

Dutchess County Transportation Council

Public Notice

Draft State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

January 30, 2018

The [Dutchess County Transportation Council \(DCTC\)](#) has initiated a 30-day public comment period for the [Draft 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#). The UPWP is the Transportation Council's statement of work, identifying the federally funded planning activities to be carried out by the Council for the period between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019. The UPWP includes descriptions of planning tasks and resulting products, and identifies which organization will perform each task, a schedule for completing tasks, the cost of the work, and sources of funds. The Council updates the UPWP annually.

The majority of funds used to support UPWP tasks come from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The 2018-2019 UPWP programs over \$935,907 in federal planning funds to support Transportation Council activities: \$540,527 from the FHWA and \$125,380 from the FTA, as well as \$270,000 in carryover funds from previous years. Major tasks for the new UPWP include an update to the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) Congestion Management Plan, initiation of a Regional Transit Study in conjunction with Orange and Ulster counties, completion of the Downtown Parking Improvement Plan for the City of Poughkeepsie, and completion of a Pedestrian Plan for the Village of Pawling. The Council will also conduct a third round of the local pavement condition monitoring program and the high-end speeding analysis, and continue its long-standing annual traffic count program.

Public Comments

This 30-day comment period provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed UPWP. Comments should be sent in writing (mail, email, or fax) to the address below by **4:00 p.m. on Wed., February 28, 2018**. All public comments will be summarized and presented to the Transportation Council prior to action at their meeting on March 8, 2018. The Draft 2018-2019 UPWP is available by mail, email, or [on the Transportation Council website](#).

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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.