

# Dutchess County Transportation Council

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## Public Notice

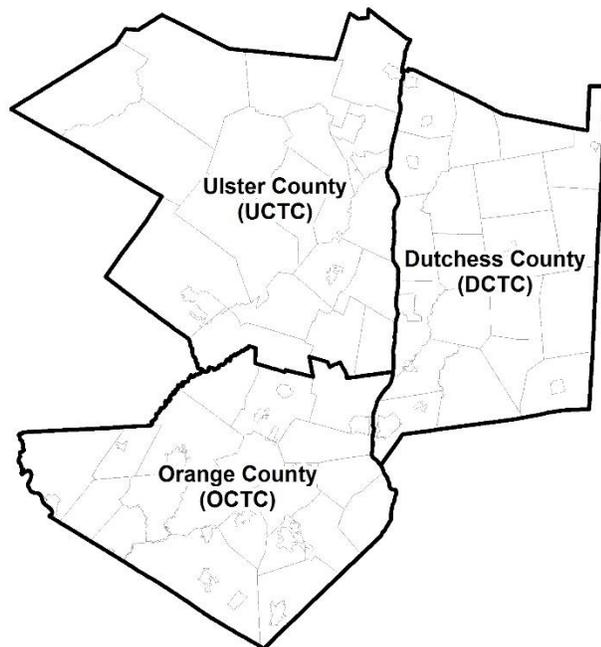
### Federal Certification Review of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

**September 8, 2017**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are currently conducting the quadrennial Federal Certification Review of the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC). Both agencies are interested in hearing from you on how the Transportation Planning Process is being conducted in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

The U.S. Department of Transportation requires that every metropolitan area with a population over 50,000 be represented by a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in order for that area to qualify for the receipt of federal highway and transit funds. The DCTC is the designated MPO for Dutchess County and is responsible for the federally mandated transportation planning process in the County. In partnership with the Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) and Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), the DCTC is part of the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA).

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in accordance with 23 USC 134 (k)(5)(A)(i) and 49 USC 5303 (k)(5)(A)(i)(e), must certify that the metropolitan planning process conducted by the DCTC is being carried out in accordance with applicable provisions of federal law not less than once every four years.



The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the required planning activities of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 are being satisfactorily implemented by the DCTC and the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA. FHWA and FTA are accepting written comments from the public on DCTC's implementation of the federal transportation planning process through **October 23, 2017**.

On Page 3 of this notice are questions about your perspective on how the metropolitan transportation planning process is being implemented. You may also provide an open written response. Policy Board and Planning Committee members are also invited to mail or email the form to FHWA or FTA staff, or submit it during the on-site certification review, which will take place on **Thursday, September 21, 2017** at 8:30 a.m. at the Dutchess County Planning Department. Thank you in advance for your comments and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Public Comments

This comment period provides the public with an opportunity to provide written comments to FHWA and FTA staff about their thoughts on the metropolitan transportation planning process in Dutchess County. Comments should be made by mail or email, using the form on Page 3 of this notice, and sent to the addresses below by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017**:

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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.*

# FHWA/FTA Certification Review Notice to Receive Public Comments

1. From your perspective, how well do you understand the DCTC transportation planning process?

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2. From your perspective, how well is the DCTC transportation planning process working to effectively improve transportation in the Region?

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3. Are there opportunities for you to provide input on transportation issues and plans, such as the long-range transportation plan and other studies and issues?

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4. Are there opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, incomes, races, to provide equal access and opportunity for input in the transportation planning process?

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5. What are some things that work well?

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6. What areas do you think can be improved?

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