

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

October 27, 2016, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Dutchess Community College, 105 Bowne Hall (1st Floor), 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie

Meeting Summary

1) Introductions

Emily Dozier (PDCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular, the new NYSDOT Region 8 Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator, Chris Lee. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached list).

2) Presentation: *Market Street Connect, Paul Hesse, City of Poughkeepsie*

Paul described the Market Street Connect project, which aims to redesign Market Street as a complete street, to better serve people walking, bicycling, and using transit, as well as driving. This could serve as a model for other streets in downtown Poughkeepsie. The City held a demonstration project in early October to test out and get feedback on potential changes, including removing a travel lane and adding outdoor seating and curb extensions. The City is working with consultants to incorporate the feedback into several design alternatives, and eventually a proposed design for the street. There will be public meetings as the alternatives are developed. There may also be a second demonstration project in the spring.

For more information, see the project website at <http://cityofpoughkeepsie.com/pcccp/>.

Paul encouraged everyone to take the survey about ideas and priorities for Market Street; see: <http://cityofpoughkeepsie.com/pcccp/get-involved/>.

3) Pedestrian/Bicycle Counts Summary

Emily summarized the 2016 pedestrian and bicycle counts. Over 50 counts were collected in total, at 32 different locations. This includes 7 rail trail counts (at 5 locations), 12 intersection counts (at 7 locations), and 33 road screenline counts (at 20 locations). Emily noted that several counts were added in support of the Arlington Pedestrian Plan that she is working on. She also received data from the Walkway Over the Hudson, which coordinates their counts with ours. She highlighted the following:

The highest pedestrian volumes (2 hour totals) were at:

V/Rhinebeck, Market St east of Route 9 (Saturday), 1290

C/Beacon, Main St east of Cross St (Saturday), 951

V/Pawling, Charles Colman Blvd north of Main St (Saturday), 743

C/Beacon, Main St west of Teller Ave (Saturday), 735

T/Poughkeepsie, Raymond/Colleview intersection (Thursday), 733

The four highest bicycle volumes (2 hour totals) were all on the Dutchess Rail Trail (ranging from 236 to 76 bicyclists); the fifth-highest was in the City of Poughkeepsie, on Main Street near Cherry St, with 60 bicyclists.

Only three locations had 50% or more female bicyclists: two on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, and one in the Village of Tivoli. Most locations had very low percentages of female bicyclists.

Most areas had high percentages of bicycling on sidewalks. Areas with the least sidewalk riding (all less than 30%) include the City of Beacon on Main Street; City of Poughkeepsie on Washington Street; Town of Poughkeepsie on Hooker Avenue; Village of Pawling on Charles Colman Blvd; and Hyde Park, at Route 9 and Market St.

Overall, helmet use was very low—most areas had 70-100% of bicyclists without helmets. Areas with high helmet use (more than 70% of riders with helmets) included the Village of Tivoli, at Broadway & North Rd; Village of Pawling, on Charles Colman Blvd and on East Main St; Village of Fishkill, on Main St; Town of Poughkeepsie, on Collegeview Ave; and Village of Rhinebeck, on East Market St.

Emily noted that she is still working on comparisons from previous years' counts, but we now have five years of data. See the attached summary table and the PDCTC's [Pedestrian & Bicycle Counts page](#) for more information.

4) Project Updates/Group Discussion

Bill Johnson (Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board) said that he is trying to organize some weekend helmet inspection events on the Dutchess Rail Trail, but they may get pushed to the spring. Bill added that there was concern from the Traffic Safety Board about the new stop signs on Overocker Rd at the rail trail. The signs are inconsistent with other rail trail crossings, and may send a confusing message to trail users, who are expected to stop at all crossings. In addition, the rail trail closes at dusk, so the signs are not really applicable after dusk.

Ross Ritter added that Route 376 should also have stop signs at the Dutchess Rail Trail crossing in Hopewell Junction. Bill Triflo noted that on the rail trail approaching North Grand Avenue, there is an electronic sensor that activates a flashing light on North Grand to alert drivers. It also activates a red light on the rail trail. This kind of system could work at other locations.

Karl Beard (National Park Service) distributed maps showing potential mountain biking trails/routes through the national park properties in Hyde Park. He stated that they are currently waiting for funding to construct the trails. He also said that he is working with the County Health Department on a 'Parks Rx' program to encourage doctors to prescribe outdoor activity to improve health.

