

Dutchess County Transportation Council

Public Notice

Draft State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

January 24, 2019

The [Dutchess County Transportation Council \(DCTC\)](#) has initiated a 30-day public comment period for the [Draft 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#). The UPWP is the Transportation Council's statement of work, identifying the federally funded planning activities to be carried out by the Council for the period between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. The UPWP includes descriptions of planning tasks and resulting products, and identifies which organization will perform each task, a schedule for completing tasks, the cost of the work, and sources of funds. The Council updates the UPWP annually.

The majority of funds used to support UPWP tasks come from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The 2019-2020 UPWP programs almost \$896,000 in federal funds to support our planning activities for the upcoming program year. The new UPWP will fund work on the [Connect Mid-Hudson Regional Transit Study](#), a conceptual redesign initiative for the Route 9/44/55 interchange and arterials in Poughkeepsie, a Hamlet Walkability Study for the Town of Pleasant Valley, and a Main Street Redesign Initiative for the Arlington area in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The Council will also continue its pavement condition monitoring program, safety assessment work, and traffic count program.

Public Comments

This 30-day comment period provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed UPWP. Comments should be sent in writing (mail, email, or fax) to the address below by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019**. All public comments will be summarized and presented to the Council prior to its meeting on February 26, 2019. The Draft 2019-2020 UPWP is available by mail, email, or [on our website](#).

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About the DCTC: Established in 1982, the DCTC serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County. Federal law requires that all Urbanized Areas, U.S. Census defined metropolitan areas with over 50,000 people, be represented by a MPO, which is responsible for ensuring that Federal transportation dollars (highway and transit) are committed through a locally driven, comprehensive planning process. The DCTC includes representatives from local municipalities, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.