the addition of PIN 8TO005; the TIP Amendment 23-02 was introduced at the January Planning Committee meeting, went out for 14-days of public comment period from February 9th through the 22nd of February and did not receive any comments.

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Harry Porr: Any recommendations?

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Alan Sorensen: The recommendation is to the adopt the resolution as presented.

0:08:36.600,0:08:40.020

Harry Porr: Alright good. Is there any questions or comments for anyone on this resolution?

Okay, you're not hearing any, I'll call for a motion?

0:08:41.020,0:08:41:920

Gary Spears: \*Motions\*

0:08:43:100,0:08:45:020

Jacob Tawil: I'll second.

0:08:49.000,0:09:03.200

Harry Porr: Ok, all those in favor? \*Aye\*

Opposed? \*None\*  
And [motion] passes.

**OCTC Resolution 2023-03: Endorsement to Support New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Targets for Performance Measures Related to System and Freight Performance on the National Highway System (NHS), and Total On-Road Mobile Source Emissions**

0:09:04.200,0:09:07.200

Harry Porr: Alright...next, Orange County Resolution 2023-03, endorsement to support New York State Department of Transportation's targets for Performance Measures related to system and freight performance on the National Highway System. I will ask Lauren to elaborate.

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Lauren Bennett: Yes, so as of December 16, 2022, the New York State DOT established state-wide performance targets for the National Highway System, or NHS. So, with this the MPO's, or Metropolitan Planning Organizations like OCTC, have a 180-days to either formally support the States targets or to establish their own. We are recommending that OCTC supports the State targets. So, this Resolution looks to support NYSDOT's established state-wide highway performance measures for the National Highway System and for the total on-road mobile emissions. The resolution states that OCTC will plan and program projects that contribute to realizing the State targets, and as federally required by law. NYSDOT has set targets for 3 categories in this resolution, which is the system performance on the NHS by interstate and non-interstate, the freight performance on the NHS for interstate-only and then the total on-road mobile emissions; we reviewed these targets at the January meeting.

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Harry Porr: Does the state DOT want to elaborate on anything further?

0:10:29.240,0:10:32.130

Nicole Farmer: I don't have anything to add I don't know about you, Sandra?

0:10:32.820,0:10:34.820

Sandra Jobson: No, I don't have anything either thank you.

0:10:36.150,0:10:39.160

Harry Porr: Alright, any questions comments from anyone?

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Anthony Cardone: Is the state the one that monitors these numbers?

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Nicole Farmer: I'm not very familiar with the program to be honest, Sandra.

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Sandra Jobson: Yeah, I'm not that familiar either, but we do collect this type of data um...I'm not really sure how they circle back on the target. Do you, Lauren?

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Lauren Bennett: yeah, I believe depending on the targets, but for the state targets because we're endorsing their targets the state really tracks all of that.

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Alan Sorensen: is it State DEC?

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Lauren Bennett: No no, its DOT, it's main office...

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Nicole Farmer: It's probably Highway data services which is...we're less involved on that side of the house.

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Harry Porr: Any other questions or comments? Okay hearing none, I'll ask for a motion?

All those in favor? \*Aye\*

Opposed? \*None.\*

It [Motion] passes. Okay, great.

### **New Business**

0:11:36.900,0:12:04.860

Harry Porr: New business- I'll open up to anyone? I'll begin myself then. I'm happy to announce that the County of Orange has won a \$4 million grant from the feds to build a new dock and landing in Hudson River in Newburgh, and we'll be working with the City of Newburgh. Erik, I got to give you a call, you're going to join us and try to get this thing done. It's 4 million and you have some money you're ready for some design?

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Erik Denega: we have funding for design, yeah bring it through to full design.

0:12:12.900, 0:12:27.240

Harry Porr: Okay, that's good news, it's good news. There's also another grant that was given to the County can you study it just I just learned this yesterday, to study the possibility, of something that's really been around for a long time, of having a Light Rail Link from Stewart Airport down Broadway, across the River to the Beacon train station, I said \$40,000, Alan?

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Alan Sorensen: \$400,000.

0:12:27.720,0:12:37.920

Harry Porr: I will be setting that up and getting that in Motion in the next couple of months yeah.

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Alan Sorensen: Yeah, we'll have to coordinate with DCTC just figure out how we're going to coordinate that effort.

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Harry Porr: Its actually, yeah, it's a two-County grant; Dutchess County is involved also. We had actually put in for the grant and then we decided to take it out and then Dutchess County called and said 'no please do it,' because over on their side of the river by the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge it's just congestion all the time so that's the other thing.

\*Inaudible\*

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Scott Manly: So its \$400,000 just for the study?

