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OCTC: Meetings being recorded.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: I will start with introductions for those are in person, and then we will run through the list of folks joining us virtually. So I'm Julie Richmond, Deputy Commissioner.

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OCTC: Orange County Planning. Sorry. Travis Ewald, Orange County DPW.

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OCTC: Jason Morris, City of Newburgh.

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OCTC: Jacob Tawil, City of Middletown.

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OCTC: Lauren Bennett, OCTC staff. Ashlee Long, OCTC.

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OCTC: Rob Parrington, OC Planning.

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OCTC: Jessica Ridgeway, OCTC.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: OK, and then on the line.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Are you guys going to run through the names?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So it looks like we have: Charlie Carnes, Barry Cheney, Bob Mannix, Harriet Lewis, John Revella, Lizy Philip, Michael Amabile, Olu Folarin, Supervisor Jeroloman, and Charlie Carnes again. Whoever's the supervisor, would you like to introduce yourself?

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Supervisor: Denise Quinn.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Can you repeat that?

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Supervisor: Denise Quinn.

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OCTC: Oh hi Denise, thank you.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay, was there anybody we missed?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And Michael Sweeton just joined as well.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay, and then do you want them to put their affiliation in the chat?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, if you want to go ahead and put your name and your affiliation in the chat box, that would be great.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: And we were also just joined by

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Julie, Richmond, OCTC: The Mayor of Middletown.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: I would say for the transcript if you're in the room and you're going to speak, just say your name, so we have it on record.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay, so moving on, opportunity for public comment. I don't see anyone in the room from the public, and I don't think we have anyone on the line presenting any public comments today, so we'll move on to item number three, accept the meeting transcript from September 15, 2021.

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OCTC: Second.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: All in favor.

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OCTC: Thank you.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay we've got a

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: lot to discuss today so we're going to move to transportation improvement program and I'll hand it over to Ashlee. Okay, so we do have one

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: draft tip amendment so there's three projects and this amendment, it was sent out, so it should be available online, and for anyone in the room, there should be a packet.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So the first one is to add a new DOT paving project with statewide funds on Route 94 and 17A in the Towns of Warwick and Goshen and the Villages of Warwick and Florida.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And this is a mill and fill resurfacing and ADA curb ramps as needed, intersection improvement loop stabilization and covert replacement, and so that project is looking to add funds in 2022 starting with detailed design and construction would be in 2023.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Does anyone have any questions on that project?

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Jacob Tawil: The funding is approved?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, its statewide funding.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: yeah.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: It's coming in with the

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: STBG FLEX and the PIT bonds so nothing to do with local funding.

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OCTC: No motion? No motion, we're good.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: The second amendment in,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: The second project in this amendment is for the Village of Highland Falls. They've had an earmark for quite a while for Mearns Avenue, and unfortunately the funding has expired, so we're looking to delete the project off of the TIP. So it's about \$358,000

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: That have been earmarked for them for Mearns Avenue reconstruction of curbing and sidewalks but unfortunately it expired, so.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And we did reach out to the village, so that they are aware, that this action is being taken.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then the final project in the amendment

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: is another DOT project and its an existing project that we had previously added to the TIP.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And so its to increase construction funds coming from an offset from the Mid Hudson South and its for wall repair on Route 9W and the Town of Highland.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Oh.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: that's in 2022.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So those are the three projects. Does anyone have any questions on any of those projects?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay. If you do let us know, otherwise there's a December policy meeting, for this would be on the agenda for approval then.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: I think we're going to keep rolling right along into the next item on the agenda.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: After we sent off the agenda, actually, this is one of the new items we received, the 2021 unamended

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: STIP performance. And this might look familiar to you. It's kind of like the report card for the TIP so when we adopt a new TIP

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: They take kind of, FHWA takes a snapshot of it and then likes to look back and see how our projects fair comparatively.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: You'll see on the handout and on the screen that it shows the percentage of pins obligated by the region, as well as the cost.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then the next kind of two tables in the middle, are the percentage of pins obligated by each MPO and percentage of cost obligated by MPO. So you can see that OCTC were

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: at 45.5% of our pins were obligated, so we obligated 5 out of 11 projects

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: for 2021. And then you can see that for percentage of costs obligated by OCTC, it was 59.1%, so we obligated 26.7 million out of 45.2 million that was

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: programmed on the TIP when they took the snapshot. So ideally, we like to see, in the region, we like to see a 50% obligation rate or higher but

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: you know we're we're definitely moving our projects along and doing much better than, I don't know if some of you remember, a couple a couple of cycles ago it wasn't so good, so we've definitely come a long way.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: That's promising.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then, as part of that we had discussed with Sandra Johnson, who unfortunately couldn't be here today from DOT.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: We've had a conversation with her and she gave me some suggestions about things that we could undertake, including maybe some

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: project sponsor meetings throughout the year, where we take a kind of a bigger look at projects and just make sure everybody's on track, so that our obligation rates

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: you know, stay a little higher. so that could be something that we could

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: implement in the future, and I think we're going to get into at the TIP update to this is a good like jumping off point for that, because during the TIP update we generally, you know, meet with everyone take a harder look at the TIP so

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: little heads up so we're not doing badly, but we could improve, really I think that's the moral of that story, but definitely have come a long way, so.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Anyway, does anyone have any questions on the STIP performance, on the unamended STIP performance?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Hearing none.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: I'm going to keep going with things.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: The next item is the 2023 to 2027 TIP update. I think it was mentioned previously, that we're going to start undertaking the TIP update process and in fact we've already kind of started it with issuing the request for the TIP questionnaire submissions.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So I would at this time, just like to remind everyone that if you have a local project on the TIP you are, we are asking you to

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: fill out a questionnaire, one for each project, and just send it back to OCTC staff. If you have any questions, let us know, I think a lot of you have already, you know, you've been on the TIP for a while so it shouldn't be new.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: We have received a few, but I will say there's still many projects out there that we haven't heard from, so just a friendly reminder that they're due next Friday.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then, just to kind of run through how things kind of work like a quick overview, so once we get all the questionnaires back staff will look at them and kind of evaluate them and put them into a spreadsheet form and then we'll also be

