

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
Dutchess County Planning Department, 27 High Street (2nd Floor), Poughkeepsie, NY

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions – See attached list.

2. Announcements

Mark DeBald (PDCTC) announced that Congress passed a two-week extension of MAP-21 through December 4th, since it was set to expire on November 20th. This extension, likely the last, will provide Congress time to pass a long-term, multi-year transportation bill in the next two weeks. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee recently approved a measure to spend up to \$325 billion on transportation projects over the next six years. The House proposal is titled the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 (STRR). The Senate's comparable bill, Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act (DRIVE), was passed in July. Both are six-year transportation bills with three-years of funding.

Mark added that there was a last minute amendment to the House bill (STRR) that defunded the FTA Section 5340 (High Density) program. The 5340 program provides transit funding to States with high population densities and high transit usage. This could result in an 8% drop in annual transit funding to the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA. Our Congressional representatives are aware of the issue and are working to remove the amendment.

Mark restated that the NYSDOT legal counsel has determined that the PDCTC is not required to comply with NYS OML. This means that the PDCTC can use mail/email/fax ballots, as done in the past. Mark noted that an executive decision would have to take place at an in-person meeting. The proposal to amend the 'Decision Making' section of our Bylaws will likely be on the agenda for the March 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

Bob Balkind (DCDPW) added that DCDPW has submitted three (3) applications for existing linear projects for HSIP funding: PIN 875538 - CR 9 (Beekman Rd.) from CR 10 (Sylvan Lake Rd.) to the Taconic State Parkway, PIN 875544 - CR 28 (Old Hopewell Rd.) from Route 9 to CR 94 (All Angels Hill Rd.), and PIN 875545 - CR 93 (Myers Corners Rd.) from CR 94 (All Angels Hill Rd.) to Route 376. CR 9 has the most severe safety concerns and stands the best chance of the three to receive HSIP funding. Additionally, the City of Beacon was coordinating with NYSDOT on whether to apply for HSIP to add pedestrian countdown timers to some downtown traffic signals. NYSDOT, DCDPW, and possibly the City of Beacon were the only local applicants in NYSDOT-Region 8. Award notifications are expected in January-February.

Mark also noted that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is sponsoring a webinar on Locally Administered Federal-Aid Projects: Stakeholder Partnering, as part of the Every Day Counts 3 (EDC-3) innovation initiative program. External organizations, such as local governments, consultants, and contractors, are invited. The webinar will take place from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday December 9, 2015. To reserve a spot, please contact Irene Hanson at Irene.Hanson@dot.ny.gov with your request.

Mark announced that Todd B. Westhuis was named as the Acting Regional Director at NYSDOT-Region 8; the Regional Director acts as the PDCTC Secretary.

3. Public Participation – Mark opened the meeting for public comment or general announcements; none were received.

4. PDCTC Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – *Moving Dutchess 2*

Mark informed the committee that the PDCTC is still targeting mid-March 2016 for Council approval of the MTP. Mark noted that the second drafts of Chapters 1-6 have been completed and are posted on the [MTP website](#), and highlighted the following updates between the first and second drafts:

1. Added an effective date of April 1, 2016 to the footers.
2. Ch. 2 – Added a summary of the 2015 State Energy Plan.
3. Ch. 3 – Revised language in the City of Poughkeepsie TOD summary (p.48).
4. Ch. 4 – Added new figures and maps in the section on Title VI and Environmental Justice.
5. Ch. 4 – Updated employment and unemployment data to show trends for 2004-2014.
6. Ch. 4 – Updated vehicle registration and license data for 2014.
7. Ch. 5 – Updated Fig. 5-5 to reflect recent NYSDOT pavement work.
8. Ch. 5 – Updated ALIS crash analysis to 2010-2014.
9. Ch. 5 – Updated information on NYSDOT-identified High Accident Locations (HALS) in Dutchess: Route 44/55 eastbound arterial from Market St. to Streit Ave. in the City of Poughkeepsie.
10. Ch. 6-1 – 6-5 – Updated ALIS crash data for sub-area chapters (2010-2014)
11. Ch. 6-1 – 6-5 – Added a survey summary for each sub-area.
12. Ch. 6-1 – 6-5 – Updated the sections on Transportation Needs and Priorities based on the survey results, feedback from the workshops, and our review of previous plans and data.

