

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 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 has extended the current federal transportation law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), through October 29, 2015 and covering the entirety of FFY 2015. The extension will allow the federal government to continue work on a new federal transportation law. Mark reminded the committee that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously passed the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act on June 24, 2015; the House will review the proposal when they reconvene on September 8, 2015. Mark maintains that the most challenging aspect of this new bill is finding funding sources from which to draw; the Highway Trust Fund is insolvent, as the gas tax alone can no longer support it. Work on a reauthorization bill will continue in the months ahead.

In July the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reported that U.S. driving topped an estimated 1.26 trillion miles in the first five months of 2015, passing the previous record – 1.23 trillion – set in May 2007. The new data, published in FHWA's latest "Traffic Volume Trends" report, a monthly estimate of U.S. road travel, showed that 275.1 billion miles were driven in May alone, the most ever in May of any year (since the program started in 1990).

Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) Training: CLRP has developed a new course called Managing the Highway Department that will touch on the essentials of running a local highway department. One of the first of these classes will be held on October 6th in Orange County (Middletown). Please see <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/managing.htm> for more info. We will be sending an email notice to highway superintendents.

Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) Pavement Management Intern: The Pavement Management Summer Intern Project provides municipalities with a way to overcome some of the time constraints that limit the implementation of a pavement management system. Since most pavement management systems are implemented using computer software, the project also helps municipalities overcome the difficulties associated with learning to use the computer by providing a computer literate college intern to help get the software up and running. Municipalities need to confirm by February 2016 for the summer 2016 program. Ray Oberly (Town of Clinton) emphasized the importance of cataloging all existing conditions on roadways, including trees, culverts, and signs; Mark assured Ray that all

conditions will be geo-located through the software. Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) added that the Town of Fishkill has received state funding, associated with the [Local Government Efficiency Program](#), to improve municipal efficiency through a wide scope of efforts, such as pavement scoring. He proposed that the two projects coordinate and combine efforts for maximum public benefit.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will be holding a public hearing on proposed requests for federal financial assistance for capital projects on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., in the MTA Board Room (20th Floor), 2 Broadway, Manhattan. For more information, please see: [MTA Capital Improvement Projects](#).

NHTSA Fact Sheet on impaired driving: Also, 2013 witnessed 178 alcohol related crashes; although alcohol-related crashes represented only three percent of all crashes, they resulted in nine fatalities, representing over 32 percent of all traffic fatalities in the county. Mark announced that according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the number of vehicle miles driven nationally reached 275 billion miles in May 2015. This value has increased since last polling and perhaps indicates a rebounding economy.

Mark announced that the Town of Fishkill will be hosting a Complete Streets Coalition Meeting to train individuals on Complete Streets values and processes; this workshop will take place on October 1, 2015 at Fishkill Town Hall from 9:30-4:00 p.m.

3. Public Participation

Cynthia Ruiz (DCPT) announced that the trolley running from Cold Spring to Beacon, an effort supported by Randy Casale (City of Beacon), has commenced service on weekends. Randy Casale underlined the importance of merging public transit and tourism for both locals of the area and visitors to the Hudson Valley. Bob LaColla thought it would be interesting to gather ridership counts on this new attraction. He also suggested making the stop more of a destination by encouraging people to book rooms at the local hotel and staying overnight. Cynthia also announced that the F Bus will now be making stops at Wal-Mart in the Town of Fishkill.

Cynthia informed the committee that a grant was awarded to the County for transit amenities, including bike racks and benches. Cynthia noted that the County is working on a reimbursement program so that municipalities can choose their own benches. She is in the middle of updating existing contracts for transit amenities and encourages local mayors/supervisors to join the program, if they haven't already. She added that it is the responsibility of the municipality to install, maintain, and insure each amenity. She added that there will be a new, real-time application that will update the public on the status of the buses and bus schedules. In 2016, DCPT will also offer a monthly option to Dial-A-Ride for municipalities, which is a less expensive and more flexible option than a weekly commitment. She also announced that a new bus will go from Kingston to Poughkeepsie on a weekly basis, as part of a regional link to the transportation network. Cynthia also inquired

on the City of Poughkeepsie buses serving the Town of Hyde Park; Mark will out to the City to address this overlap in service and propose solutions for coordination.