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: scheduling like local project sponsor interviews with DOT and the local sponsor.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And if you're you have a consultant that you'd like to be involved with that, and then OCTC staff, and so, then we just kind of talk about projects and scheduling and any funding needs anticipated, you know, all the details.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So we're going to start scheduling those over the next couple of weeks, they should probably start after Thanksgiving at some point so it's like a one on one.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then, some of you might remember to that during the TIP process we use a spreadsheet to kind of track everything and make it easier to kind of digest during the meeting so be sharing that again.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So the upcoming meetings will just be continuing to have the TIP update

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: discussions and kind of keep you abreast of what's happening.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: There is one difference, I will say with this update. We're not slated to receive the TIP update guidance until January, which is a bit later than we normally receive it so

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: there's a little more uncertainty with it, which Lauren's going to actually give a presentation now and and kind of some of the options we have upcoming for this TIP update.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: Yeah, so today we prepared presentation. I know a lot of you are familiar with the process, but if you're not, I'm just kind of going to run through everything really briefly and then go over some of the options with funding.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So, what is the TIP? The TIP is a short range multimodal capital program that's undertaken by Orange County Transportation Council funded by Federal Highway and Federal Transit funds. It's used for highway, bridge, bikeway, pedestrian, transit, and transportation projects and

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: Most importantly, the TIP must be fiscally constrained, which means the funding programs each year of the TIP or STIP does not exceed the total planning targets for each of the years.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So the TIP update process, just to kind of lay out what to expect in the coming months, the first part of the process is to review and evaluate existing projects and projects meet.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And so, once we get an idea of what projects are currently on what those needs are then we start to assess the target for each year and make sure that

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: the TIP is fiscally constrained, and so, while we're drafting that, we also, some of the parts of the TIP that also have to move with that is the TIP narrative, which includes anticipated effects,

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: the Transportation Conformity document, and then what we're looking at a TIP visualization, maybe doing an online map so

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: to be able to share more widely with the public and with you guys. So then, once we get that

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: draft we start to consult with NYSDOT, FHWA, the US EPA other agencies and stakeholders as part of the regulations.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And then, once we have that, then we go to a public meeting. The public meeting is held during one of the planning committee meetings to discuss the draft TIP, then we'll go into the 30 days of public comment period and, finally, we will hopefully adopt the

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: 2023-2027 TIP

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: The TIP Narrative and the Air Quality Conformity document all at the same time.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So as part of the public process, you know it's kind of a three

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: layered approach, you know, we have the consultation, but we also have the public meeting, public comment period, and the opportunity for interested parties to be involved.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So we just kind of have a draft TIP update timeline

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: that kind of breaks out, each of the steps. So from now until the planning committee meeting in January, we'll be looking to evaluate the current project needs, which includes

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: the TIP questionnaire and the project sponsor one-on-one interviews and meetings. And from there we'll then really start the process of drafting the TIP, so we expect hopefully we'll get that guidance in January and we'll be able to kind of start to draft that process.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And then, with.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: yeah then we'll go into, we'll have a draft tip and then we'll send that to the

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: certain agencies for their consultation, and then finally we'll look to present that at the April meeting, have that go out for 30 days.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: or no, then you review, no yes sorry. We're

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: sending it, we're going to hopefully have a draft by the April meeting go out for the 30 days of public comments,

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: and then we'll finalize that draft and look to adopt at the June Policy Committee meeting. So the timeline is subject to change but

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: I think this is a pretty good snapshot of the anticipated timeline. Okay, I just want to pause there for a second.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: So the reason that we're having this discussion and going over the TIP timeline is it because there's this one variable here, which is a little different for for us.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: You know, everyone's getting very excited about the potential for the new infrastructure funding, they did pass the bill on Friday, the problem is,

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: you know, there's too many unknowns at this point, but so this whole idea of potentially

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: having a call for projects, that's what we need to discuss now, because if we were going to do a call for projects, we would need to do that, we would have to start that process now, and we need to do that before the January discussion.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: There's a couple of options, if we were to do a call for projects, which is what Lauren's going to run you through now and then we will explain, you know some of the guidance that we've gotten from NYSAMPO as well as NYSDOT

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: on what approach we might want to take based on the fact that we won't have will have probably have to use the 2019 targets so if we're doing a call it would be based on 2019 numbers,

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: which is a little bit nerve wracking because those numbers could change.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: So that's one thing to consider.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: So I'm going to let Lauren continue now to talk about what the options are if we were to do a call, and then hopefully we can have a discussion about what the board would like to do.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: yeah.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So as Julie was saying, you know, in the last four years everyone's done a great job

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: building their projects and completing them, you know, we had a lot of legacy projects before that moved from fifth to 10th so now we're seeing you know there's a potential to include more projects.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So I think it's an exciting time.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: But also, you know you don't know exactly what's coming with the funding so just going to run through some of the options, you can interrupt if you have questions, this is supposed to be a discussion so.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: Something that's needed, so the first is a call for projects.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: As Julie said we don't know the funding target. If people were interested in doing the call now we have to start that process

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: soon to fit into the timeline and we just don't know the funding, but you know if people are very, very interested in doing a call you know, we would do the call, evaluate projects, and then, if funding becomes available, you know, put that on the TIP.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So the next was when we did the LRTP update for the 2045 horizon year we did a call for ideas so,

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: transportation professionals were able to submit ideas for long term projects that were included in the appendix of the LRTP. So here's just a list of some of the projects that were included in the call for ideas.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So the other option is instead of doing a call, is just evaluating existing projects

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: that were already presented

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: presented, and evaluating that and prioritizing

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: based on those existing call for ideas. The only issue with this is a lot of those projects were long term, and this is the TIP of the short term timeline but there's still an option.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And next is the block funding pins, this is what OTC has traditionally done, and this is also what we are recommending to do again but that's just when you

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: use for each of the funding sources you put a block PIN on the TIP for each of the TIP years and then that does not preclude anything from happening in the future, but just gives us an option to be able to fiscally constrain

