

# Poughkeepsie 9.44.55

## Advisory Committee Meeting #3

**Date:** Friday, February 14, 2020 at 1:30 PM

**Location:** Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, 1 Civic Center Plaza #400, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

**Attendees:** See attached scanned sign-in sheet

**Purpose:** The purpose of the meeting was to receive input on the draft report (Chapters 1-Introduction and 2-Existing Conditions), and to introduce next steps for the first public workshop.

## OVERVIEW

Mark Debald welcomed attendees to the third Advisory Committee meeting for the project. Following introductions, Mr. Sargent led a presentation that covered the following material:

- Existing Conditions Report (Draft Chapters 1 and 2), overview and discussion
- Public Meeting 1
- Next Steps
- Schedule

See the attached presentation for further details. The existing conditions report was distributed to Advisory Committee members prior to the meeting. Discussion amongst Committee members occurred throughout the meeting to provide input on various items. The following is a summary of that discussion, including key action items in **bold**.

## DISCUSSION

### Existing Conditions Report

Mr. Sargent provided an overview of Chapter 1. General approval was expressed regarding its content. Mr. Sargent and Mr. Nadolny then described Chapter 2, and the group discussed the assessment of the existing conditions.

Chapter 2 includes information on:

- Demographics
- Zoning
- Transit
- Functional classification of the roadways
- Nonconforming elements of the interchange
- Sidewalk width and the overall location and quality of pedestrian facilities
- Traffic volumes, speeds, and level of service (LOS)
- Crashes

It was noted that the maintenance strip along the Arterials (the area between the sidewalk and the curb), is concrete in many instances, and so in effect sidewalks are sometimes seven to eight feet wide. There were approximately 1400 crashes in the study area over the 3 year period. Average speeds are approximately

ten miles per hour (mph) over the speed limit. Mr. Nadolny noted that the LOS of the Arterial intersections are presented for the “overall” intersection level of service; one lane or approach may operate more poorly.

- The group generally agreed with the existing conditions assessment and the data presented and agreed that the report could be posted on the website, pending editorial changes.
- NYSDOT commented that the percent of rear-end crashes on the Arterials (about 37 percent fatal and injury crashes) appeared higher than typical (about 22 percent). The group believed speed differentials and stop and go traffic caused by signals and traffic congestion were contributing to rear-end crashes.
- There was a question about time periods for the bike/pedestrian volumes, which were taken in October. Mr. Sargent noted that he has seen bicyclists in January during site visits.
- Mr. Sargent explained that the traffic counts were collected at intersections, so the counts reflect the number of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the street at intersections, which includes bicyclists in the crosswalk or on the street.
- Mr. Sargent also noted that no historic volume data was compared, and DCTC staff noted the challenges with comparing different datasets, such as location consistency and all day versus peak hour counts.

No changes to the content of the report were requested, other than minor editorial notes submitted to the project team. **February 21, 2020 was given as the final deadline for comment submission on the report, so that it could be posted to the project website in time for the public meeting.**

## Public Meeting 1

Hannah Brockhaus introduced the strategy for the first public meeting, an Open House, to be held at 40 Cannon Street on the evening of March 3, 2020. A series of boards summarizing existing conditions will be placed around the room, with project staff facilitating discussions at the boards. Attendees will be able to digest information as well as participate in a series of activities with the team. She also provided an update on the interactive mapping tool so far, noting more than 375 comments from 29 zip codes (about one fifth coming from 12601 and 12603), including a number of participants from outside of the City. Additional comments are likely after the Open House. Ms. Brockhaus walked through the draft boards for the meeting, and the group noted edits.

### Public Meeting

- Revisions were requested for the final board (toolbox), so that it focuses more on outcomes and less on tools. The group had positive feedback regarding the online tool and would like to focus on that type of feedback, rather than the board content currently shown.
- **The Project Team will provide the updated feedback board to NYSDOT for review prior to the meeting.**
- **Legibility of several maps will be improved before the meeting.**
- NYSDOT has had success with Open House style meetings recently. It gives everyone an opportunity to provide input and interact, and is respectful of people’s time.

### Marketing

- **Advertise on City and Town websites, including the interactive mapping tool link.**
- **Advertising will note the fact that it is an Open House, with no formal presentation.**
- **County will send out an email and push via social media, press release.**
- **City will distribute via social media.**

## Origin-Destination Study

Mr. Sargent gave a brief update on the status of origin-destination study being conducted using Streetlight data. It was noted that the work has started with the plan to identify major travel patterns in the area, including the percent of through traffic on the Arterials.

## NEXT STEPS

- Advisory Committee to meet approximately every two months. The next meeting may be replaced by a working session with the NYSDOT and the Bridge Authority on the Interchange concept development, and will be held in April/May.
- The project team will hold an Open House on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and continue advertising the meeting with the help of the Advisory Committee.
- The project team will continue developing the origin-destination analysis using Streetlight data, and will begin the alternatives phase for the Interchange.
- **DCTC will close the online mapping tool approximately one week following the public meeting.** The next outreach events will be pop-ups later this spring/summer.

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