

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Dutchess County Planning Department (2nd Floor), 27 High Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

1. Introductions – See attached list.

2. Announcements

Mark Debald (PDCTC) noted that applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program are still under review. Martin Evans is serving as the Region 8 TAP Coordinator and Emily Dozier (PDCTC) is serving as the PDCTC representative for one of the Region 8's review teams. Mark noted one clarification on the review process: applications in Dutchess County are being rated by another review team outside of Region 8, so we are not rating our county's applications.

Mark also stated that NYSDOT had not yet made awards for the BRIDGE NY program, though announcements are expected by the end of the year.

Mark asked if member agencies had any updates on their submissions to MTA/Metro-North Railroad in response to their recent Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) concerning the re-activation of the Beacon/Maybrook Line; none were received. Submissions were due November 18, 2016. Supervisor LaColla (Town of Fishkill) had previously indicated that there was a great deal of interest about this RFEI and that the Town was exploring options for the rail line, in conjunction with the City of Beacon, Scenic Hudson, and possibly Dutchess County.

Mark announced that the following PDCTC voting membership changes will be effective January 1, 2017:

- a. Town of Union Vale will replace Pleasant Valley for the partially urbanized area.
- b. Village of Wappingers Falls will replace Village of Pawling for the urbanized villages.
- c. Two non-urban (rural) members will need to be re-designated by the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association.

Mark noted that in the past few weeks, reports have surfaced from various news outlets about a \$1-trillion, 10-year infrastructure plan with the incoming administration. This could include transportation and water/sewer projects. Mark noted that it is far too early to know what might happen, but he asked agencies to start thinking about projects that would be conducive to this type of stimulus package.

3. Public Participation

Cynthia Ruiz (DCPT) stated that the 2017 budget approved a variety of changes to the

Dutchess County transit system, including a new route between the transit hub (Main/Market), Boardman Road library, and Galleria Mall, and Sunday service on several routes from 10 am – 6 pm. A real-time transit application is also in the beta-testing stage and will be released for public use soon. She also noted that there is a provision in the City of Poughkeepsie budget for the consolidation of the county and city bus systems.

4. Dutchess County High-End Speeding Analysis

Mark updated the Committee on the [high-end speeding analysis](#) that staff recently completed. This project used a program developed by UCTC that pulls speed data from the traffic count program. Though the count program originally focused on collecting traffic volume data, we now collect data on vehicle speeds and classifications. Recognizing the value of such information to our communities, we initiated an analysis of the speed data to identify potential speeding issues on county and local roads; the State data was not conducive to this type of analysis and is not included.

The analysis seeks to identify road segments with high percentages of ‘high-end’ speeders: defined by staff as those travelling 10-mph or more over the posted speed limit. By highlighting road segments with high-end speeding, we hope to assist elected officials, law enforcement agencies, and highway departments with their efforts to target speed enforcement, implement traffic calming measures, and allocate resources to reduce speeding and improve traffic safety in the county. Mark noted that staff noticed some anomalies with the maps, so they were re-issued to affected municipalities. PDCTC staff has also received some feedback on speed limit corrections and Mark encouraged municipalities to review the report and notify PDCTC staff of any speed limit or road segment discrepancies. Emily Dozier (PDCTC) noted that the segments in gray on the maps indicate segments that are counted in the PDCTC annual traffic count program, but did not classify as high-speeding segments.

Barbara Zulauf (Town of Beekman) stated that Beekman Rd (CR 9) in the Town of Beekman is a very fast road and she would have thought that it would show up on this study. Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) added that he had the same impression of Baxtertown Rd (CR 34) in the Town of Fishkill and thought that it would have shown up in the analysis. Bill Gallagher (Town of Milan) expressed safety concerns (speeding and passing) that he has for South Rd (CR 53) in the Town of Milan. PDCTC staff will look into the concerns regarding these roadways.

Related to this speed study effort, we’re pursuing a possible FHWA-supported program on a Speed Management Action Plan for the county. FHWA is seeking to identify States and local jurisdictions interested in being considered to participate in a safety project to assist with the development of jurisdiction-wide speed management action plans. For selected jurisdictions, the project team, comprised of multidisciplinary safety experts funded by FHWA, will assist the agencies with the following tasks:

- 1) Identifying and addressing issues/problems/needs of the speed management program and speeding related safety issues
- 2) Accomplishing goals and objectives of the program
- 3) Identifying and implementing strategies, priorities, and countermeasures of the speed management program
- 4) Integrating a speed management program into the overall safety improvement program for the State/local agency

Technical support can include data collection and analysis, conducting workshops, and drafting Speed Management Action Plans. On the State/local agency's side, the required level of effort is about 3 hours of time to point them in the right direction, about 8 hours to attend a workshop that FHWA will conduct, then at least 2 hours on the back-end to review the draft plan we develop.

5. FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mark provided an overview of TIP Amendment #17-01 and Administrative Modification #17-A, which were included in the meeting materials and were mailed to voting and non-voting members:

- 1) Amendment #17-01: The PDCTC is proposing an amendment to the recently adopted FFY 2017-2021 TIP. The PDCTC periodically updates the TIP to add new projects, remove existing projects, or change a project's cost, schedule, or scope. Significant changes are classified as amendments and require that the PDCTC approve the changes by ballot or in-person voting. Amendment #17-01 addresses two existing highway projects:
 - a. PIN 875545: CR 93 (Myers Corners Rd.) realignment by the Dutchess County Department of Public Works in the Town of Wappinger. Reschedules the right-of-way phase from FFY 2016 to FFY 2017 and the construction/construction inspection phases from FFY 2022 to FFY 2017, while also adding \$2-million in additional federal funding. Additional funds stem from State approval of NYSDOT's five-year capital program.
 - b. PIN 875983: Washington St. bridge over the Fallkill Creek in the City of Poughkeepsie (BIN 2262670). Reschedules the preliminary/detailed design phases and right-of-way incidental phase from FFY 2020 to FFY 2017, right-of-way acquisition from FFY 2021 to FFY 2018, and construction/construction inspection from FFY 2022 to FFY 2019, while also adding \$1.3 million in additional federal funding. Additional funds stem from State approval of NYSDOT's five-year capital program.

The PDCTC held a 15-day public comment period from November 17 to December 1st – no comments have been received. Resolution 16-16 to vote on TIP Amendment 17-01

will be acted on via a written ballot, as allowed under our revised Bylaws. Ballots are due December 21, 2016. Faxed, emailed, and mailed ballots are all acceptable.

Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) inquired if these upcoming projects will be compliant with the County's new Complete Streets policy; Emily Dozier (PDCTC) stated that County DPW will reference the Complete Streets checklist on these projects.

Emily Svenson (Town of Hyde Park) added that the Town of Hyde Park has an intersection improvement that she does not see listed on the FFY 2017-2021 TIP or the TIP viewer online; Mark noted that the project is likely listed in the multi-county listings because it is part of a routine maintenance procedure by NYSDOT. Tom Wiener (NYSDOT-Region 8) indicated that he would check on the project.

- 2) Administrative Modification #17-A: The PDCTC recently approved two minor changes to the FFY 2017-2021 TIP, via an Administrative Modification. As per our Bylaws, these did not require PDCTC approval and are provided for information purposes only. The actions were actually approved in the early fall, but were not entered in time to make it into the STIP:
 - a. PIN 875544: CR 28 (Old Hopewell Rd.) realignment by the Dutchess County Department of Public Works in the Town of Wappinger. Reschedules the preliminary design, detailed design, and right-of-way incidental phases from FFY 2016 to FFY 2017.
 - b. PIN 875591: CR 14 (Hollow Rd.) bridge over the Little Wappinger Creek in the Town of Clinton (Bridge C-19, BIN 3342820). Reschedules the construction and construction inspection phases from FFY 2016 to FFY 2017.

Mark also noted that pending the outcome of the BRIDGE NY program, we will issue a call for projects for the STBG Off-System Bridge Funding: an FHWA program that provides federal funds for 80 percent of the costs associated with the rehabilitation and/or replacement of county and locally-owned bridges that are not located on a federal-aid eligible road (see bridge rating sheet distributed with the meeting notice). A total of \$3.6 million in federal funding (i.e. combined total project cost of \$4.5 million) is available to Dutchess County. The application form is under review by NYSDOT's Local Project Unit (LPU).

Also, upon FHWA approval, the PDCTC will add \$3.5 million in repurposed earmark funding for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail project

6. Project Updates

Mark Debald (PDCTC) mentioned that staff is developing the Draft UPWP, which is the MPO's annual statement of work and the method by which federal planning funds are

programmed in Dutchess County. Mark noted that upcoming planning projects will include a City of Poughkeepsie Downtown Parking Study, Village of Millerton Pedestrian Plan, the second phase of the Pavement Condition Monitoring program, and possibly a Village of Pawling Pedestrian Plan.

Mark noted that the TMA is looking at ways to use UPWP funds to support the Regional Transit Study; the report will focus on transit operations and connections between the three counties and on a regional scale. The TMA has developed a draft Scope of Services for the study and is tentatively scheduled to issue the RFP in January 2017 and hopefully start the project in the Spring. OCTC has graciously volunteered to manage the contract for this project.

Emily Dozier (PDCTC) stated that the [Arlington Pedestrian Plan](#) is progressing on schedule and that she will be meeting with the Task Force next week to review draft recommendations. She will also be presenting the recommendations to the Town Board in January 2017. One of the main focuses of the study is to improve pedestrian operations on Main St. in the Town of Poughkeepsie and better connect it to Raymond Ave.

- 7. Public Participation** – Mark opened the meeting for public comment or general announcements; none were received.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development.

Attendance List

	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Phone
1	Mark	Debald	PDCTC	845-486-3600
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4	Tom	Weiner	NYS DOT	845-431-5723
5	Mark	Figliozi	Town of Pleasant Valley	845-635-3598
6	Bob	LaColla	Town of Fishkill	845-831-7860
7	Emily	Svenson	Town of Hyde Park	845-489-2286
8	Cynthia	Ruiz	DCPT	845-473-8521
9	Bill	Gallagher	Town of Milan	845-758-5133
10	Ray	Oberly	Town of Clinton	845-266-5721
11	Barbara	Zulauf	Town of Beekman	845-724-5300
12	Don	Beer	Town of Poughkeepsie	845-546-0797
13	Marleen	Stein	MTA	212-878-7080
14	Wanda	Livigni	Town of LaGrange	845-452-8562