Sharon Kroeger noted a safety concern on Smithfield Valley Rd (CR 83) in Amenia. There is a church on a hill, which obstructs the view around the corner, and speeds can be high. Cars park on both sides of the road, and bicyclists park their cars across the street from the church by the burial grounds, adding to visibility and safety issues. **Bill Trifilo** will ask DPW's traffic engineer to follow up.

Mary Nisley noted that there isn't a curb cut on Fairview Avenue just north of Parker Avenue to access the Dutchess Rail Trail. There is a ramp up to the trail, but not a good way to access the ramp via bicycle. **Paul Hesse** said he would ask the City DPW about it.

Bill Trifilo (County DPW) stated that the Noxon Rd/Titusville Rd intersection project is almost done. Emily added that the County received funding to extend the Harlem Valley Rail Trail to Columbia County.

Ross Ritter stated that speeds on Noxon Rd are too high, especially with the new configuration at Titusville Rd. He asked if the speed limit could be reduced, and if trucks could be banned from the road; Bill Trifilo said they cannot ban trucks from a County road. **Bill Trifilo** will discuss options with others at County DPW.

Ross also noted that some paving was done on Route 376 (roughly between Maloney Rd and Diddell Rd), but only for a portion of the shoulder. There is a narrow strip of pavement that creates a drop partway across the shoulder, and the new pavement is not in a consistent location, so it is very difficult to ride in the shoulder. **Chris Lee** will follow up to see if this can be fixed.

Karen Flaherty stated that she met with Ann Shershin and Tom Meyering from the Town of Poughkeepsie about the idea of a trails walkabout program, similar to the Hyde Park program, to encourage residents to use trails in the Town. **Karen will follow up with Karl Beard** who helps to organize the [Hyde Park Trails Walkabout](#).

Ozie Williams (County Department of Behavioral and Community Health) offered that she can speak to groups about diabetes, pre-diabetes, and healthy eating and nutrition as part of her role at the County Department of Behavioral and Community Health.

Kevin Newman suggested that there should be better wayfinding signs for State Bike Route 9 in the City of Poughkeepsie, and signs to direct riders between State Bike Route 9 and the Dutchess Rail Trail.

Chris Lee (NYSDOT Region 8) noted that there are some errors on NYSDOT's online bicycle routes map (see <https://www.dot.ny.gov/bicycle/maps?tab=map>). **Chris asked the group to review the map and send him any needed edits.**

Amy Kacala (Scenic Hudson) noted that the MTA has issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for use of the Beacon line between Beacon and Putnam County. A group of

municipalities and organizations are working together on a response, which may include suggestions for a trolley or rail service in Beacon, and a trail along the rail line.

5) Announcements

Complete Streets: Emily noted that the County Legislature passed a Complete Streets policy on October 11th. See the PDCTC's [Complete Streets](http://www.dutchessny.gov/CompleteStreets) page (www.dutchessny.gov/CompleteStreets) for a link to the policy and Resolution.

She distributed sample images of an educational campaign that the County's Complete Streets Committee is working on, and asked for any input. The intent is to help educate people about safe driving, walking and bicycling, using ads on and inside County buses, as well as brochures and social media.

Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan: Emily is working on a plan to improve walkability in Arlington, particularly on Main Street. More information is on the PDCTC's [project webpage](#).

County bicycle parking map: The County will be re-designing the [online bicycle parking map](#) as a County web map application sometime in 2017. Emily asked the group to continue sending her photos and information about publicly-accessible bike racks so they can be included.

Mid-Hudson Bridge lighting: Emily read an email from Chris Kelly at the NYS Bridge Authority, which stated that they will be adding lighting on the Mid-Hudson Bridge walkway, and extending the hours (specifics to be determined). Chris clarified that they are not changing the rule that bicycles should be walked on the walkway, since it is quite narrow.

Funding: Emily reminded the group that there are 'micro-grants' available from America Walks for projects to increase walking and walkability. See the [America Walks website](#) for more information.

6) Follow up items

1. Take the [Market Street Connect survey](#)!
2. Review [NYSDOT's online bicycle facilities map](#) and send edits to [Chris Lee](#).
3. Review & send updates for the online [bicycle parking finder](#) to Emily.
4. Send Emily ideas for future presentations.
5. See bolded items under agenda item #4 for individual follow-up items.