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Harry Porr: With a study yeah. It's in surreal it's, you know, the Hail Mary pass I mean the MTA is 1.2 billion dollars in debt this year and it'll be 1.9 billion in debt next year so I don't know how that's going to happen but yeah.

0:13:43.020,0:13:59.980

Harry Porr: Okay any other new business running any of our members or most present or telegraphically/telephonically with us?

\*None \*

## **Reports**

### *Staff Reports*

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Harry Porr: Okay then we'll move on- reports, staff. Reports, Lauren?

0:14:00.600,0:14:41.260

Lauren Bennett: Yes, our next regularly scheduled meeting would be next Tuesday so I'm proposing skipping that, and just scheduling a meeting in April so it would be a Planning Committee meeting... the regularly scheduled meeting- April 11<sup>th</sup>- would fall within Passover and holy week so recognizing there might be conflicts, we could look to push that to the third or fourth week in April; if anyone, I guess we'll open up, if anyone has any conflicts or any feelings towards meetings? We can also just send out a doodle poll...with some possible rescheduling dates that works for everyone. Okay, so we'll look to schedule that.

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Harry Porr: Project reports?

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Lauren Bennett: Projects, yes, so I'm just going to run through some projects on the UPWP- so existing project to give you updates:the first is the Long Range Transportation Plan. This will need to be updated this year- we're looking to adopt in November 2023- so this will be a very quick timeline; we have the RFP drafted and we are hoping to get it out soon to bid, hopefully within the next week or so and get that on the streets. We are looking for three OCTC Representatives, either City, town, or Village representatives to sit on the Advisory Committee. The duties would include attending the Project Advisory Committee meetings and also reviewing materials, so if anyone is interested in sitting on the Committee, please let OCTC staff know.

The next update is for the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan or for short 'Coordinated Plan.' This is something that needs to be updated, and list projects for 5310. It's a Transit funding 5310 for Mobility, enhanced Mobility Services... so we are looking to update the plan; OCTC staff are working with Transit staff. We have a consultant on board, so we will look to finalize that hopefully by Summer 2023, so that's also the plan for this year.

I don't know if we've given an update on the City of Newburgh Sidewalk Improvement District Feasibility study, where we call the '*SID Feasibility Study*;' this task was first programmed a few years ago on the UPWP as part of the Cooperative Community Program Call-for-Projects, so it was a project that was selected, we put together a RFQ that went out to bid in November. We got one response that was not selected, so we are going to look to update the scoring to emphasize more qualifications and change some of those qualifications and we hope to rebid that RFQ soon. So, once a consultant is on board and the contract is in place, we expect that timeline to be around six (6) months. And the last is the Route 17...

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Alan Sorensen: So, for Route 17M/Route 6 Corridor Corridor Management Plan... the RFP was drafted the end of October, it is working its way through the internal review process. We had some of the priorities that came up including the Long Range Transportation Plan- that's something that actually has to get done by November. So, we sent that through Law first and I'm hoping this is in the queue and that will be getting this through, that hopefully by our next meeting I'm able to report that we have the RFP out on the streets but, we have a well-defined scope it's an important Corridor that needs to be looked at there's a lot of development pressure along it so looking forward to getting that study underway.

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Lauren Bennett: I'll just remind everyone...well there is I can share, I guess...the FHWA put together a map of all the projects that have been funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). If you're interested to see what they've been funding and starting in the spring they're kicking off the second year second round of some of these opportunities. So, if you do not already follow their notices in that webpage, I highly recommend getting signed up for that and getting the notifications because there's a lot of money, a lot of opportunity out there.

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Harry Porr: Alright, anything else? Are there other project sponsors that would like to comment down anything going on?



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Mike Sweeton: So, the bike hike project, it is a legacy earmarked from forever has a new life breathed into it, thank you to Legislator Cheney, Orange County, we've got a funding source in place. We did confirm that there's some eligible money through Carbon Reduction [program], right, Alan? Yeah, from the state so that should move forward. Our Engineers are updating the big packet, it'll go out to hopefully in the next couple of months and then we get the project built, so, to connect the trails from Cascade Park/ Appalachian Trail down into the County park in the Town of Warwick. So, I'm grateful to the County and the Legislature for supporting that and this year's budget.

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Harry Porr: A lot of trail activity in Orange County going on right now, it's all good.

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Mike Sweeton: Yeah, I thank them for that.

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Alan Sorensen: What Mike's alluding to, we have – OCTC - has an allocation for carbon Reduction Program funding, and that, as I understand it, if we would like, [we can] request \$370,000 from that funding, we did check with Nicole and Sandra - it's an eligible project and keeps us within the threshold of Justice40 [requirement]. It's been engineered, they're going through final engineering and there's no issues on right-of-way or anything like that that need to be dealt with, so I do think it is a good project and I, my recommendation would be to bring it back in front of the Planning Committee at our next meeting to have a formal request for funding for CRP.