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

Mark explained that the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is the 5-year capital plan for the county and is updated every two years. We are currently in the FFY 2014-2018 TIP. Mark distributed the Administrative Modifications to the FFY 2014-2018 TIP. These modifications catalog minor changes to existing state projects. The changes are as follows:

- **PDCTC 14-O**
 - 875871 – CR 28 (old Hopewell Rd.) to CR 94 (All Angels Hill Road) – Rolling ROW Acquisition from FFY 14 to FFY 15
 - 8TD001 – Installation of a secure access system for the DCPT facility at 14 Commerce St. in the Town of LaGrange – Added as a new project
 - 8TD002 – Purchase of Garage and Office Equipment and furniture for DCPT – Added as a new project
 - 8TRD99 – Purchase of transit amenities for DCPT system – Added as new project
- **PDCTC 14-P**
 - 8TRD71 – Above ground fuel tank for DCPT system, water reclamation system, new above ground fuel storage tanks, and facility sidewalk replacement, Town of LaGrange – Funding added from DCPT FFY 13 Section 5307 allocation
- **PDCTC 14-Q**
 - 806241 – I84 bridge replacement over Beacon Line and MNR line – Cost and schedule adjusted
 - 8TD003 – Purchase of one FTA Section 5310 bus by Abilities First, Inc. – Added as a new project funded by Section 5310
 - 8TD004 – Purchase of two FTA Section 5310 vehicles by the Anderson Center – Added as a new project funded using funds from 8TRD94
 - 8TD005 – Purchase of four FTA Section 5310 vehicles by In Flight, Inc. – Added as a new project funded using funds from 8TRD94
 - 8TD004 – Purchase of one FTA Section 5310 vehicles by the North East Community Council – Added as a new project funded using funds from 8TRD94
 - 8TRD94 – Dutchess County Section 5310 program – Used funds from Block Pin to program FFY 2015 5310 solicitation projects
- **PDCTC 14-R**
 - 839324 –Route 376 at Robinson Ln./Lake Walton Rd. intersection improvements in the Town of East Fishkill – Programmed additional preliminary design phase
- **PDCTC 14-S**

- 839139 – Resurfacing Route 55 at Gardner Hollow Rd. in the Town of Beekman – Roll scoping and incidentals from FFY 14 to FFY 15

The next update will be the FFY 2017-2021 TIP. The PDCTC is expected to receive the Federal funding targets in the near future for a final adoption date of June 2016. He said there is the potential for a call for projects, but this is unlikely due to the current financial constraints of projects already taking place within the County. Randy Casale (City of Beacon) asked where Rt. 52 in the City of Beacon would be on the next TIP. Mark said that he has a meeting with LPU tomorrow and he will inquire then. Also, Mark is talking to Dan Couth about the Park and Ride on Rt. 52. He knows that the current lot is at capacity and they are proposing to use CMAQ funds to address this need.

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

Mark explained that the PDCTC is in the process of updating the long-range metropolitan transportation plan, *Moving Dutchess 2*. This plan is a 25-year plan with a 2040 planning horizon. It is currently a five-year update cycle, with an anticipated approval date of March 2016. Additionally, Mark noted that the first drafts of Chapters 1-6 have been updated and put on the County website.

We have been actively promoting the MTP survey. The survey was first issued to PDCTC contacts on July 15th, which was followed up by a County press release to local media in early August. The survey was subsequently issued to all County Employees. We also developed a survey flyer with a QRC code that was distributed to mayors and supervisors to post on their municipal websites; the flyer was also sent local colleges to distribute to students and staff. The survey was also made available at the August 12th senior picnic at Bowdoin Park. We plan to distribute at future senior picnics and the County Fair.