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: everything.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: Another option is parent PINs. This is something that other MPOs and NYSDOT especially do, and this can be a system wide project that is based on, instead of basing it just on funding, it can be based on certain projects with goals such as safety, resiliency, payment.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And then, so you can have the parent PIN and then decide the location later.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So that is an option.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: We can fund products on state roads.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So if there's any local needs on stage facilities, we can work with NYSDOT region eight to prioritize projects

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: that can be advanced. The other option is so we'll get recommendations from some of the recent studies on state facilities, such as the Connect Mid-Hudson

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: Regional Transit Study to West Central TLC study, which should be concluding and hopefully by the end of the year, early next year, the Route 17 PEL study, and any other local studies that communities have

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: identified projects.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: You can progress projects in phases, so you detailed design and then phase the construction in two separate phases.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And then the other option is just a mix, you know.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: One does not exclude others, so there is

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: a way to add blocks PINs, add parents PINs.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: I don't know if anyone else has any ideas they would like to throw into the mix.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: The question on the table is, do we do a call for projects now based on the 2019 targets because we don't know what funding we're getting?

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: We don't know the amounts and we don't know the guidance that may accompany but the funding requirements.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: So if we were to do a call now and and put projects on the TIP,

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: we may find ourselves down the road having to do a second call for projects, because then we may have projects on there that we're trying to make fit guidance that we didn't have prior to doing that.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: We could kick the can down the road and just you know, based on the 2019 targets, figure out what projects have been obligated, back them out and see what kind of funding we have leftover and put them in the block PINs, like we've we've done in the past. That would give us a little flexibility

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: to adjust later on, and next year if we do get more information or, there are, there isn't you know, a funding influx.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: So that's kind of the question, I guess, before the board now is is what you would like to do. Does anyone feel strongly either way about, you know, doing a call with some of these other options and looking at you know,

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: the potential for those types of projects?

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Michael Sweeton: So

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: yeah.

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Michael Sweeton: Julie, its Mike Sweeton.

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Michael Sweeton: I like the block PIN idea until we can really strategize what the priorities are.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay.

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Jacob Tawil: Yeah I was gonna say,

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Jacob Tawil: it might be a lot of work that we have to go through without knowing the amount of funding that is available, and what qualifies and whatnot, yes everybody, you know,

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Jacob Tawil: ideas to try to generate this these projects and it takes a lot of work. I'd rather know what are the targets, what are the specifics, what are the limitations, and how much the risk.

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Jacob Tawil: I would be happy, we have a lot of projects in Middletown that we need to pursue. We would like to get items first but I'm trying to generate this.

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Jacob Tawil: The Mayor, whatever he decides afterwards, what that's my.

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Jack Farr: Block PINs.

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Jason Morris: Block PINs

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Alright, Travis, Block PINs.

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Travis Ewald: You can do the block PINs. Then you can do the call for projects

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Travis Ewald: at any point when we get

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Travis Ewald: more guidance, right.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: yeah.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: anybody else on the line, have an opinion?

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Yes.

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Oluseye Folarin: This is Olu.

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Oluseye Folarin: From my meeting also with NYMTC, I think they are looking at the planning target coming up in January, so I don't know what I have is an idea that's due to financial related targets in general, maybe you want to wait until we have some numbers, I'm not sure when we'll that have that idea I'm just trying to say.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: Thank you, Olu.

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Oluseye Folarin: I'm sorry?

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Thank you.

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Oluseye Folarin: Okay.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay, yeah, that's a good discussion.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: I hope everyone understands the options. If anyone has any questions you should reach out to us, but you're, you know, it's kind of in line with what we were thinking. There's no point of putting everyone through

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: the efforts of trying to do a call without really understanding what it is so, and because I think we've had really good success with using blocked in the past, so

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: we're going to move forward with that, then, I think.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Great. The TIP schedule that was outlines by Lauren as is likely, you know, we'll just progress on the normal TIP

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: schedule. The issue was the call for projects which would be would have to initiate like now so.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: yeah so I'm just going to reiterate how important it is so that we evaluate existing products to know the need.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: So if you have not already, please fill out your TIP questionnaires and send those in. They're due by the 19th, November 19th, which is the Friday, and then we just look forward to project sponsor interviews that will be coming up.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And the more details we know the better so it's really an opportunity to talk about where your project is and what the needs are so we can accurately put that in the TIP.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And then looks like we already narrowed down the funding options, so that won't necessarily be a topic coming up, but look forward to the January policy committee meeting where hopefully we'll have some guidance and we can discuss this further.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Do we do Nicole, do you think we could include it you on those projects sponsor interviews?

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: You have NYSDOT as well as the project sponsor and their consultant, I think, would be

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: a good thing to do so, we can get an accurate assessment of where people are.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: We are all on the same page.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: Do people have a preference for Zoom or in person?

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: For the interviews?

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OCTC: It'd probably be easier for NYSDOT and coordination, if we did them virtually right?

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Nicole Farmer: If you do them all in a day or an afternoon or something, we could come for the afternoon

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Nicole Farmer: and that would work, but however it works best you guys.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: If any of the local project sponsors have a preference, if you prefer to meet in person, or virtually just let us know, otherwise we'll be reaching out so this isn't the last conversation so.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay, so just again TIP questionnaires are due November 19.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay, so now we're moving on to the discussion of the day, the City of Middletown funding request.

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Jacob Tawil: So just just to give a little background, I will start and the Mayor can jump in or fill in whenever he wants to.

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Jacob Tawil: This restructure of all our work in the City of Middletown, all the improvement of the surface in infrastructure, roads, curbs, or sidewalks around this traffic operations.

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Jacob Tawil: The traffic operations in there, you know it forced us to come up with our own money in there to fill all the gaps, because the traffic operation basically the whole,

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OCTC: into all the signalized intersections in the City of Middletown, rip them all out, upgrade them, all ADA accessible, new traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, curbs and sidewalks, asphalt, milling and paving,

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Jacob Tawil: crosswalks, stem concrete, and all that stuff. So we were left with the City of Middletown being becoming like almost like the Swiss cheese, so we have

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Jacob Tawil: intersection here and intersection here, and about 200 feet in between not covered by anything,

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Jacob Tawil: and the same throughout. So we had a project which is ADA accessible, so we we came up with like a master plan and we have to connect all these things together, all the struggles.

