

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Meeting Summary

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

1. **Introductions**: County Executive, Mr. Marcus Molinaro, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached list).
2. **Public Participation**: Mr. Marcus Molinaro opened the meeting for public comments; none were received.
3. **Approval of Minutes**: The June 30, 2016 minutes were presented for approval.

MOTION: To approve minutes was moved by Mr. Ray Oberly (T. Clinton) and seconded by Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill). All others were in favor.

4. **New Business**: Five (5) resolutions were on the agenda for Council approval. Mr. Mark Debald, Transportation Program Administrator, explained each resolution as follows:
 - a. **Resolution 17-01 (Adoption of the PDCTC State Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program)** – This resolution seeks approval of the PDCTC’s State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): the statement of work identifying the federally funded planning activities to be carried out by the Council for the upcoming program year. The UPWP includes descriptions of planning tasks and resulting products, a schedule for completing tasks, the cost of the work, sources of funds, and identifies which organization will perform each task. Funds used to support UPWP tasks come from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Council updates the UPWP annually. A 30-day public comment period was held from February 1st to March 3rd; no substantive comments were received.

Major tasks for the new UPWP include the launch of a Regional Transit Study in conjunction with Orange and Ulster counties, initiation of a Downtown Parking Improvement Plan for the City of Poughkeepsie, and completion of a Pedestrian Plan for the Village of Millerton. The Council will also continue last year’s local pavement condition monitoring program and high-end speeding analysis, its long-standing annual traffic count program, and its work with other County departments to implement a pedestrian/bicycle safety awareness campaign.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 17-01 was moved by Ms. Aileen Rohr, (T. Hyde Park) and seconded by Ms. Barbara Zulauf (T. Beekman). All were in favor.

- b. **Resolution 17-02 (Amendment #17-02 to the Federal Fiscal Year 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program)** – The PDCTC proposes an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): the five-year capital program that assigns federal funds to transportation projects located in Dutchess County. The PDCTC periodically updates the TIP to add new projects, remove existing projects, or change a project’s cost, schedule, or scope. Significant TIP changes are classified as amendments that require Council approval. Amendment #17-02 adds two new highway projects and adds funding for two existing highway projects:
- a. PIN 875874: Adds \$3.5 million in repurposed federal earmark funding for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail in the Town of North East and Village of Millerton.
 - b. PIN 876145: Adds a new highway project to install pedestrian countdown timers at nine intersections in the City of Beacon. The project was awarded \$513,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding from a statewide solicitation.
 - c. PIN 876156: Adds a new bridge reconstruction project on CR 19 (Bulls Head Rd.) over the Wappinger Creek (Bridge S-37) in the Town of Stanford. The project was awarded \$1.688 million in federal funding through the BRIDGE NY statewide solicitation.
 - d. PIN 878040: Adds \$250,000 in repurposed federal earmark funding for the Wassaic Trail to the Train project in the Town of Amenia.

A 15-day public comment period was held from February 28th to March 14th; no substantive comments were received.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 17-02 was moved by Ms. Aileen Rohr (T. Hyde Park) and seconded by Mr. John Welsh, designee for Ms. Patricia Tompkins, (T. Union Vale). All were in favor.

- c. **Resolution 17-03 (Amendment to the State Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program)** – The PDCTC adopted the current UPWP on March 24, 2016, programming FHWA and FTA planning funds for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-2017. The PDCTC wishes to amend the budgets for select tasks in the 2016-2017 UPWP, in order to close out the 2016-2017 program year. The amendment will result in no change to the PDCTC’s overall planning budget.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 17-03 was moved by Mr. Ray Oberly (T. Clinton) and seconded by Ms. Barbara Zulauf (T. Beekman). All were in favor.

- d. **Resolution 17-04 (Reallocation of Available Federal Fiscal Year 2013-2016 FTA Section 5307/5340 and 5339 Formula Funds in Dutchess County)** – This resolution seeks approval for the reallocation of available Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013-2016 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 and 5339 formula funds from the City of Poughkeepsie to Dutchess County. This resolution stems from discussions between the City of Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County concerning the process for transferring

federally funded transit assets from the City to the County. The transfer will better enable the County to expand its bus operations in the City, as the City ends its own bus operations on July 1, 2017. In order to facilitate this transition, the City desires to make additional federal transit funds available to the County (figures to be transferred are indicated on the resolution). Please note that the resolution will only take effect if the City and County enter into a written agreement that authorizes the transfer of available (i.e. unobligated) FTA funds. Otherwise, the funds will remain with the City for their use.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 17-04 was moved by Ms. Aileen Rohr (T. Hyde Park) and seconded by Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill). Ms. Debbie McDonnell (C. Poughkeepsie) abstained from participating in the approval. All were in favor.