Tom Weiner (NYSDOT) noted that one High Accident Location (HAL) throughout all of Dutchess County does not seem accurate; Tom will verify and report back to the committee.

Emily Dozier (PDCTC) encouraged each municipality to review their Transportation Needs and Priorities to ensure that the goals of each community were accurately captured in the plan. Please provide any additional comments to PDCTC staff.

Emily noted that the PDCTC is updating Ch. 7 – Performance Measures, which identifies and catalogs the progress/status of the short-term (2020) and long-term (2040) goals set within the plan; statuses are represented by red (goal not met), yellow (goal almost met), green (goal met), and white (no comparable data) circles. The goals cover a variety of categories, including: highway performance, bridge performance, transit performance, multiple occupant vehicle use, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, transportation safety, natural resources, livability/smart growth, public participation, and project delivery. Within these 10 general categories are 22 more specific goal-oriented categories, which provide the basis for the plan’s seventy-seven (77) performance measures. Due to the findings of *Walk Bike Dutchess*, the county’s bicycle and pedestrian plan, nine (9) new performance measures were added to the long-range plan. Tom suggested adding a performance measure to determine if sidewalks are being put in places they are actually needed; Emily will look into this matter further and report back.

Mark added that the PDCTC is also updating Ch. 8 – Recommendations; Ch. 8 will include a spreadsheet listing recommended projects and associated planning-level funding estimates. The first draft of Ch. 8 will be available for review at the next meeting. Also, once the first drafts of both Ch. 7 and 8 are complete, they will be posted for review on the [MTP website](#). Mark also noted that future funding estimates will need to be lowered from the previous plan, since the PDCTC is not receiving increased funding or amounts that truly track inflation.

5. FFY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mark noted that the PDCTC is still working with DPW and NYSDOT – Local Project Unit (LPU) to update the costs and schedules for six (6) existing highway projects; one or more future Administrative Modifications could reflect these proposed changes.

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

Mark announced that the PDCTC received federal planning targets from Region 8, and they were lower than compared to the 2013 targets for the 2014-2018 TIP by approximately 20 percent. For the five year period, the PDCTC has a total target of \$13.9 million for STP Large Urban and Flex combined, and \$2.2 million for STP-Off System Bridges, for a total amount of \$16.1 million federally available. Notably, the PDCTC did not receive annual targets, so the five-year totals were equally distributed across each year). The targets also assume that projects scheduled for construction in 2016 will be completed in 2016, including two DPW bridge projects (875591-Bridge C-19 & 875726-Bridge RH-25), and the City of Poughkeepsie’s Little George/Creek/Smith Rd. roundabout (875782).

The local project worksheet shows the local federally-funded highway projects that have phases in the TIP period; this sheet incorporates recently submitted changes from project sponsors. Without counting HPP, SRTS, or TAP projects, there are 12 local projects on the 2017-2021 TIP (6 DPW, 4 City of Poughkeepsie, and 2 City of Beacon). Mark explained the

changes that have been made to the TIP since the last meeting; the changes are as follows:

- 875730 – Fishkill Ave. – Construction moved to 2020 from 2019.
- 875780 – Teller Ave. – Construction moved to 2020 from 2019.
- 875909 – Academy St. – Construction moved to 2020 from 2019.
- 875982 – Grand Ave. – Construction moved to 2020 from 2019.
- 876123 – Hyde Park Route 9 pedestrian improvements – Construction moved to 2017 from 2016.
- 876124 – Red Hook Route 9 pedestrian improvements – Construction moved to 2017 from 2016.
- 876125 – City of Beacon Main St. pedestrian improvements – Construction moved to 2017 from 2016.
- 876126 – Wappinger Falls pedestrian safety improvements – Construction moved to 2017 from 2016.

