## **Ulster & Delaware Corridor Advisory Committee**

**DATE & TIME:** March 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Collins

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Kovacs, Litts, Nolan, Sperry, Uchitelle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislator McCollough

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Steve Rice, Evan Marks, Wendy L. Dunn, Meg Carey, Christine Gardner, Helen Chase, Henry Jameson, Vinny Nigro, Jackie Hinlz, David Hilliard, Ronald Cardis, Jr., Elissa Hellener, Marcia Roosa, Earl Pardini, Jodi Hickey, Matthew Lundy, Larry Roth, Joel McSlone, Ken Harris, Harrison Balduf, Hannah Kiersted, Ken Anello, Ryan Lennox, Shawn Sussman, Kudakwashe Mvronda, Russ Bonk, Josie Nigro, Raleigh Green, Kevin Smithm Nick Mercurio, John Grossman, Stuart Auchincloss. Patty Goodwin, Polly Howells, Karl Beard, Melinda Terpening McKnight, Peter Humphries, Ernie Hunt

Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and asked Clerk Tierney to call the roll.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2025 Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Collins, Kovacs, Litts, McCollough, Nolan, Sperry, Uchitelle

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Minutes Approved

Chair Collins shared with the Committee a working document summarizing the information received and the conditions of the undesignated section of the corridor, which will serve as the basis of the Resolution ultimately produced by the work of this Committee for consideration by the full Legislature.

The Committee deliberated on each clause of the working document, and agreed to continue deliberation at the next meeting on March 20, 2025.

Chair Collins allowed for a brief period of public comment prior to the close of the meeting.

Ernie Hunt, President of CMRR, spoke on FHWA guidelines.

Peter Humphries stated that this Committee could be tying the hands of future policymakers by making a decision and questioned the historic value of trails.

Matt Lundy spoke of the importance of CMRR as a local youth employer.

Kevin Smith stated that the highest and best use of the corridor is to serve as an intermodal connector between the Ashokan and Kingston, and that Rail with Trail is ultimately unfeasible, requiring and either/or decision.

Adjournment

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Kovacs

Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Votes in Favor: 5 0 **Votes Against:** 

TIME: 6:53 PM

Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist March 20, 2025 **Respectfully Submitted:** 

Approved: