

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Dutchess County Central Services (Main Conference Room)
27 High Street (1st Floor), Poughkeepsie, NY

1. Introductions – See attendance list.

2. Announcements

Mark thanked the attendees for accommodating the venue change, due to a late running meeting in the Planning Dept. Mark updated the Committee on current projects, announcing that the Upper Route 9G Corridor Management Plan had officially begun yesterday with an Advisory Committee meeting with the project consultant to review the scope of work and schedule. The project will identify a variety of recommendations for improving the corridor, mostly safety but mobility issues as well. Nine intersections have been designated for detailed review, including traffic counts and an origin/destination study for bicycles and pedestrians. This will be a one year study with three public workshops. One workshop will be strategically planned to include the Bard College student population. A second Advisory Committee meeting will take place late-March/early-April. Cynthia Ruiz asked if the Bard College student count information could be provided to DPW's Public Transit as demographic data. Mark responded that the counts include all populations and are not demographic specific. Mark recommended Cynthia contact Bard College for the student data.

In conjunction with NYSDOT and the National Complete Streets Coalition, we are planning to hold a Complete Streets Workshop in the Town of Fishkill. This year, NYSDOT is sponsoring four community-based workshops on Complete Streets. Since the Town of Fishkill has adopted a Complete Streets law, the workshop will be an excellent next step for local officials to work with national experts to implement Complete Streets policies.

Our long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan update (*Moving Dutchess 2*) is underway, using a 2040 planning horizon year. We are looking for a fall approval date. Our four-year update cycle, based on air quality conformity status, may change to a five-year cycle if the EPA completely revokes the 1997 ozone standard and fully implements the stricter 2008 standard.

3. Public Participation – Mark opened the meeting for public comments and announcements. Cynthia Ruiz (DC Transit Administrator) announced that Public Transit had shifted from Planning to the Department of Public Works. She also updated the Committee on the progress of the bus garage/fuel tanks renovation project; soil testing is favorable and no previous spills have been detected.

Bob LaColla, Town of Fishkill announced that the Hudson Fjord Trail Project between Cold

Spring and Beacon received CFA funding and hopes to break ground by year end. Two NYSDOT reviews are ongoing for two intersections.

Herbert Bullock (City of Poughkeepsie) stated the City has received grant money for transportation connectivity and will consider one of three projects: 1) Turn the arterial back to a boulevard to address pedestrian crossing issues, 2) Change Market Street back to a two-way street and open Garden Street for better traffic flow, and 3) Change the Main Street bus shuttle to 15 minute intervals. The grant amount is \$250,000 with a portion for studies and a portion for implementation. Mark expressed his opinion that the bus shuttle changes might be the most affordable option. Cynthia offered recently proposed route, time and cost information developed by the County to the City for reference.

Bob Balkind (DCDPW) stated they are test driving a Draft Complete Streets Checklist for project development to gauge if projects conform to Complete Street goals. After revisions and approval, it will be distributed throughout the County to all planning/zoning offices and municipal approval boards to create a cohesive Complete Streets process. Mark added that as a recommendation of the Walk Bike Dutchess pedestrian plan, we thought the best way to bring this idea forward was to begin with the County. Mark thanked DPW for their assistance with the checklist.

Marleen Stein (MTA) announced that their 2015-2019 Capital Program Plan was rejected and that they are in the process of revising it for review again.

4. PDCTC SFY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Mark reviewed the UPWP. It is the MPO's annual statement of work that includes tasks and budgets for the State Fiscal Year of 4/1/15-3/31/16. Mark quickly reviewed the task changes as explained at the last meeting. He highlighted a number of major tasks, including the update of the long-range plan, working on the Upper Route 9G Corridor Plan, the annual traffic count program, and regional transit and freight planning. Mark asked for comments on the UPWP, noting the comment period is in progress through March 6, 2015. Ray Oberly (Town of Clinton) commented that the freight plan should include the Pilgrim Pipe line across the river transporting gas and the DC line from Canada to New York City transporting electric. Mark took the comments under advisement, noting that the pipeline would definitely be part of any freight discussion, though power transmission might be difficult. Mark pointed out a budget change on page 10 of the UPWP: under the previous savings line, the amount was reduced to reflect the assumption that all currently programmed FHWA (PL) funds will be obligated by the end of March.

5. FTA Section 5307/5340 and 5339 Transit Funding: Mark briefed everyone on the upcoming March 12, 2015 Council meeting and reviewed the agenda. Mark explained the need for 11 resolutions (as listed). The first resolution deals with the UPWP, while the remainder deal with federal transit funds - specifically, the allocation of 2012, and previously delayed 2013 and 2014 funds. The delay resulted from lengthy discussions between New York and New Jersey on an agreement of distributing the funds. Mark explained each resolution in detail explaining each

allocation and sub-allocation and noted that the FFY 2012 funding in Resolution 15-02 is at risk of being lost if not allocated prior to end of FFY 2015.