- a. **Resolution 17-05 (Renaming of the PDCTC to the Dutchess County Transportation Council)** – This resolution seeks approval to rename the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council (PDCTC) to the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) to better reflect the MPO’s area of responsibility and composition. Additionally, renaming the PDCTC as the Dutchess County Transportation Council is in keeping with the naming conventions of other MPOs in the region, such as the Orange County Transportation Council and Ulster County Transportation Council. In keeping with an updated name, if this resolution is approved, the Council will also update its logo.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 17-05 was moved by Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill) and seconded by Ms. Barbara Zulauf (T. Beekman). All were in favor.

5. Communications and Reports:

Mr. Mark Debald announced that the Dutchess County Transportation Council is monitoring the federal legislation surrounding an infrastructure stimulus bill, as well as both the TIGER and CDBG programs. Mr. Molinaro noted that Dutchess County will be expressing opposition to the defunding of the CDBG program.

Mr. Debald also noted that the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) legislation that was introduced earlier this year will likely be outlawed and ineffectual.

6. Call for Announcements:

Mr. Marcus Molinaro announced that the county-wide Municipal Innovation Summit will be held Tuesday, April 4th at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel at 5:30 p.m. This year, the summit will take place in advance of submitting applications, and will focus on four (4) topic areas: Planning, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, and Economic Development.

Ms. Cynthia Ruiz (DCPT) announced that the new fareboxes for the County buses are in service and that the new ‘DutchessTrack’ application is available for public consumption. She commented that ridership for the ‘1’ bus has gone down somewhat, but Sunday service has been widely received by County riders. Ms. Ruiz also mentioned that new bus stop signs will be installed at bus stops all throughout the County.

Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill) proposed that it may be beneficial to have some sort of county-wide repository for long-range planning and construction projects to enhance coordination and collaboration among agencies.

7. Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn moved by Ms. Aileen Rohr (T. Hyde Park), and seconded by Mr. Ray Oberly (T. Clinton). All were in favor.

Meeting Attendance List

| | First Name | Last Name | Affiliation | Phone Number |
|----|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Cynthia | Ruiz | DC Public Transit | 845-473-8521 |
| 2 | Randy | Casale | City of Beacon | 845-838-5010 |
| 3 | Mark | Debald | PDCTC | 845-486-3600 |
| 4 | Don | Beer | Town of Poughkeepsie designee | 845-790-4736 |
| 5 | Ray | Oberly | Town of Clinton | 845-266-5721 |
| 6 | Jeff | Aman | City of Poughkeepsie resident | jeffreyaman@aol.com |
| 7 | Bob | LaColla | Town of Fishkill | 845-831-7800 |
| 8 | Matt | Alexander | Village of Wappingers Falls | 845-220-6654 |
| 9 | Todd | Westhuis | NYS DOT – Region 8 | 845-431-5150 |
| 10 | Barbara | Zulauf | Town of Beekman | 845-724-5300 |
| 11 | John | Welsh | Town of Union Vale designee | 845-724-7060 |
| 12 | Joe | Kane | City of Poughkeepsie designee | 845-451-4192 |
| 13 | Marleen | Stein | MTA designee | 212-878-7080 |
| 14 | Aileen | Rohr | Town of Hyde Park | 845-229-5111 |
| 15 | Debbie | McDonnell | City of Poughkeepsie designee | 845-451-4075 |
| 16 | Tom | Weiner | NYS DOT – Region 8 | 845-431-5723 |
| 17 | Emily | Dozier | PDCTC | 845-486-3600 |
| 18 | Shelby | Frangk | PDCTC | 845-486-3600 |
| 19 | Emily | McDaniels | PDCTC | 845-486-3600 |
| 20 | Eoin | Wrafter | DC Planning | 845-486-3600 |
| 21 | Chris | Baiano | DC Executive Office | 845-486-2000 |
| 22 | Marcus | Molinaro | DC Executive Office | 845-486-2000 |