

Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Dutchess County Planning Department (Main Conference Room)
27 High Street (2nd Floor), Poughkeepsie, NY

1. Introductions – See attached list.

2. Announcements

- Mark DeBald (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mark began by announcing that everyone should have received an agenda for this meeting, a summary of the previous meeting, and a list of submitted applications for the recent off-system bridge call for projects.
- New York State’s 2017 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) was recently approved by FHWA. The Plan identifies best practices and strategies that can help reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. The SHSP is a major component of the Highway Safety Improvement Program and was developed through a collaborative process involving public and private sector safety partners. A link is provided on our website. The 2017 SHSP reorganized its emphasis areas into the following:
 1. Intersections
 2. Lane Departure
 3. Vulnerable Users (including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and individuals, working in a work zone)
 4. Age-Related (including young drivers and older drivers)
 5. Road User Behavior (including alcohol and drug impairment, distracted driving, cell phone usage, and drowsy driving)
 6. Speed
- The National Transportation Safety Board recently issued a report titled Reducing Speeding-Related Crashes Involving Passenger Vehicles. This safety study examines causes and trends in speeding-related passenger vehicle crashes and countermeasures to prevent these crashes. The countermeasures offer possible solutions to speeding-related crashes. They are intended to be widely applicable to a significant portion of these crashes. The NTSB focused on five safety issues: (1) speed limits, (2) data-driven approaches for speed enforcement, (3) automated speed enforcement, (4) intelligent speed adaptation, and (5) national leadership. A link is provided on our website.
- Mark updated the Committee on the Volkswagen “diesel-gate” settlement. In October 2016, the first partial settlement was approved by a federal court, requiring Volkswagen to pay \$2.7 billion into an environmental trust fund, and the second partial settlement requires an

additional \$225 million. In total, NYS expects to receive \$127 million to be used for mitigation projects to offset the excess air pollution emitted by some Volkswagen vehicles. NOx mitigation projects will include replacing or repowering older diesel vehicles and the advancement of zero emission vehicles. DEC held three public meetings across the state to gather feedback on how the State might use or program the settlement funds. A Trust effective date has not been established yet, though states will have 60 days after which to declare that they want the money and identify a lead agency to administer the Trust. Once approved, the states will need to develop and file a plan for the funds. In New York, DEC will program the funds. The earliest call for projects would be next year.

- Federal Budget Rescission – NYSDOT reports that the state will experience a rescission of \$30 million in FFY 2018. There will also be a very large, statewide rescission of \$415 million in FFY 2020. NYSDOT indicates that they will not be able absorb these large rescissions in the future. This might result in less funding for transportation planning.
- NYSDOT recently closed the call for projects for the FTA Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities) Program, which provides federal funding to improve transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities. In particular, the program supports transportation services that go beyond those already required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Over \$660,000 was available to the tri-county area (Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster). We heard from a number of agencies about their intent to apply for the funds. Applications will be reviewed in the fall, and awards announced by the end of the year.
- Mark alerted the Committee to likely solicitations for BRIDGE NY (about \$250 million for bridges on federal-aid eligible roads, as well as culverts) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in 2018. NYSDOT will also issue a round of PAVE NY funding in 2018.
- There will also be a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) solicitation soon. \$40 million is available statewide, and approximately \$8.5 million available for Region 8. Mark and Emily Dozier (DCTC) described the program. It is intended to fund systemic pedestrian safety projects at uncontrolled crosswalks or signalized intersections on local streets in the urbanized area. In Dutchess County, the City and Town of Poughkeepsie are focus communities, based on the number of pedestrian crashes. Eligible project types are described in the State's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (the link is on our website; see pages 48-58). Project costs can range from \$250,000 minimum to \$5 million maximum. The program does not require a local match. Construction must be complete by the end of 2021. Project sponsors must follow the federal-aid process. Applications will be available this fall and due in February.
- Mark reported that the draft allocations of FFY 2017 FTA Section 5307 and 5339 funding to our Urbanized Area have been calculated by NYSDOT. Dutchess will likely receive \$1,782,525 in 5307 funds and \$444,560 in 5339 funds for a total of \$2,227,085 in 2017. Given the move to a single bus operator in the county, we will not do a sub-allocation to the City of Poughkeepsie. We will have a resolution for this funding in the fall.
- DCTC staff: We are actively interviewing for a Junior Planner.

- Training: As part of its fall 2017 workshop program, CLRP is offering a Traffic Signs and Pavement Markings course in Dutchess County on October 19, 2017. Each workshop costs \$50 and registration is required. Please check their website.