1. Resolution 15-01 (SFY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program)
2. Resolution 15-02 (FFY 2012 FTA Section 5307 Unallocated)
3. Resolution 15-03 (FFY 2013 FTA Section 5307 TMA Distribution)
4. Resolution 15-04 (FFY 2014 FTA Section 5307 TMA Distribution)
5. Resolution 15-05 (FFY 2013 FTA Section 5307 PDCTC Sub-allocation)
6. Resolution 15-06 (FFY 2014 FTA Section 5307 PDCTC Sub-allocation)
7. Resolution 15-07 (FFY 2013 FTA Section 5339 TMA Distribution)
8. Resolution 15-08 (FFY 2014 FTA Section 5339 TMA Distribution)
9. Resolution 15-09 (FFY 2013 FTA Section 5339 PDCTC Sub-allocation)
10. Resolution 15-10 (FFY 2014 FTA Section 5339 PDCTC Sub-allocation)
11. Resolution 15-11 (FFY 2013 FTA Section 5307 Unallocated)

Mark fielded questions on the FTA Section 5307 funding (Resolutions 15-03 thru 15-06), which are used by transit providers to support preventive maintenance, transit operations, and capital purchases. The FTA allocations are formulated from data measured by the FTA through the National transit Database, and subsequently used by NYSDOT to allocate to the counties. Mark noted that the FTA Section 5339 program, the Bus Facilities Program, allocates funds based on bus fleet size (Resolutions 15-07-15-10). These funds cannot be spent the same as 5307—they are capital focused and intended for the purchase of buses or construction of bus facilities. In addition to the routine allocations of 5307 and 5339 funding, two of the resolution (15-02 and 15-11) relate to a portion of unallocated 5307 funding available to the region. The TMA has agreed to support the allocation of these funds for a number of regional transit projects, to include the purchase of 15 heavy-duty buses by Dutchess County Public Transit. This project will total almost \$6 million and requires funding beyond the County's normal transit allocation. Mark noted that the Orange and Ulster County MPOs must also adopt these resolutions, since the funding is allocated to the greater Urbanized Area.

Detailed Information on each resolution is provided in the attached PDCTC Council Meeting Agenda and Briefing Document. The March 12, 2015 PDCTC Council meeting will be the first since the new by-law changes. Those who will not be able to attend were urged to send a designee and reminded that written notification of the designee must be submitted two days prior to the meeting.

6. Project Updates:

Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) announced that the Town of Fishkill has received State funds to analyze local deliverables (roads and road conditions) and develop data metrics. The program has been developed and a focus group will meet soon. Ultimately, he would like to take it to a State level, where all road maintenance entities report the same way so all levels of government can get information back from the State for comparison and best practices. Ideas or interest in involvement should be addressed to Bob. Maria Chau (FHWA) said this could lead into the State Transportation Asset Management Plan. Tom Weiner (NYSDOT-Region 8) added

that New York is one of three pilot states to develop the Transit Asset Management Plan and it will openly be expanded. Federal offices will be able to look at performance measures. It will serve elected officials and the public on the condition of roads and cost of maintenance.

7. Public Participation:

Bob Balkind thanked the group and the FHWA representative at the last meeting for good feedback on extension requests for sponsor projects in the Transportation Improvement Program. Dialogue was good, much was accomplished, and hopefully goals are now more reachable. He voiced his appreciation to NYSDOT LPU, which has been excellent in offering help. Tom Weiner noted that Martin Evans from the LPU is working hard to accommodate all sponsors. Mark stated TIP Planning targets may be on scheduled for June. If there is an ability to have a Call for Projects, it will not be until the fall.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

- Council: Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at Dutchess County Planning (Main Conference Room), 27 High St., Poughkeepsie, NY.

Meeting Attendance List

	First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Phone Number
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5	Marleen	Stein	MTA	212-878-7080
6	Cynthia	Ruiz	DC Public Transit/DPW	845-473-8424
7	Ray	Oberly	Town of Clinton	845-266-5096
8	Maria	Chau	FHWA	518-431-8878
9	Joe	Chenier	City of Poughkeepsie	845-451-4215
10	Bob	LaColla	Town of Fishkill	845-831-7800
11	Tom	Weiner	NYSDOT	845-431-5723
12	Bob	Balkind	DC DPW	845-486-2925
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Date: February 25, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Dutchess County Planning Department (Main Conference Room), 27 High Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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