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Jacob Tawil: And the city will come up with its own money, so that the DOT project itself, the traffic operations, \$21 million basically, or plus, you have all the numbers, so I don't want to quote an exact, about just over \$21 million.

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Jacob Tawil: On top of that there is an additional \$5 million that the City of Middletown is paying from its own money for phase two and phase three of that project, which was bid for a total of \$26

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Jacob Tawil: million plus. You have your own component of DOT and then the other ones are secure Middletown money purely nothing from

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Jacob Tawil: this organization. So when we open the bids, a bid scheme within the engineer's estimates. We were very happy with that \$21 million, not physically, \$26 million now, I have two numbers.

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Jacob Tawil: The \$26 million to be inclusive of the city owned projects for fill the gaps in between, so the DOT is only \$21 million. So when I say \$26 million, that's the overall project we are awarded works now we're really we don't work towards.

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Jacob Tawil: The estimates that came to us, not the estimates, the actual bids that came to us, is \$26 million up to \$40 million, we have a lot of bidders in there, so the point is we're very happy with the bid that we've got through Boyce.

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Jacob Tawil: He said with WSP's detailed engineers analysis, they are very comfortable with it, that they balanced it, at Boyce, that there is no

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Jacob Tawil: upcoming wonders, there is no taking advantage of possible.

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Jacob Tawil: Under estimating or overestimating by the engineer of the quantities to be involved to be installed in the field. So anyway to make a long story short, we are, we are short actually in the funding by \$1.8 million.

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Jacob Tawil: We already have

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Jacob Tawil: over \$2.5 million in allocated funding remaining on this TIP.

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Jacob Tawil: Our request is to

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Jacob Tawil: give us the \$1.8 million that we are requesting of the money that's already available from the TIP from CMAQ that have not been allocated.

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Jacob Tawil: I know the money will be available in 2024 and we can structure our phasing of the construction, so that when the money is available in 2024 that phase of the construction equivalent amount of construction, will take place at that time.

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Jacob Tawil: So, in a nutshell, this is all I request. So it's an overall huge project in there and and, you know, the city really achieving this thing, only with this phase, is over \$6 million. We're paying our own money. So we we're taking our our money where our mouth is, so to speak, and

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Jacob Tawil: we are, we did award the project, last Tuesday was an official awards subject to DOT approval. DOT is reviewing our award package and we're expecting to get a letter from them to bless us any day now.

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Jacob Tawil: That would be all.

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Jacob Tawil: If there's anybody has any questions.

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Jacob Tawil: I'd be happy to address them.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Jacob and I did have a conversation last week, and I've had some conversations with DOT about this funding, so Jacob and I have talked about this.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: But I will say to the committee that there is an issue with awarding the 2024 funds as as it stands right now.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: DOT previously will come, they would come with a previous requests and we, the committee allocated the 2023 funds to the City Middletown.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And DOT went to FHWA for approval, FHWA did not appreciate that, and in fact, kind of came back kind of harshly on DOT. FHWA wants to see all of the construction funds

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: for the project in the year of obligation. So the year of obligation would be 2022, which is what the federal fiscal year we're in now so that would be an issue to award the 2024 funds, and FHWA won't approve that unfortunately.

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Jacob Tawil: it's.

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Jacob Tawil: We have to identify or define the terms we're using here. We have awarded, we have awarded the project.

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Jacob Tawil: Right. The city will come up with its own funding. The city is already coming up with over \$6 million.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: They won't let us allocate the funds to you now though. Like the FWHA won't approve the 2024 funds to be allocated to this project, right now, because 2024 so far out.

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Jacob Tawil: So what are we doing with the money?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: This, your project is not eligible to use it right now, I would say that if down the road,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: you came back to the committee, we could have that discussion, or during the TIP update that could be part of the discussion because the new TIP will be from 23 to 27.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And so, obviously we don't know what the funding looks like that we may be getting from that process but 24 has been in play so

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: that can be part of the TIP update discussion, but

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: my complete understanding is that FHWA won't allow us to award the 24 funds to the project today.

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Jack Farr: what's the timeline of construction?

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Jacob Tawil: We can stretch it

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Jack Farr: No, I'm not saying stretch it, but if you stretch it, is there funds, will they be available?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: They could still be available, yeah.

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Jacob Tawil: So what's going to happen to the funds now?

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Jacob Tawil: Simple story, what's going to happen to the funds? You got two and a half million dollars sitting there. The funding... Well whose gonna have it, you can't allow new projects to come in

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Well, that's up to the committee.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: If we add new projects, there is a TIP update, that's a whole different

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Jacob Tawil: No, that's for the new TIP. We already have projects on the TIP, we've always done that.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: This is an FHWA

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: vision, they want to see all of the funding obligated in the year that you're,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: in the year of obligation, so that would be 2022. And you're using, I think, another point just be clear, is that the city is using their own local funds because you're you've already awarded the bid.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And so you're not looking for funding to fill the gap right now in order to continue going with the award process. You're looking to kind of replace the local funding, with the CMAQ funding.

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Jacob Tawil: No, no, over and above. If we don't get this funding, then the city would be paying over \$8 million towards this project. Right. So we're already paying over \$6 million.

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Jacob Tawil: You understand.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, it's an FHWA decision at this point.

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Jacob Tawil: When we had this conversation before, you told me that the state will not, or the federal highway administration will not even accommodate the request, without the project be fully funded.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: They won't allow you to go to construction unless the project is fully funded and they want to see it in the year of obligation, which would be 22.

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Jacob Tawil: So that's why we went ahead and awarded the bid.

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Jacob Tawil: We are willing, as I told in conversation with you, we are willing to put our money in addition to \$1.8 million in there, that's what I am asking for right now.

