

Ulster County Non-motorized Transportation Plan



NTAC Meeting NOTES
Ulster County Community College
Date 08.29.07
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

- Welcome /Intro

- Project Status Report
 - Project is on Schedule & on Budget
 - Public Meetings Scheduled for October

General Comments

- Note bike parking program being implemented in Saugerties
- Would like to see Stormwater management addressed in plan design guidelines
- Would like 3 graphics for future presentation
 - Existing NMTP facilities
 - Existing and TIP (Previously) Proposed Projects
 - Existing and All Proposed Projects

- Repackage Top 100 List to show Scoring
- Sort Project Lists by Capital Imp. Vs Programmatic
 - (e.g. Projects, Policies, Programs)
- Note All Proposed Projects are still DRAFT at this point
- Be prepared for “waste of money” comments at public meetings (e.g. maintenance backlog, bridge conditions)
- Reference NYCDEP agreements from WC and Putnam County when discussing Reservoir and Aqueduct access trails - add in Delaware Aqueduct project

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The maps will illustrate

- Existing shared use trails
- On street facilities
- Mountain bike, hiking, equestrian, and water trails

The current projects in the TIP will be discussed – these are already underway.

The methodology of project identification will be discussed (the 600 projects) as well as how each project was categorized.

The selection of a 'top 100 projects' will be discussed.

Finally we will introduce the 16 priority projects, noting that although other projects might not be identified – they are included in the overall NMTC. The top 16 will be 'fast tracked' to funding applications. The top 16 plans will be displayed on maps where applicable – nothing these are draft selections. The public is invited to modify, suggest, and provide feedback on the priority project list. Nothing is final.

In addition to maps program information will be discussed.

Participants will engage in a question and answer session following the presentation.

Sign-ins, comment sheets, maps, and snacks will be provided.

Prioritization - Draft Project List / Discussion of Potential Projects

1. Hudson River "Legacy Trail" Kingston North to Saugerties

Develop concept plan for a new shared use trail that would extend the Hudson River Greenway trail system. This corridor does not have a defined existing right of way, but is an important long-term connection.

- Show as piece of New York Statewide and regional Trails System
- Highlight Connections to Village of Saugerties and Existing Open Space
- Route may vary but goal is to connect to River at as many points as possible
- Highlight and enhance water access points

2. Trail - Kingston South to Rosendale (Trestle)

Upgrade this critical link in the Ulster County system. Identify access issues and alternatives for re-decking the historic trestle. Concept will be based on previous planning concepts for the Rail Trail and the D&H Canal Corridor.

3. Trolley Museum Trail to Kingston Point (RWT)

Extend the existing trail at the Trolley Museum through the Rondout to Kingston Point. This project was identified in the Ulster County RWT study, and is a first phase towards the proposed RWT corridor trail.

Add Water Access Improvements

4. RT 299 Bike Demonstration Corridor

East-west connection between the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and future access to the Minnewaska/Mohonk Carriage Trail network. Concept will include a combination of natural surface hiking path adjacent to pending shoulder improvements, bike lane and other innovative on-street / intersection improvements.

5. Route 9W Bikeway

On road bikeway from the Mid-Hudson Bridge to Kingston, including potential improvements to signage, shoulders and intersections.

Add Potential RWT evaluation along CSX Line along River

6. Woodstock - Art Walk & West Main Sidewalks

Connection west of town center to Post Office, including integrated public art elements to enhance the streetscape.

Expand Scope of Art and Walk and general bike/ped improvements to include area central core of Hamlet North on Rock City Road to Town Center Hall and East on 212 to 375

7. Phoenicia Hamlet Bike/Ped Improvements

Main Street model "Best Management Practices" improvements in hamlet center.

- Expand Project Area to include school on North end of Hamlet
- Include Water Access Improvements

8. Kingston Ward 9 Bike/Ped Improvements - Remove "Ward 9" Change to "Kingston Downtown NMT Safe Access to Transit"

Urban core improvements to be made for crossings, curb ramps, bike parking, at bus stops

9. County Share the Roads/Drive Less Live More Program

Education and encouragement program to communicate right-of-way compliance and reduced automobile dependence.

- Comment to combine all program type projects into one – they will be combined in program plan section but these two project descriptions (parking and drive less/live more) are stand alone projects

10. County Wide Bike Parking Program (Municipal Facilities)

Program to provide bike racks at libraries and municipal offices.

- Coordinate with UCAT

11. SR2S - Plattekill Elementary School

Bike / ped improvements in school zone to encourage improved safety and access.

- Location is good, make sure to extend to Apartment Complex South of School

12. SR2S - EG Myer School, Hurley

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13. Mountain Bike Park - West of Kingston

Improved access and trail development of a destination facility for off-road bicycling.

- Note the majority of the existing trails are not designed for the recreational cyclist (due to level of difficulty) – if this project is to remain on the high priority list – additional trail development or upgrades should be considered
- Note DEC has pending program of work "Biking in Catskill Park"

14. Crash Locations - Town of Ulster - Lucas/Ulster Aves

Traffic safety improvements to identified bike/ped crash location.

- Good make sure to include access to workplace

15. Crash Locations - Ellenville Route 209

Traffic safety improvements to identified bike/ped crash location. **Good**

16. Central Place to NMT System Access Management

Provide policies and recommendations for improving access and linkages to existing and proposed non-motorized transportation system links from residential and commercial land use centers. This will be addressed in Policy Section of Draft Plan and / or in Hamlet Executive Summaries

- Be sure to include subdivision NMT improvement policy guidelines in policy document

- Next Steps / Conclusion

For more information or to contact the project team, visit the website at:
www.altaplanning.com/ulsternmtp/



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