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Harry Porr: Okay, anyone else?

0:20:23.980, 0:21:14.000

Alan Sorensen: Oh yeah, Orange County updates – Schunnemunk Trail- a lot of moving parts, but the Legislature has done a SEQR on the property acquisition from OSI [Open Space Institute]. We're working through with FTA on the NEPA, getting the categorical exclusion wrapped up, and Legislature has also passed the Bond Resolution committing to the full County or County match, or \$2.M. It's, as you recall, it's \$20 million project it's being designed as a split-use Trail...80/10/10 state taxes money for us so...

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Harry Porr: Yeah, Alan found that for us, like about two months after he came on board.

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Alan Sorensen: It was a team effort but yes it's...were we had funding I was going to lapse. Some alignment of the planets, yeah. But it's a great project it's a 10-Mile split-use rail trail, runs from Cornwall all the way down to Camp LaGuardia, the intention- we'll have a confluence of the 19.5-mile Heritage Trail and a 10-mile Schunnemunk Trail at Camp LaGuardia. So, from

Camp LaGuardia will have direct access to, you know, 30 miles of rail-trails, which is uh, pretty profound. We also I've started running some preliminary numbers off that- within the bike shed, which is generally defined as three (3) miles, just with those two rail trails- about 25% of the County's population along those two rail trails would have access by the bike shed to that rail trail system, which is pretty significant. So, of course we want to build upon it.

I want to thank, I'm looking over at Erik, I want to thank Travis, DPW drafted the RFP. Next step will be going out that our people will be going out to select a design consultant and we'll be once we have the design report completed, which I'm hoping to leave out this time next year, I'm hoping that we could actually be out for go out to bid for construction so the funding's in place right away is... there and there's just a lot of as you know a lot of moving parts to these projects but it's... it's moving forward with Transit.

We've just gone through working with Transpo. Group and Cambridge Systematics and, of course, working with the Town and the City of Middletown, a Middletown Bus Network Redesign, and so there'll be some significant enhancements to that fixed transportation system in Middletown and Town of Wallkill looking at extending some of the routes and adding additional buses, extending the hours-of-service and we're very excited about getting that moving forward. And then we're going to be kicking off a Newburgh Bus Network redesign very quickly, so Jason, we'll be in touch with you and others in the City to get that project underway; it's been something we've been thinking about for a long time and you know, I've attended some of the TAC meetings out of the City, so I...I recognize there's a compelling need to look at how those routes are operating, of course, we'll have the towns involved as well the Town of Newburgh/New Windsor and so we'll be in touch in the coming weeks and that'll be a consultant-led study as well, and looking forward to taking a thorough look at the existing fixed route seeing where we can make enhancements to better connect people to employment.

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Scott Manly: I appreciate that because I talked to a couple of people at your department a while ago and they said we have to wait a few years because they're still working on Middletown. It wasn't really the answer we wanted.

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Alan Sorensen: I just kind of made the executive decision that we're going to do it, and we had access through our on a call transit contract to be able to do that. So I just kind of told the consultants. This is what you're going to focus on next.

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Scott Manley: We have a lot of jobs and people bus to.

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Alan Sorensen: Yeah, I think it'll be a good opportunity. And again, you know, we're going to be looking for input and feedback from the Council, as well as the towns and the City, and we just want to do our part to do all that we can do to have the system operating as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Also, when I get back to the office I have to review, Martha's already created a RFP for shelters, so I'm just going to be taking a final look at that. We're going to get that out on the street in the coming weeks, and that's for the replacement, at least the start of the replacement, on the bus shelters in the city of Newburgh. So yeah, we do have...

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Jacob Tawil: Is Middletown involved?

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Alan Sorensen: We're going to do that concurrent with roll out...they didn't want to go back and have to re-replace shelters, and with I'll mention with the city of Newburgh, what we're doing is - there are some very well-defined bus shelters we know aren't going to move, so that's where we're starting. After we do the bus network redesign, we'll identify any new locations, and by then we'll have gone through the RFP process, we have, you know, it will be much easier moving forward. Developing the first RFP has been a bit of a challenge, right? I think we have it a template to move forward.

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Harry Porr: Okay, any questions for Alan? Any comments? Any other project sponsor reports from anyone?

### *Other Member Reports*

0:26:55:16, 0:27:21.600

Yeah, Middletown Traffic Operations, we finished Phase 1, which is year one. Now we're getting into Phase 2, which is basically year two of the construction, which is targeted to start on April 15<sup>th</sup> [2023]. And we're very excited about it to get it going, and then there's going to be a third year of it. Just to give everybody a warning, the granite curbs becoming very hard to obtain and purchase and because the stone is like a monopoly, and DOT they only have one place approved, and there's so much demand and they're playing around with the prices so we're having these issues but we're working through them. So everybody knows, granite curbs, it's becoming an issue, but other than that we're moving ahead.

