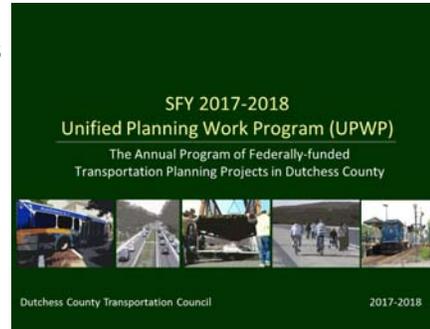


# Dutchess County Transportation Council

## Spring/Summer 2017 Newsletter

### New Transportation Planning Work Program Approved

In March 2017, the Transportation Council approved its [2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#) – the Council’s annual statement of work for April 1, 2017-March 31, 2018 (the State Fiscal Year). The UPWP includes a variety of federally funded planning activities that address opportunities to maintain and improve the area’s transportation system and quality of life. The UPWP describes planning tasks and resulting products, a schedule for completing tasks, the cost of the work, sources of funds, and which organization will perform each task. Funds used to support the UPWP come from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. For the 2017-2018 program year, over \$780,000 in federal planning funds have been programmed by the Council.



Program highlights include the start of a Downtown Parking Improvement Plan for the City of Poughkeepsie, completion of a pedestrian plan for the Village of Millerton, and a Safety Assessment of the Main St. intersection at Innis/Worrall Ave. in the City of Poughkeepsie. The Council, in conjunction with Orange and Ulster counties, will also help launch a Regional Transit Study for the Mid-Hudson Valley. We will also continue last year’s local pavement condition monitoring program, our annual traffic count program, a follow-up analysis of high-end speeding, and the County’s pedestrian/bicycle safety awareness campaign. For more information, please see the [DCTC webpage](#).

### Dutchess County Adopts Complete Streets Policy



“Complete Streets” is the concept that streets should be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to support safe travel by all types of users: people walking, bicycling, taking transit, and driving, as well as by people of all ages and abilities. In 2016, the Dutchess County Legislature adopted a [Complete Streets Policy](#), joining more than 950

municipalities, counties, and states across the country with Complete Streets policies. The Policy applies to transportation-related elements of projects involving County property (including roads, parks, and buildings), as well as public and private projects over which the County Department of Public Works has permitting authority. The Policy was developed by the Dutchess County Complete Streets Committee based on national best practices, with the intent to establish a vision for the County and to serve as a resource for local municipalities. The Dutchess County Complete Streets Policy is being reviewed by the National Complete Streets Coalition with other policies from last year to determine the best policies of 2016. For more information, please see the [Complete Streets page](#) on our website.

## Council Analyzes High-End Speeding in County

The Transportation Council completed its first analysis of speeding patterns on county and local roads based on data collected from our annual traffic count program. The speeding analysis identified road segments with high percentages of 'high-end' speeders: defined by staff as those traveling more than 10 mph over the posted speed limit. By highlighting road segments with high-end speeding, we can assist elected officials, law enforcement agencies, and highway departments with their efforts to target speed enforcement, implement traffic calming measures, and allocate resources to reduce speeding and improve traffic safety in the county.

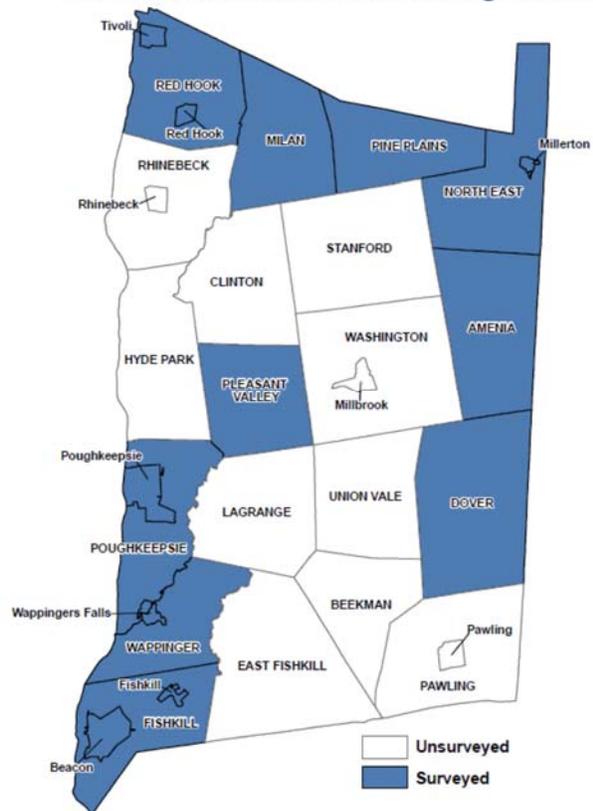
Staff analyzed speed data collected on over 900 road segments in Dutchess County over a four-year period (2012-2015). The analysis indicated that nine percent of the segments had 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds (the speed that 85 percent of drivers were at or below) more than 10 mph above the designated limit in at least one direction; staff categorized these segments as having high-end speeding. Road segments with high-end speeding were present in 23 of our 30 municipalities. The Town of Poughkeepsie had the most segments with high-end speeding (16), followed by the towns of Dover, East Fishkill, Fishkill, Pawling, and Stanford (all with six). The Transportation Council intends to continue this study on an annual basis. For more information on the Speed Study, please see the [DCTC website](#).