Public Workshops – As a follow-up to our public survey, we have scheduled a series of public workshops to gather public input about the transportation needs and priorities in their communities. This input will help us as we develop our new long-range transportation plan. We followed this format in 2011 with the previous plan. Below are the workshops:

- a. City of Beacon, the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger, and the Villages of Fishkill and Wappingers Falls: Wednesday, September 9th, 6-8 pm at Fishkill Town Hall (807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY)
- b. Towns of Beekman, East Fishkill, LaGrange, Pawling, and Union Vale, and the Village of Pawling: Tuesday, September 15th, 6-8 pm at Beekman Town Hall (4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY)
- c. City and Town of Poughkeepsie: Wednesday, September 16th, 6-8 pm at the City of Poughkeepsie Public Safety Building (505 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY)
- d. Towns of Hyde Park, Red Hook, and Rhinebeck, and the Villages of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli: Monday, September 21st, 6-8 pm at Hyde Park Town Hall (4383 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park, NY)

- e. Towns of Amenia, Dover, and North East, and the Village of Millerton: Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:30-8:30 pm at Dover Town Hall (126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains, NY)
- f. Towns of Clinton, Milan, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Stanford, and Washington, and the Village of Millbrook: Wednesday, September 23rd, 6-8 pm at Pine Plains Town Hall (3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, NY)

Mark distributed flyers advertising the public workshops and surveys to the committee. Frank Castella (Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce) requested a flyer, summarizing all workshops, to disseminate to all interested parties. Mark advised the committee to review the [Moving Dutchess 2](#) section of the PDCTC website for more information.

6. Project Updates

Mark also discussed the progress of the [Upper Route 9G Corridor Management Plan \(CMP\)](#). The CMP focuses on the four-mile segment of Route 9G from CR 78 (Broadway/West Kerley Corners Rd) in the Village of Tivoli/Town of Red Hook to Route 199 (West Market Street) in the Town of Red Hook. The project is a response to local concerns about transportation safety along the 9G corridor in the Town of Red Hook and Village of Tivoli. The CMP will also evaluate overall safety and operations on two secondary corridors in the area: the section of CR 78 (Broadway) from the Hudson River to Route 9G in Tivoli and CR 103 (Annandale Rd) from Route 9G to Route 199 (West Market St) in Red Hook. On September 2-3, 2015, the project team will conduct a Road Safety Audit (RSA) to examine the existing conditions of the roadway. The project team anticipates a final draft plan by early next year.

The PDCTC Traffic Count Program began the fourth week of May and is continuing over the course of the summer and into the fall. There are approximately 275 counts scheduled this year, with 30 to 40 counts scheduled for each week. Mark noted that the consultant did a large number of counts over the past few weeks, as part of a final push for the year. The process should be completed by the middle of the fall.

Emily Dozier (PDCTC) announced that the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) has a meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2015. The meeting will include a presentation from Scenic Hudson, centering on the progress of the new Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail; Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) added that they are going to review and select a design for the trail. Emily also asked for volunteers to conduct Bicycle-Pedestrian Counts, in association with the [National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project](#), on Tuesday, September 15th, Wednesday, September 16th, and Thursday, September 17th from 4-6 p.m. and on Saturday, September 19th from 12-2 p.m.

Emily also thanked everyone who participated in creating the Dutchess County Complete Streets Checklist. Cynthia Ruiz added that DCPT should be included in reviews of site plans requiring ADA compliance. Emily suggested writing a newsletter on this topic.

7. Public Participation

Mark asked the committee for their opinion on printing copies of *Moving Dutchess 2* for municipalities. The committee agreed that municipalities can print the sub-area chapters that apply to them and that a digital copy will suffice.

8. **Next Meeting:** The Committee agreed to move the next meeting to Wednesday, September 30, 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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5	Shelby	Tompkins	PDCTC	845-486-3600
6	Emily	Dozier	PDCTC	845-486-3600
7	Mark	Debald	PDCTC	845-486-3600
8	Barbara	Zulauf	Town of Beekman	845-724-5300
9	Bob	LaColla	Town of Fishkill	845-831-7800
10	Randy	Casale	City of Beacon	845-838-5011
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