NYS DOT has entered balanced revisions into PSS. Tom Weiner (NYS DOT) explained that in order to balance the TIP, he had to make the following changes to the TIP, in addition to the changes above:

- Removed unobligated projects: 875663 (Mansion St. bridge), 875909 (Academy St.), 875982 (Grand Ave.), & 875983 (Washington St. bridge).
- 875544 – CR 28 (Old Hopewell Rd.) from US 9 to CR 94 (All Angels Hill Rd.) – Construction moved to 2019 from 2017.
- 875545 – CR 93 (Myers Corners Rd.) from CR 94 (All Angels Hill Rd.) to NY 376 – Construction moved beyond 2021.
- 875871 – CR 28 (Old Hopewell Rd.) at CR 94 (All Angels Hill Rd.) – Construction moved to 2019 from 2017, in conjunction with 875544.

Tom also added that DCDPW could receive HSIP funds and bridge replacement projects could be available for Beyond Preservation (BP) funding, which would allow funds to be redistributed. Tom will inform the committee when the BP funding becomes available. Mark noted that Council approval is still expected to occur in June 2016 with a formal public comment period in May 2016.

7. Project Updates

Mark stated that the Upper Route 9G Corridor Management Plan (CMP) project consultant, VHB Engineering, has almost finished Draft Tech Memos #1 (Existing Conditions), #2 (Crash Analysis), and #3 (Safety Assessment). A Study Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for December 4th. A second public workshop is expected to be held next February, and a third in May, which would complete the project. DCDPW recently installed pedestrian beacons on CR 103 (Annandale Rd.) through Bard College.

Cynthia Ruiz (DCPT) informed the committee that the Transit Division was granted \$10,000 in state Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) funding to provide 38 bike racks, 13 benches, and 1 garbage can to eight (8) municipalities across the county.

Cynthia also announced that fifteen (15) new buses are expected to be added to the DCPT fleet from December 2015 to February 2016. She informed the committee that DCPT has introduced a new fixed route: the 'H' Bus has been sponsored by Dutchess Community College and Marist College and will begin at Dutchess Community College and go to the Residence Inn in Poughkeepsie. All students and faculty will ride the service for free.

Cynthia added that the Flex Plus service will begin in January 2017. DCPT is also working on a real-time application that will track bus location; it is scheduled to be live in mid-2016. Cynthia noted that the DCPT survey will be open until April 2016. DCPT is currently reviewing surveys; she expects the Transit Development Plan to be complete by June 2016.

Mark noted that the 2015 Traffic Count Program is complete. The consultant has taken counts at over 300 locations across the county. Emily added that some tubes have mistakenly been left on the roads; she requested that committee members contact the PDCTC if any tubes are still left out in communities.

Mark stated that the PDCTC is working on the 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He encouraged committee members to reach out to the PDCTC if there are any transportation planning projects that they would like to do in the upcoming year.

8. Public Participation – Mark opened the meeting for public comment or general announcements; none were received.

9. Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, 27 High Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Poughkeepsie, NY.

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2	Barbara	Zulauf	Town of Beekman	845-724-5300
3	Shelby	Tompkins	PDCTC	845-486-3600
4	Emily	Dozier	PDCTC	845-486-3600
5	Mark	Debald	PDCTC	845-486-3600
6	Tom	Weiner	NYS DOT	845-431-5723
7	Marleen	Stein	MTA (by phone)	212-878-2080
8	Don	Beer	Town of Poughkeepsie	845-790-4736
9	Bob	Balkind	DCDPW	845-486-2925
10	Collin	Milone	City of Beacon	845-337-9994
11	Randy	Casale	City of Beacon	845-838-5010
12	Cynthia	Ruiz	DCPT	845-473-8521