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Jacob Tawil: The money cannot just sit there and roll over, or because... We're going down to the same problem that Orange County Transportation Council had years ago, you just referred to it

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Jacob Tawil: at the beginning of the meeting. I don't know that we're going back to that problem. It was piling up in there because nobody's using it, and it just keeps rolling over projects. There is another option.

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Jacob Tawil: We have a project in there, that is central to the city of Middletown.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: The other option is to go back to stages. That's the only other way to award the 2024 funds.

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Jacob Tawil: What do you mean, go back to stages?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So this project was technically originally two stages, right, it had stage one and stage two. And so, right, it had two stages, and so what ended up happening was

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: all the funding and the work got funneled into stage one, so there's a placeholder basically of \$100,000 in stage two, so the option would be to go back

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: to a two stage construction process, but you would potentially, you would have to rebid the project for stage two to use the 2024 funds.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, so I didn't I didn't anticipate that you would want to do that.

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Jacob Tawil: No, we agree, we don't want to do that. We have a great bid, we have a great contractor, we have been working with them forever, they are local and and we can we can go back to be for the money, I want us to get the money any way.

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Jacob Tawil: Alright, so so you know, obviously you got the story from the Federal Highway Administration, we would like to have a conversation with them directly and the DOT as well.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: We can have this conversation, unfortunately that's the answer that I was given.

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Jacob Tawil: Alright, well put us forward with them and we will not worry right now, and say oh okay we will walk away

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Well yeah and I think that's that's the point I was kind of getting to is that since you are locally funding the gaps, the \$1.8 million

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: gap that you have, your project can continue into construction and we can keep having this conversation, so you know,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: that's a good thing if the city is willing to put up the local funds and continue moving your project forward.

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Jacob Tawil: It's not, it's not by choice.

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Jacob Tawil: No, I'm serious, it's not like we have nothing else to do, City of Middletown doesn't have anything to do with \$1.8 million. It's really difficult for us to do it because we're cutting other projects, important projects that we have to do, but we've already come up with \$6 million,

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Jacob Tawil: and now we have to come up with another \$2 million, \$1.8 million

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Jacob Tawil: It's a backbreaker for us and that's why I don't want to look at numbers sitting there and then at the end of 2024 or 2023

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Jacob Tawil: say "oh, my god we still have money left over and we're not looking good in here, money's been sitting there and nobody's using it" and we'll go back looking.

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Jacob Tawil: Now we have a project in there, and that is vital for the city, it's pouring, it's really pouring its heart into it, because it's from city line to city line. It's not like we can cut out any place, so we would like to pursue it and so we will pursue the conversation.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, I mean if you would like to have a conversation with DOT or FHWA, we will see what we can facilitate, but yeah they were pretty clear that all the funding on the TIP would need to be in the year of obligations in my understanding.

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Jacob Tawil: It is, we have projects in there.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: it's not a matter of it being there, it's about the ability to use it unfortunately, and put and roll it into the year that you would need because there's no project in 22 that can act as an offset.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So there's no projects that we can push out from 22 to 24 to act as an offset for those funds either. So like that's kind of the other portal.

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Jacob Tawil: That would be nice.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, but yeah, but fiscal constraint doesn't allow us to.

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Jacob Tawil: So everybody that is committed to this year and next year is moving forward?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, I think those projects are moving along, so.

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Jacob Tawil: So all the money would be

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Jacob Tawil: spent in the year it was obligated?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: My understanding is that the projects are moving along and that

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: they should, they're on,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: They recently received detail design approval and so they're moving through the process. But really I don't think that we can ask them to roll out their projects in 24 when they're you know they've just design approval to move their projects along so.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: yeah unfortunately that's kind of the answer from FHWA why but, if you'd like to have a conversation,

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Jacob Tawil: But maybe we should have a conversation, but you should have a serious conversation with the project sponsors that are currently on the TIP

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Jacob Tawil: If they're going to go with 2022 and 2023 excuse me, can push that backward if they're, not because of us, because their timeline, it's not gonna fit

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Nicole Farmer: It would have to be a CMAQ project, and I believe that me and Ashlee have looked at four CMAQ projects, and there are none in 22 and I don't quite remember what we saw in 23. That doesn't really help the issue for making the money that you want.

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Jacob Tawil: So we can again, we can use the money to 24.

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Jacob Tawil: It doesn't have to be 2022 or 2023

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah that's, the problem is that they're very it's been very clear that they want it in 22.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So.

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Jessica Ridgeway: Mike Sweeton has a question.

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Michael Sweeton: I just, I just had a question, so one of the issues that everybody struggles with is, the 2024 money is it's not like it's sitting in a bank there, right, it hasn't been allocated to us yet to use.

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Michael Sweeton: I just wonder Jacob, is there any way that you guys can

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Michael Sweeton: figure out a contingency to push some of it off? I mean is that, is there some way to do that, work with the contractor, or I don't I don't know, I'm just asking is to be safe, you know if if FHWA is

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Michael Sweeton: set they're not going to change their mind, so I just wonder if you thought about that, Jacob, at all.

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Jacob Tawil: yeah you would cut some of the scope out you mean?

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Michael Sweeton: yeah and then try to push it off like like Ashlee was suggesting, you know if you have the mechanism to shift it into the second PIN, at least it keeps your project moving and then you know, then maybe the 2024 money gets accessible.

0:43:20.940,0:43:22.950

Jacob Tawil: Yeah well that would have to be bid, that's what Ashlee was saying, right?

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Michael Sweeton: yeah I know, but you know you know, between now and you know that these prices are going to continue to escalate, so you know it might not be bad that

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Michael Sweeton: we bid it, I don't know, just some portion of it, whatever your whatever you guys, you know the cost so.

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Michael Sweeton: It just seems like that's a contingency that might be worth the exercise I don't know.

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Jacob Tawil: yeah.

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0:43:45.360,0:43:49.800

Jacob Tawil: Go back and segment it now and cut out some work and rebid it again.