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Harry Porr: Anybody else? Erik you want to give us a report on DPW?

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Erik Denega: Yeah, we've got a few...Otisville Viaduct, hoping to get authorization from the DOT this week to get that out to bid, the bid documents are on the shelf, they're ready to go; the Farmingdale Bridge which is through Bridge NY, that one's in preliminary design phase, that's in the town of Blooming Grove; and then lastly, we have two Culvert projects with Bridge NY, that's CR-5 Lake Street in the Town of Monroe and Neversink Drive in the Town of Deer Park and we've selected Consultants and getting ready for preliminary design.

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Harry Porr: We have a lot of ARPA projects; we have a lot of what we call 'Fund Balance' projects coming up, we'll be very busy... the County Exec said to remind you he wanted them done yesterday. (Laughter)

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Harry Porr: Okay is there anything else, another question?  
Yes, Denise?

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Denise Quinn: Before COVID, they came to give a give a presentation about replacing a culvert on CR- 12 or around there because of the rerouting of the traffic and we haven't heard anything about it since I was just wondering...

0:28:57.860, 0:29:08:03

Charles Carnes: Travis was up looking at the County dump, on the County property. You know anything more about that? He came up and looked at it, you guys were going to clean it up. Do you know the status of that?

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Erik Denega: I believe he was working with Real Property on that, from my understanding.

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Charles Carnes: can you check with Travis and just have him give me a ring?

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Erik Denega: yeah, sure.

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Scott Manley: Let me ask you this, while we're on dumps, the Town of Newburgh Transfer Station, I know they just knocked it down recently, the building, is that ever going to get rebuilt?

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Erik Denega: That will ultimately be a Legislative decision, but as of right now, bids came in extremely high, when we originally, we had that out and that was during COVID, so basically what we did is we demolished it, we met the DEC standards and requirements to remediate the site, so any decision on that right now is on hold.

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Scott Manley: So there is a chance it might be rebid?

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Harry Porr: Nobody's talking about it now, I'll tell you that, I'll be honest with it nobody.

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Scott Manley: The residents are.

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Harry Porr: I'm surprised, I'm surprised really when it happened that the City of Newburgh, Town of Newburgh, and also I think the New Windsor didn't [complain] more.

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Scott Manley: New Windsor, they're using that. I mean, we don't have our own trucks, sanitation, they do they're...

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Jason Morris: We have to drive it to New Hampton.

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Harry Porr: okay I know I have to go to Lamella now instead of going to Town Newburgh.

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Scott Manley: I get a lot of residents complain.

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Harry Porr: Well, it's an issue, but I you know what I'd start with? Leigh Benton, you got Barry Cheney right here, and start lobbying because that was...how many millions of dollars...it was a couple million to get rid of the old one. Erik, you remember what the bid was [to rebuild the Transfer Station]?

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Erik Denega: I think originally the estimate started at \$5 or \$6 million and the estimates went up over \$12 million.

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Harry Porr: We actually received the bid though, didn't we? I do not remember the number, but it was very high.

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Erik Denega: The estimates went up \$11-\$12 [million] we said we're going to just get the bids in, I believe because it would have doubled, and sure enough they came in even higher than that.

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Harry Porr: That's why it did not happen. It was during COVID, we were really broke. We were not hiring people, so you know it was just bad timing.

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Denise Quinn: I cannot imagine what those bids would come in now as.

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Jacob Tawil: Prices are very high.

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Harry Porr: When are the asphalt plants opening, that pretty soon?

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Erik Denega: That should be real soon. Usually, its towards the end of March.

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Anthony Cardone: One of them is, we had some blacktop done about two weeks ago.

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Erik Denega: Yeah, it depends on the weather. They might be opening a little early depending on the forecast.

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Harry Porr: We are doing how many miles of roadway this year?

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Erik Denega: We're typically 8...we typically do in the range of 18 to 20 [miles]. Last year we did, I think 28 [miles]. I think we are going between 20 and 25 [miles] this year.

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Harry Porr: A lot of activity...Okay anything else where there's a bit of our conversation or we have Eric sitting here right now you can get them? \*Laughter\*

Alright, in that case I'll ask for a motion to adjourn?

Mike Sweeton: \*Motion \*

Harry Porr: Second?

Gary Spears: Second.

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Harry Porr: Okay, all in favor? \*Aye\*

[Meeting adjourned] Thank you all for coming.

*This meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.*