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Public Meeting Scheduled City of Kingston Uptown Stockade Area Transportation Plan

David Donaldson, Chairman of the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), is pleased to announce a public meeting has been scheduled concerning the development of the UCTC-sponsored City of Kingston Uptown Stockade Area Transportation Plan.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the study effort, project goals and discuss transportation-related issues in the Uptown Stockade area.

The study goals include the identification of publicly acceptable traffic circulation concepts, way finding signage improvements, parking and traffic signal timing improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

"The evaluation of traffic circulation, parking and potential streetscape design that will be prepared by RBA under the direction of the Ulster County Transportation Council and UC Planning Department will provide invaluable assistance to the City's efforts to revitalize the Uptown Stockade Area. We appreciate all of the assistance from the Council and Planning Department to make this resource available" - Mayor James M. Sottile

An Advisory Committee has been established and is comprised of local business owners, City officials, County and UCTC staff and the New York State Department of Transportation. The RBA Group of New York City has been retained by the UCTC to help complete this study effort.

The Public meeting is scheduled as follows:

Ulster County Legislature Chambers, 6th Floor Thursday, January 24, 2008 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

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"The work being completed by RBA will provide a foundation for our Uptown Improvement Project and will serve as an element in an Uptown Master Plan in the future. Any revitalization of the Uptown Stockade business district needs to be closely tied to transportation, parking and streetscape improvements to make the area more attractive and user friendly" - Steve Finkle

More information about this study effort is located at the following project web site: <u>www.rbagroup.com/kingstonuptown</u>. For more information, contact the Ulster County Transportation Council at (845) 340-3340 or Steve Finkle, Director of Economic Development, City of Kingston, at (845) 334-3960.

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