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Jacob Tawil: And and,

0:43:55.620,0:44:08.070

Jacob Tawil: it's an effort, I mean it's a huge effort and we'll never know what numbers we're going to get now. We are bidding much smaller projects, unit prices are going to go higher, and you know, you just said it yourself Mike,

0:44:09.090,0:44:21.720

Jacob Tawil: it's going to be, you know the prices are just gonna go higher and higher every year, it's not going to go down, and you know we get a price, when you get a bid \$26 million versus \$40 million, that's the range of bidding,

0:44:24.270,0:44:30.960

Jacob Tawil: its, you know, very feasible for us, but you know, we'll keep this conversation going with the Federal Highway Administration.

0:44:31.230,0:44:35.323

Jacob Tawil: Now, Mike you said something about the money's not there, what does that mean?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: so the TIP is a planning documents so until you actually obligate the funds,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: like you're you're you're doing now, until you actually say, "I would like to allocate the funds," and you're approved

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: and awarded those funds, that the funds on the tip are technically just for planning purposes, they're not actually like promised to your projects or to... Is that the right way to explain it Nicole?

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Nicole Farmer: Yeah, especially given that we're in between.

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Nicole Farmer: Or, in the last year of the TIP, which is always a year that doesn't technically exist on the TIP.

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Jacob Tawil: But, but the money's there.

0:45:14.850,0:45:21.090

Jacob Tawil: The money's there. If there was a project you're going to commit this, absolutely. I mean. This how our project was.

0:45:21.540,0:45:25.350

Michael Sweeton: Right for that year, though, that that's the point, for that year.

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Jacob Tawil: Right, Mike, I understand,

0:45:29.610,0:45:33.840

Jacob Tawil: and the issue is we just we don't want this money to evaporate and it's sitting there.

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Michael Sweeton: I get it, but the Committee, the Council, the Council can consider.

0:45:40.590,0:45:45.330

Michael Sweeton: Let's say, you know, let's say tomorrow, look at the the Port Jervis bridge, I mean you could have a bridge

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Michael Sweeton: that that's suddenly flagged in next year, you could get a project together for that, so I think there's time for us to figure it out, it's just said, you know they're not gonna they're not going to allocate it. That's pretty clear.

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Jacob Tawil: We want to have a conversation with the Federal Highway Administration and the DOT as well, and you know, in the past, I don't believe, and you guys correct me if I'm wrong, we didn't allow new projects to come in, because there's some money sitting there. The money just keeps rolling over and over

0:46:21.720,0:46:28.470

Ashlee Long, OCTC: I don't think anyone's suggesting that new projects are going to come on the TIP and take the funding away from this.

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Michael Sweeton: What I said was that the Council is not going to let the money be at risk right, so there is potential for us to allocate to a project and it could be.

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Michael Sweeton: One that's already existing or a sudden emergency that that's important to the county. That that's all I'm saying. I'm not saying call for new projects, I don't think that makes any sense I'm just saying that money, you know,

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Michael Sweeton: that money will not go to waste,

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Michael Sweeton: one way or the other.

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Jacob Tawil: Like we had this conversation before with the terms here, about emergencies, you can't use this money for an emergency.

0:47:14.160,0:47:14.940

Jacob Tawil: You cannot put it.

0:47:15.810,0:47:23.040

Michael Sweeton: Right, but there could be a project tomorrow, right, a municipality could come to the Council with a project

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Michael Sweeton: that says, "look if we don't do something in the next three years, this is going to be a problem," right, and the Council could make a decision to accept that, I believe, unless I'm wrong, Ashlee, you can correct me.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: No, you're correct.

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Michael Sweeton: So, that's my point Jacob. It's not that you know not not that anybody's looking to steal the money, you know, we just got to figure out how to use it and we got to figure out how to keep things moving.

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Michael Sweeton: And you know you're doing good stuff and everybody wants to help, but we got to work within this bureaucratic system they've given us.

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Jacob Tawil: I understand and I appreciate that Mike, and I appreciate what, you know, what you guys, how you guys voted it in the past, supporting our projects and

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Jacob Tawil: I'm not taking that away from anybody. We appreciate that very much, but now we are here and we want to take advantage of available funding yet instead of us trying to squeeze ourselves

0:48:13.410,0:48:22.140

Jacob Tawil: out of projects in order to make it to make this project happen in there. So we'll continue this conversation I appreciate your thoughts and your ideas, yes.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yes, I think we're happy to facilitate



0:48:27.300,0:48:30.570

Ashlee Long, OCTC: the conversation with DOT first. And the Federal Highway Administration. Yeah.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: But I think that you know Mike's kind of hitting the nail on the head here, but so the options that have you know kind of been talking about

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: would potentially be to break out part of the construction and move it into the second stage, especially I mean we have been seeing the trends that project costs increase over the years,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So if you're anticipating that, it might be beneficial to come back and rebid you know, for that project, and the rest of the work that might go into a second you know what.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: The prices are going up. No it's that but if you're coming back to the committee for more funding in general, like you know you can be in 24 and so that any of the 24 funding, could potentially be more available to you.

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Jacob Tawil: We'll have a conversation. I don't want to beat this thing to death. But the issue is the City of Middletown, we came back for additional funding, once the project was started and the revenue goes to the project started.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: That's the key there, it was once the project was starting, they already had construction underway. You're obligating funds now and looking to obligate funds outside of the year of like award so,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: outside of 2022. The way the FHWA looks at it they're saying oh you're going into construction, we want to see all of your funding in the year of obligation which is 2022.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So the fact that the 2024 funds are, you know, technically available in the block doesn't matter to them, they want to make sure that all of your construction funding is in the year of obligation, so in the case of Port Jervis they said construction they had,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: A good example for all.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Right it's the same.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Exactly so that's a different story. Honestly yes it's different because you're looking for additional funding because of cost overruns that you didn't anticipate,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: versus asking right now, before you're going while you're rewarding the bid and going into the obligation process right now.

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Jacob Tawil: We'll have, we'll have a conversation with the Federal Highway Administration.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay, so at the end we're just going to keep having for the for the conference for zoom call for us, please check your face to face.

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Jacob Tawil: You'll arrange for a conference or Zoom call for us please? Or face to face?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, we'll figure it out.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Does anyone else have any questions or comments before we move on?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay, I think next up, to close out this the TIP update agenda item, on just any local project sponsor updates if anyone has anything they'd like to share.

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Jacob Tawil: Well, I just give you a big update on

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Jacob Tawil: traffic operations, so you know what we are ADA. we're almost done with ADA curbs and sidewalks, and

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Jacob Tawil: We gave you that questionnaire, we submitted that, so you should have all the details.

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Jacob Tawil: So...

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Jacob Tawil: we're rolling, simply put.

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Travis Ewald: Ashlee, for the pedestrian safety improvement project that's underway,

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Travis Ewald: that will be completed this year.

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Travis Ewald: And, most of the physical work, the

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Travis Ewald: pedestrian signals in Cornwall and they're working out by Schutt Road.

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Travis Ewald: Otisville viaduct or the.

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Travis Ewald: Highland Avenue or Wallace Street project.

0:52:22.140,0:52:24.060

Travis Ewald: we're still working through right of away acquisition for that.

0:52:26.280,0:52:27.780

Travis Ewald: we're bogged down by right-of-way a little bit.

0:52:29.160,0:52:32.520

Travis Ewald: To be that's a Bridge NY project, we're going to be requesting an extent.

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Travis Ewald: Heritage Trail segment 2, the section from Palmer to East Main

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Travis Ewald: is anticipated to be completed this year, they have the Tappan Zee Bridge panels.

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Travis Ewald: right over Genung

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Travis Ewald: Last week.

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Travis Ewald: we're going through.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Would anyone else like to give any updates?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay, move on.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Oh, I don't have any further, I don't know if anyone does on the call?

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: If not, we could just move into new business.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: We do have some new business.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And you know we've you know we've been talking about performance measures that have been coming out from the federal highway and so we have another one.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So it's for the endorsement of the New Performance Management Targets for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans. So in July of 2018,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: The FTA published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule, and so this requires operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: under the FDA urbanized area formula grants to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures to implement the safety management systems.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So these safety plans were required to be established by July 21 of 2020 and so, OC Planning and Transit Orange and Rob and Martha and the transit staff, they worked with the operators to complete all of those safety plans, and so now we're at the point where

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: we're looking to the MPO to establish the performance targets that are used to track the progress towards

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: this performance measure basically. And so you'll see the draft resolution on the screen,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: it's fairly similar to some of the other ones, we're just endorsing the safety plans and then, if you want to keep scrolling, you'll see that the attachment includes the table for the safety plans so you're going to see like their safety performance targets. So there's multiple

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: providers, so there's multiple providers in Orange County, so there's quite a few tables.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then you'll see that their performance targets includes mode of transit service, fatalities, the total fatalities, the rate of fatality, the total injuries, the injuries rate,

0:55:29.610,0:55:45.390

Ashlee Long, OCTC: safety events total, and rate of safety events, as well as system reliability. So these have all been approved by the operators and Orange County worked with them, so now it's just the MPO's turn to

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: endorse

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: these safety plan targets.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So that would happen at the December meeting.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Anyone have any questions about them?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: It kind of along the lines of some of the other performance targets, like the kind of mechanism that we're using here to endorse them, but this is, this is a new one, we haven't had this one come around before so.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay, if there's no questions, then just look for it on the December agenda.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then I think I'm rolling right along. The other piece of new business is that

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: As you know, OCTC is hosted by Orange County, and so as part of this arrangement, every 10 years there's an MPO host agreement that needs to be revisited and refined.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So the agreement is between DOT and Orange County for OCTC, and it was last signed in 2012, so we recently received the agreement,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So um.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, below the sign in sheet.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So on the screen, this is the track changes version, just so you can see, the agreement is pretty standard, nothing really changed from the last agreement that was signed in 2012. Unfortunately we didn't send this out in your packet.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: It might come up a little later, but basically the agreement is,

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: in a nutshell, allowing Orange County to utilize, you know, we've passed through the funds from the MPO, the federal highway and federal transit agency administration funds.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then, it just explains, you know, through the parties are, and you can see that in the highlighted elements there's just some updated language in terms of the County Executive and the address and urbanized area and, if you want to keep scrolling.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: And then you know recently since Dave Church left and Alan Sorensen has taken over as Commissioner, you know, we just had to replace some of those names in there, so the bulk of the agreement hasn't changed.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So we're just bringing this to the committee, because during the last host agreement, the committee

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: adopted a resolution supporting the host agreement.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: It basically has to go through the legislature for approval, but we thought we would do

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: a parallel just support resolution through OCTC so that will be on the agenda for.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yes, so DOT is looking for a pretty quick turnaround actually, so they're hoping that we can like the County will sign it by the end of December, so our December meeting works out well in terms of timing so.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Does anyone have any questions about the host agreement?

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Right.

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Jacob Tawil: Do you have funding like directed towards you guys, because you can put a lot of hours, you know, Ashlee, she dedicates her life to this

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Jacob Tawil: Orange County Transportation Council.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yes, yes staff time is, yeah

0:59:16.980,0:59:26.280

Julie Richmond, OCTC: Okay, so we're still on new items, or new business, so the last thing on new businesses, just to kind of go over and confirm

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: our OCTC meeting options. So we were virtual during COVID and then

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: we decided to go back to a hybrid format, where we are doing the hybrid option, the virtual option for the planning committee meetings, and but for the voting meetings, it has to be in person.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: But we have learned that under the Governor Hochul's executive order, we do have the option to

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: vote, to vote virtually as well, if we want to. So I just wanted to throw it out to the committee, in terms of what you would prefer, if you want to keep the in person component.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: And the executive order, I should say, only covers up till January, so really you only meeting in play right now is the December meeting.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: So I didn't know what members wanted to do, if you wanted to go back to all virtual or, if you want to prefer to have the have voting meetings in person and

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: I would just note that for our purposes, when we do the transcript if we are going to have the in person elements that we need the person to just

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: identify themselves before they speak, every time they speak, because the transcript is automatically transcribed on Zoom and it doesn't differentiate who's talking so becomes all one big

1:01:05.610,1:01:08.490

Julie Richmond, OCTC: question that we have to try to parse out.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: So that's I think that's it in a nutshell. I just wanted to run it by the Committee to see how you want to proceed.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: If you have a preference.