## Pavement Condition Monitoring Program Underway

In 2016, the Dutchess County Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Transportation Council, completed the first phase of a countywide pavement condition monitoring program for all local roads (i.e. paved county, city, town, and village roads). This project provides municipalities with an objective and uniform rating for their paved roads, based on accepted guidelines and methodologies developed by the [Cornell Local Roads Program \(CLRP\)](#). The intent is that municipalities will use this information to track the condition of their road network, prioritize limited roadway maintenance funds, and develop capital planning programs to maintain and improve local road conditions.

Funded through the UPWP, the monitoring project relies on a visual survey of local roads to calculate a pavement rating for each road segment. Roads in 17 communities were scored in 2016 (see map). For 2017, roads in the 13 remaining municipalities will be scored (see map). For more information on the Pavement Condition program, please see the [DCTC website](#).

Pavement Condition Monitoring Status



## Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan Completed

In early 2017, the Transportation Council, working with a volunteer Task Force with representatives from the Town of Poughkeepsie and the Arlington Business Improvement District (BID), completed a Pedestrian Plan for the Arlington Town Center. The Plan had three goals: 1) to establish an inventory of existing pedestrian infrastructure in the Arlington Town Center; 2) to identify ways to improve pedestrian access to the Town Center and enhance the pedestrian experience in Arlington; and 3) to establish a vision for what the Arlington Town Center could look like in the future. The Plan will help the Town and BID create a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly Main St that improves safety, supports local businesses, and creates a cohesive commercial district. The Plan includes prioritized recommendations for infrastructure improvements, policy and program recommendations, cost estimates and funding sources, and appendices with street sections, land use concepts, and bicycle access proposals.

### Key Recommendations:

- ⇒ Main St/Grand Ave: Construct a roundabout at the intersection.
- ⇒ Main St/Raymond Ave: Activate the northern corners with public spaces and/or development.
- ⇒ Main St/Fairmont Ave: Consider a short median or a roundabout at the intersection, and develop a gateway building on the southwest corner.
- ⇒ Main St Corridor: Redesign the street to narrow the travel lanes, widen sidewalks and buffers, and install amenities (street trees, lights, benches, and bicycle racks).
- ⇒ Town Center: Repair/replace sidewalks, signals, and curb ramps; mark crosswalks; redesign Maple St and Haight Ave as two-lane boulevards.
- ⇒ Land Use/Parking: pursue land use changes to support walkability; conduct a parking study; implement a parking management plan.

For more information, see the [Arlington Pedestrian Plan](#) page on the DCTC website.



*Top — At the intersection of Main St and Grand Ave in the Town of Poughkeepsie, the Plan's roundabout proposal provides an attractive, safe, and efficient entrance into the Arlington Town Center.*

*Bottom — The Plan includes a redesign of Main Street in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The concept features narrowed travel lanes, a striped parking lane, and enhanced bicycle/pedestrian amenities with the goal of creating a more walkable, bikeable business district.*



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### Our Organization

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

### Voting Members

Marcus Molinaro	County Executive
Matt Alexander	V/Wapp. Falls
Jon Baisley	T/Poughkeepsie
Alan Bell	T/LaGrange
Randy Casale	C/Beacon
Brian Coons	T/Pine Plains
Matthew Driscoll	NYSDOT
Fernando Ferrer	MTA
John Hickman, Jr.	T/East Fishkill
Lori Jiava	T/Wappinger
Robert LaColla	T/Fishkill
Raymon Oberly	T/Clinton
Aileen Rohr	T/Hyde Park
Rob Rolison	C/Poughkeepsie
Patricia Tompkins	T/Union Vale
Barbara Zulauf	T/Beekman

### Call For Projects: Off-System Bridges

The Transportation Council is pleased to announce an upcoming call-for-projects for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Off-System Bridge Program: a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) program that provides federal funds for 80 percent of the costs associated with the rehabilitation or replacement of county- and locally-owned bridges that are not located on a federal-aid eligible road. A total of \$3.6 million in federal funding is available to Dutchess County. Materials will be posted on the [DCTC webpage](#) when available.

### Transportation Project Updates

The Transportation Council recently updated its 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – the area’s prioritized listing of federally-funded transportation projects – by adding new projects and increasing funds for existing projects. New projects include the installation of pedestrian countdown timers in the City of Beacon and a bridge replacement project on CR 19 (Bulls Head Rd) in Stanford. Additional funds have been programmed for the realignment of CR 93 (Myers Corners Rd.) in Wappinger, the Washington St. bridge replacement in the City of Poughkeepsie, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension in Millerton/North East, and the Wassaic Trail to the Train project in Amenia. For more information on local projects, check out our [online TIP viewer!](#) The current TIP project listing is available on the [DCTC website](#).

### Name Change

Effective April 1, 2017, the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council renamed itself the *Dutchess County Transportation Council*. Our new name better reflects the Council’s area of responsibility and is in keeping with the naming conventions of nearby MPOs. Stay tuned for our new logo!

### Upcoming Meetings

- ◆ **June 28, 2017** — Planning Committee  
(Dutchess County Planning Department @ 10:00 a.m.)
- ◆ **July 27, 2017** — Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
(Dutchess Community College, Bowne Hall @ 3:00 p.m.)

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