3. Public Participation – Mark opened the meeting for public comment or general announcements.

- Cynthia Ruiz (DC Public Transit) noted that DCPT received \$1.5 million in state funding to purchase three buses. DCPT stated that they need to purchase a total of 11 buses, so they are looking for other funding as well. The CMAQ funds that they were awarded will be transferred to FTA Section 5307 funds.

4. Performance Measures

Mark distributed two draft resolutions: one for the State of Good Repair Transit Performance Measures, and one supporting NYSDOT's Safety Performance Measures. He described each resolution. These will be on a ballot in September. Cynthia Ruiz (DCPT) noted that the 58 buses listed in the transit performance measure Attachment 1 does not include the City of Poughkeepsie's buses. She also noted that DCPT is working to replace the 7-year 'cutaway' buses with 10-12 year buses over time.

5. DCTC Off-System Bridge Call for Projects

The DCTC received six project proposals for the DCTC Off-System Bridge Program. Staff, in consultation with NYSDOT-Region 8 and the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, are reviewing the applications. Mark distributed a summary of the six projects (attached) and showed a map and photos of each location. The group discussed the projects in detail, including their costs and benefits. Mark is continuing to work with applicants and NYSDOT on project details and costs. He expects to make funding decisions this fall or winter, and then coordinate with NYSDOT to add selected projects onto the FFY 2017-2021 TIP in the spring.

6. FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Council periodically updates the TIP to add new projects, remove existing projects, or change a project's cost, schedule, or scope. Major changes are classified as Amendments and require a 15-day public comment period prior to action; minor changes, such as a schedule change or small cost change, are classified as Administrative Modifications and can be approved at staff level.

TIP Amendment #17-04

Amendment 17-04 deals with changes to various City of Poughkeepsie bus projects. Since the City ended bus operations on July 1, 2017, they have requested a number of changes to their TIP projects. Many of these projects are similar in scope to existing DCPT projects.

- a. 8TD008 – Purchase one support vehicle [Combined with DCPT project 8TRD88]
- b. 8TRD30 – Remove all funding for FFY 2018 and beyond. Keep only 2017 funding.
- c. 8TRD47 – ITS Equipment [Combined with DCPT project 8TD011]
- d. 8TRD51 – Remove all funding for FFY 2018 and beyond. Keep only 2017 funding.
- e. 8TRD62 – Bus Shelter [Combined with DCPT project 8TRD99]
- f. 8TRD89 – Purchase two heavy-duty buses [Combined with DCPT project 8TRD92]

The Amendment also adds three new projects and increases funding for an existing project:

- a. Funding increase for 801076 – signal upgrades.
- b. Add the three CMAQ projects (882353, 882354, and 882355) for the State park-and-rides and the DCPT service expansion.

These will be on a ballot in September. The group discussed project 882355, which includes a permanent park and ride at the Route 9/I-84 intersection, on the Dutchess Mall property. NYSDOT is currently leasing space there, but would purchase property.

TIP Administrative Modification #17-E

- a. PIN 875983 – Washington St. Bridge: shift Design and ROW Incidental phases from FFY 2017 to 2018.
- b. PIN 8TD010 – Regional Transit Plan: shift to FFY 2018 & 2019. Mark noted that we will likely use federal planning funds for this project but are keeping the 5307 funds on the TIP just in case.

7. Project Updates

- a. Village of Millerton Pedestrian Plan: Emily (DCTC) stated that the open house event went well, and the team is refining the draft recommendations. The next Task Force meeting is on September 7.
- b. Main Street Safety Assessment (City of Poughkeepsie): the final plan, which includes the City's official response to the recommendations, was submitted to the team in early August. We hope that some of the pedestrian-related recommendations could be funded through the PSAP program.
- c. City of Poughkeepsie Downtown Parking Improvement Plan: The Advisory Committee met in July to kick-off the project, which seeks to ensure that the City's parking system is being operated and managed in an efficient and effective manner, consistent with the City's redevelopment goals for the downtown. The project will quantify and assess downtown parking supply and demand. A public survey and outreach plan is also being developed.
- d. Traffic Counts: our annual traffic count program is finishing this fall. We intend to use the speed data for an update of our 2016 high-end speeding analysis (available on our website

under Publications). Aileen Rohr (Town of Hyde Park) asked if we can provide speed data at specific locations. Mark suggested reviewing the 2016 report as well as our online traffic count database. If more data is needed, let us know-- we may be able to fit in some extra counts at the end of our season.