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Jack Farr: You can do

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Michael Sweeton: I like in person.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: I'm not sure if you can hear Jack, Mike. He was saying that he thought that there's a better percentage of attendance when you have a hybrid meeting as well, so.

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Michael Sweeton: Yeah, hybrid, hybrid's fine.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: I don't know if you can hear Nicole, Mike, either, or anyone on the phone, but she was saying just kind of when you know, because the room is so large in person, it gets a little hard to hear people

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So, having kind of those options is nice for sound, for business.

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Nicole Farmer: Well right.

1:02:17.700,1:02:18.480

Ashlee Long, OCTC: So all virtual.

1:02:20.160,1:02:23.280

Ashlee Long, OCTC: I will say we are working on acquiring better

1:02:24.540,1:02:28.170

Ashlee Long, OCTC: equipment that includes kind of like those little satellite speakers.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: But you know.

1:02:31.260,1:02:32.000

Ashlee Long, OCTC: Its a process.

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Jacob Tawil: I think hybrid, from our point of view, from my point of view is much better.

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Jacob Tawil: Some people have some issues with their health and all this and they don't want to be in the same room if everyone is supposed to come and participate here.

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Jacob Tawil: But without any option to be on whatever it is it's going to be tough, right, so until this COVID stays with us, I like to mix and match, whoever wants to show up by all means, whoever wants to stay away by all means, and open up the voting for people who are on Zoom, that will be my opinion.

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Oluseye Folarin: This is Olu Folarin from MTA. MTA would prefer the hybrid. I agree on the option to vote virtually as well.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: understood yeah.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: yeah.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Sounds like people are definitely interested in adding a virtual component to the meeting, including the voting meetings.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: So we will, I think, move forward kind of operating under that

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: for the next meeting. We'll see in January, what the governor, if she extends it or not, so. Okay, we wanted to make sure everybody was on the same page.

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Lizy Philip, NYS Thruway: Yeah, this is Lizy Philip and I also prefer virtually.

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Ashlee Long, OCTC: Okay.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: We'll have the hybrid in person and virtual meeting for the December policy meeting. You are able to vote if you are virtual, just let us know, though, for planning purposes, if you if you plan to attend virtually or in person, it just helps with, you know, setting stuff up.

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OCTC: Just make sure yeah if you get the email or the calendar invites to make sure, let us know if you're able to come to the policy meetings just for quorum purposes.

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Lizy Philip, NYS Thruway: Thank you.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: All right, good.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Thank you. So I think we're moving on to the, towards the end here, reports, OCTC staff reports.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: Save the date, the next policy committee meeting is December 14 at one o'clock. As Lauren said, we'll we'll have the in person hybrid option.

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Julie Richmond, OCTC: And then.

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Lauren Bennett, OCTC: And so it should be in this room. If you come in person, it's in the legislative committee room on the third floor at the government center.

1:05:09.510,1:05:12.960

Julie Richmond, OCTC: Right and any other member reports?

1:05:17.280,1:05:21.487

Julie Richmond, OCTC: Hearing none, I think the final thing we have is that Ashlee has an announcement she'd like to make.

1:05:21.487,1:05:28.740

Ashlee Long, OCTC: So I just wanted to let everyone know that this is likely, my last meeting. I'm sorry to say.

1:05:32.130,1:05:34.770

Ashlee Long, OCTC: I've accepted another position in Ulster County.



1:05:35.100,1:05:35.670

Ashlee Long, OCTC: So I'll be finishing up at

1:05:36.990,1:05:37.860

Ashlee Long, OCTC: Orange County

1:05:38.460,1:05:53.970

Ashlee Long, OCTC: over the next month or so. So I just want to say it's been great working with all of you, I think that, you know, the committee's really come so far over the years and there's a really great camaraderie now and understanding about the process, and you know talking things through and

1:05:55.170,1:06:01.590

Ashlee Long, OCTC: yeah. So I just wanted to say it's been great you know, working with all of you, this is definitely like a bittersweet moving on, but it's exciting.

1:06:12.180,1:06:15.360

Jacob Tawil: You've been great here and we enjoy working with you and you've been thorough

1:06:17.040,1:06:21.810

Jacob Tawil: on top of everything and we can appreciate you always being there for us anytime we needed, so

1:06:22.860,1:06:26.040

Jacob Tawil: I wish you the best of luck. Are you going to be in the policy meeting?

1:06:26.080,1:06:30.870

Ashlee Long, OCTC: I don't think I'll be here in December.

1:06:30.870,1:06:32.490

Jacob Tawil: Who is going to be taking your your place?

1:06:33.540,1:06:34.260

OCTC: We don't know yet.

1:06:36.390,1:06:40.290

Ashlee Long, OCTC: You're in good hands in terms of the upcoming thing, though, with the TIP update.

1:06:44.010,1:06:44.640

Ashlee Long, OCTC: Thanks, John. I appreciate that.

1:06:45.660,1:06:46.950

Oluseye Folarin: All the best, Ashlee.

1:06:48.120,1:06:48.780

Ashlee Long, OCTC: Oh, thank you.

1:06:49.710,1:06:51.840

Michael Sweeton: Doesn't the committee have to vote unanimously?

1:06:56.940,1:06:57.960

Ashlee Long, OCTC: That's daunting, but yeah.

1:07:00.210,1:07:00.710

Michael Sweeton: Good luck.

1:07:01.770,1:07:14.080

Ashlee Long, OCTC: Thank you. But yes, if you have any questions, I will be, I will be here for like the next month or so, so I mean feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions or concerns or just want to chat.

1:07:14.080,1:07:16.000

Jacob Tawil: You're going to set up our next meeting right?

1:07:16.000,1:07:20.080

Ashlee Long, OCTC: Yeah, I will set that up, so no worries.

1:07:20.310,1:07:25.320

Julie Richmond, OCTC: But anyway, all right. Thank you everyone on that note, I think we will adjourn.

1:07:32.520,1:07:33.020

Harriet Lewis: Thanks, bye.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.