7) Next Meeting: January 26, 3-5pm, DCC, Bowne Hall



Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council

Date: October 27, 2016

Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Location: DCC, 105Bowne Hall

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PDCTC Pedestrian-Bicycle Counts: September 2016														
Type	Municipality	Location	Ped	Bike	Total	Ped-% Female	Ped-% Male	Bike-% Female	Bike-% Male	Bike- % SW	Bike- % RD	No Helmet % Female	No Helmet % Male	No Helmet- % Total
Screenlines- Road														
SL	C/Beacon	Main St east of Cross St (172 Main St)- weekday	243	24	267	56%	44%	4%	96%	29%	71%	N/A	N/A	N/A
SL	C/Beacon	Main St east of Cross St (172 Main St)- Saturday	951	22	973	55%	45%	9%	91%	27%	73%	50%	65%	64%
SL	C/Beacon	Main St west of Fishkill/Teller Ave (372 Main St)- weekday	215	17	232	50%	50%	6%	94%	47%	53%	n/a	n/a	n/a
SL	C/Beacon	Main St west of Fishkill/Teller Ave (372 Main St) -Saturday	735	19	754	53%	47%	16%	84%	58%	42%	67%	81%	79%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Forbus Ave between Lown Ct & Daniels Ct- weekday	39	19	58	33%	67%	0%	100%	37%	63%	#DIV/0!	95%	95%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Washington St south of Parker Ave- weekday	148	25	173	41%	59%	8%	92%	72%	28%	100%	96%	96%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Washington St south of Parker Ave- Saturday	157	31	188	46%	54%	26%	74%	29%	71%	75%	74%	74%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	505 Main St-Public Safety Bldg- weekday	263	60	323	40%	60%	2%	98%	87%	13%	100%	100%	100%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	505 Main St-Public Safety Bldg - Saturday	236	36	272	43%	57%	8%	92%	81%	19%	67%	100%	97%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	South side of Main St/Route 44- weekday	23	19	42	22%	78%	11%	89%	100%	0%	100%	94%	95%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Hooker Ave betw. Wilbur & Park Ave- weekday	11	9	20	36%	64%	22%	78%	22%	78%	100%	57%	67%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Main St east of Woodcliff Ave- Weekday	33	11	44	45%	55%	9%	91%	64%	36%	100%	80%	82%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Main St east of Woodcliff Ave- Saturday	20	7	27	25%	75%	0%	100%	43%	57%	#DIV/0!	86%	86%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Main Street east of Grand Ave- weekday	130	28	158	29%	71%	4%	96%	89%	11%	100%	100%	100%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Main Street east of Grand Ave- Saturday	147	6	153	37%	63%	0%	100%	100%	0%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Main Street east of Raymond Ave- weekday	112	17	129	39%	61%	0%	100%	88%	12%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Main Street east of Raymond Ave- Saturday	127	2	129	35%	65%	0%	100%	100%	0%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Raymond Ave south of Main St- weekday	54	5	59	41%	59%	0%	100%	80%	20%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Raymond Ave south of Main St- Saturday	55	6	61	51%	49%	0%	100%	83%	17%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Raymond Ave south of Lagrange Ave- weekday	289	14	303	54%	46%	14%	86%	93%	7%	50%	83%	79%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Raymond Ave south of Lagrange Ave- Saturday	470	6	476	57%	43%	0%	100%	100%	0%	#DIV/0!	83%	83%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Collegeview Ave east of Bacio's- weekday	161	18	179	48%	52%	11%	89%	33%	67%	0%	25%	22%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Collegeview Ave east of Bacio's- Saturday	491	5	496	51%	49%	0%	100%	60%	40%	#DIV/0!	60%	60%
SL	V/Fishkill	Main St west of Church St- weekday	76	11	87	46%	54%	18%	82%	45%	55%	0%	22%	18%
SL	V/Fishkill	Main St west of Church St- Saturday	183	8	191	56%	44%	13%	88%	88%	13%	0%	86%	75%
SL	V/Millbrook	3283 Franklin Ave east of Church St- weekday	112	7	119	46%	54%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	#DIV/0!	100%
SL	V/Wappingers Falls	E Main St east of Mill St- weekday	177	3	180	46%	54%	0	100%	67%	33%	#DIV/0!	67%	67%
SL	V/Wappingers Falls	E Main St east of Mill St- Saturday	183	4	187	40%	60%	0	100%	75%	25%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
SL	V/Pawling	Charles Colman Blvd north of Main St- weekday	169	3	172	65%	35%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	100%	0%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
SL	V/Pawling	Charles Colman Blvd north of Main St- Saturday	743	9	752	57%	43%	33%	67%	22%	78%	0%	17%	11%
SL	V/Pawling	East Main St east of Charles Colman Blvd- weekday	80	8	88	54%	46%	25%	75%	75%	25%	0%	33%	25%
SL	V/Rhinebeck	19 East Market Street	516	7	523	58%	42%	14%	86%	0%	100%	100%	17%	29%
SL	V/Rhinebeck	Market St just east of Route 9- Saturday	1290	9	1299	62%	38%	22%	78%	33%	67%	100%	86%	89%
Screenlines- Rail Trails														
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Dutchess Rail Trail between Creek Rd & trail ramp- weekday	36	93	129	42%	58%	29%	71%	n/a	n/a	30%	36%	34%
SL	T/Poughkeepsie	Dutchess Rail Trail between Creek Rd & trail ramp- Saturday	32	236	268	72%	28%	40%	60%	n/a	n/a	34%	35%	35%
SL	T/Wappinger	Dutchess Rail Trail south of Diddell Rd- weekday	34	40	74	56%	44%	43%	58%	n/a	n/a	47%	17%	30%
SL	T/Wappinger	Dutchess Rail Trail south of Diddell Rd -Saturday	48	212	260	46%	54%	39%	61%	n/a	n/a	29%	35%	33%
SL	T/East Fishkill	Dutchess Rail Trail near Hopewell Jcn- weekday	58	76	134	57%	43%	26%	74%	n/a	n/a	35%	39%	38%
SL	V/Millerton	Harlem Valley Rail Trail south of Main St- weekday	12	10	22	50%	50%	60%	40%	n/a	n/a	33%	50%	40%
SL	T/Amenia	Harlem Valley Rail Trail near Mechanic St- weekday	22	6	28	64%	36%	50%	50%	n/a	n/a	33%	33%	33%

SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- East gate- Tuesday	372	125	497	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- East gate- Wednesday	260	64	324	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	39%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- East gate- Thursday	412	107	519	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	49%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- East gate- Saturday	1117	253	1370	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- West gate- Tuesday	375	95	470	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	41%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- West gate- Wednesday	228	66	294	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	41%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- West gate- Thursday	399	76	475	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- West gate- Saturday	926	212	1138	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- at DRT- Tuesday	76	92	168	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	36%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- at DRT- Wednesday	40	55	95	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson-at DRT- Thursday	58	100	158	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45%
SL	C/Poughkeepsie	Walkway Over the Hudson- at DRT- Saturday	94	217	311	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33%
Type	Municipality	Location	Ped	Bike	Total	Ped-% Female	Ped-% Male	Bike-% Female	Bike-% Male	Bike- % SW	Bike- % RD	No Helmet % Female	No Helmet % Male	No Helmet- % Total
Intersections														
INT	C/Poughkeepsie	Main St & Worrall Ave/Innis Ave- weekday	203	44	247	42%	58%	9%	91%	86%	14%	100%	100%	100%
INT	C/Poughkeepsie	Main St & Worrall Ave/Innis Ave- Saturday	200	26	226	41%	60%	4%	96%	92%	8%	100%	96%	96%
INT	C/Poughkeepsie	Main St & Market St- Saturday	462	26	488	44%	56%	4%	96%	81%	19%	0%	96%	92%
INT	T/Poughkeepsie	Raymond Ave & Collegeview/Fulton- Thurs 9/15/2016	733	33	766	60%	40%	33%	67%	82%	18%	82%	77%	79%
INT	T/Poughkeepsie	Raymond Ave & Collegeview/Fulton- Saturday	511	22	533	55%	45%	18%	82%	64%	36%	75%	78%	77%
INT	T/Hyde Park	Route 9 & Market St- weekday	21	2	23	38%	62%	0%	100%	0%	100%	#DIV/0!	50%	50%
INT	T/Hyde Park	Route 9 & Market St- Saturday	33	21	54	39%	61%	29%	71%	29%	71%	67%	67%	67%
INT	T/Hyde Park	Route 9G & Market St- weekday	7	8	15	43%	57%	0%	100%	100%	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
INT	V/Red Hook	Route 9 & Market St- weekday	122	9	131	50%	50%	11%	89%	n/a	#VALUE!	n/a	n/a	n/a
INT	V/Red Hook	Route 9 & Market St- Saturday	277	3	280	55%	45%	17%	83%	n/a	#VALUE!	n/a	n/a	n/a
INT	V/Tivoli	Broadway & North Rd- weekday	102	8	110	53%	47%	0%	100%	0%	100%	#DIV/0!	100%	100%
INT	V/Tivoli	Broadway & North Rd- Saturday	272	14	286	46%	54%	50%	50%	0%	100%	0%	14%	7%