8. Public Participation

- Mark Figliozi (Town of Pleasant Valley) noted that the Sherow Rd. bridge work was pushed from the spring to September. He also stated that the Town is working on a Hamlet Revitalization Plan, focused on Main St near North Ave and West Rd. A survey is on the Town website.
- Ray Oberly (Town of Clinton) stated that the Clinton Hollow bridge is being repaired; work should be done in November.
- Mark asked the Committee to contact DCTC staff if they need assistance with any planning projects; we may be able to program them for next year.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Dutchess County Planning.

Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address or Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Ray Oberly	Town of Clinton	N/A	845-266-5721
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Mark Figliozi	Town of Pleasant Valley	pvs@pleasantvalley-ny.gov	845-635-3598
Emily Dozier	DCTC	edozier@dutchessny.gov	845-486-3600
Mark Debald	DCTC	mdebald@dutchessny.gov	845-486-3600
Cynthia Ruiz	Dutchess County Public Transit	cruiz@dutchessny.gov	845-473-8521
Aileen Rohr	Town of Hyde Park	arohr@hydeparkny.us	845-229-5111 ext.8
Marleen Stein (via phone)	MTA	Mstein@mtahq.org	212- 878-7080
James Morena (via phone)	MTA/Metro-North	morena@mnr.org	212-340-4011

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Summary of Off-System Bridge Applications

BIN	Location (Municipality)	Sponsor	Bridge	Notes	Total Estimated Project Cost (\$ millions) ¹	Funding		Bridge Rating	Functionally Obsolete (FO) or Structurally Deficient (SD)	AADT	Local Bridge Priority Index (BRIDGE NY)	DCTC Project Selection Criteria Score
						Federal-Aid	Non-Federal Aid					
2262600	City of Beacon	City of Beacon	Tioronda/South Ave. over the Fishkill Creek	Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, but closed in 1985, and was subsequently dismantled in 2006. New bridge will help reduce travel times. Currently, in order to cross Fishkill Creek by vehicle, drivers must make a 2.5-mile detour around the City. This is also an impediment to first responders.	\$2,582,437	\$2,065,950	\$516,487	NA	---	NA	0.346	4*
2262680	City of Poughkeepsie	City of Poughkeepsie	Garden Street over the Fall Kill Creek	This Depression-era bridge has been heavily impacted by increased vehicular traffic from the Walkway Over the Hudson. Its deterioration, as documented in a 2016 Notice of Red Flags report, is so extensive as to require the complete replacement of the bridge, including abutments.	\$1,371,500	\$1,097,200	\$274,300	4.45	FO	2,319	0.030	6*
2262780	Town of East Fishkill	Town of East Fishkill	Carol Drive over the Fishkill Creek	Bridge was constructed in 1987 and serves as the sole access to approximately 69 homes. In 2007, repairs to the bridge abutments were made to address scour damage. The proposed bridge replacement is necessary to preserve the function of the bridge, prevent catastrophic failure, and improve transportation safety.	\$1,296,000	\$1,036,800	\$259,200	4.83	---	614	0.052	5
3343190	Town of Hyde Park	Town of Hyde Park	Dock Street over Crum Elbow Creek	Bridge was closed in 2012 based on an inspection that revealed unsafe conditions. The closure has also resulted in the closure of the rear access to Vanderbilt Mansion. It is one of only three access points to the Historic Site.	\$1,245,000	\$996,000	\$249,000	2.33	---	NA	0.408	4
3343070	Town of Dover	Dutchess County DPW	CR 6 (Old Route 22) over the Swamp River (D-66)	Bridge was originally built circa 1900. The substructure shows signs of significant deterioration, and DPW has had to address flagged conditions for undermining of the center pier, as well as deterioration of the guide rail. Work will include removal of the existing superstructure and substructure, and construction of a new substructure and superstructure.	\$1,750,000	\$1,400,000	\$350,000	4.13	FO	850	0.311	5*
3343590	Town of Pleasant Valley	Dutchess County DPW	Mill Lane over the Landsman Kill (PV-17)	Work will include removal of the existing superstructure and substructure, and construction of a new substructure and superstructure. Project will replace an aging, load restricted bridge with a new structure with a service life of at least 50-years, with the addition of 4' shoulders to improve pedestrian safety	\$1,750,000	\$1,400,000	\$350,000	3.79	SD	294	0.432	7
TOTAL					\$9,994,937	\$7,995,950	\$1,998,987					

¹ Revised cost estimate

* Project located in Title VI/Environmental Justice community.

TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$900,000
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$9,994,937	\$7,995,950	\$1,998,987
TOTAL WITHOUT DCDPW PROJECTS	\$6,494,937	\$5,195,950	\$1,298,987
BALANCE	-\$1,994,937		