

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

January 30, 2020, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Dutchess Community College, **Orcutt Student Services Center #204**, 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie
(see map at <https://goo.gl/maps/jxhFY4r76sc2WRbb8>; GPS coordinates: 41.724350, -73.904663)

Summary

1) Introductions

Emily Dozier (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached list).

2) Presentation: *Let's Bike Hudson Valley events* – Jeff Anzevino, Scenic Hudson

Jeff described a series of bicycle events in Poughkeepsie, Kingston, and Newburgh that he and committees in each city are organizing. Each event features Courtney Williams, also known as the [Brown Bike Girl of Brooklyn](#). The events are Saturday March 7th and Sunday March 8th. The Newburgh event will take place at the Armory Unity Center on Saturday from 9-1 and focuses on youth. The Poughkeepsie event will take place Saturday afternoon from 1-4pm and include several parts. The Kingston event is on Sunday and will be their 2nd annual Women's Bike Festival which focuses on empowering women.

Paul Hesse described the *Let's Bike Poughkeepsie* program: an inspirational talk by Courtney and an update from City staff on bicycle plans and projects; hands-on activities to identify and prioritize bicycle projects; and a mini-expo including instruction on safe riding skills, basic repairs, and helmet fitting, and information from local bike shops and partners. The goal is to engage a broad spectrum of the City including youth, communities of color, advocates and anyone interested in making the City more bicycle friendly. Paul noted that the location has not been set but will be downtown, and weather permitting, there will be a bicycle ride to the event. Jeff encouraged the group to watch Courtney's YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNR1sOOKjYs>.

The group suggested various venues including Changepoint Church, Beulah Baptist Church, or the Poughkeepsie Middle or High School. Ozie noted that the Middle School hosts 'Saturday Morning Lights' events for youth from 9am to 1pm.

Tom Bauer suggested radio advertising and possibly including the Walkway friends group at the expo. Ozie said she can help spread the word if a 'Save the Date' sheet is produced. Emily told Ozie she would send her a 'Save the Date' sheet by Friday.

3) DCTC Updates/Announcements

- a. **Trail counts:** Emily distributed charts of the manual, video, and tube counts that were done on the Dutchess and Harlem Valley Rail Trails (see attached summaries). She highlighted the highest and lowest volumes based on the various count types and raised several questions regarding the tube count results. The group agreed that the July Coleman Station (HVRT) count seemed high, especially the weekday count. Regarding the DRT Walkway trailhead count in October, the group suggested

that on Saturday, a Walkway event may have reduced bike traffic; they also noted that there is often more parking at Morgan Lake. Regarding the DRT at Hopewell vs Lake Walton, the group agreed that the Lake Walton trailhead is easier to access, and many people don't go all the way to Hopewell.

Emily noted that the bike tubes are less reliable than the video or manual data. They can be affected by water or humidity, and register anything that rides over them (or jumps on them). DCTC's contractor is pursuing better tubes for next year, and DCTC is working with DPW to test some permanent counters.

Dylan noted that DCTC uses the [Rails to Trails Conservancy's Trail Traffic Calculator](#) to estimate average daily and annual volumes based on the count data. The tool accounts for the region and mode, and adjusts the counts based on the month, day, and time. This helps smooth out some of the irregularities and make the counts more comparable.

- b. **DPW Complete Streets & Universal Accessibility projects:** Emily announced that the County's Department of Public Works has prioritized four sidewalk/crosswalk projects on County roads for Universal Accessibility funding. The locations include Pawling at the Dutcher Ave/Henry St intersection; Red Hook on Linden Ave connecting the Rec Park west to Knox Rd; Poughkeepsie on Linden Ave; and Millerton on Maple Ave. The Pawling and Millerton projects build on DCTC Pedestrian Plans. The projects have not yet been designed. DCTC will continue to coordinate with DPW on these projects. DPW is also pursuing accessibility improvements at several County buildings and parks.
- c. [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#) Emily announced that there will be a public open house for this project in early March (date TBD, but it will be on a weekday evening at the 40 Cannon gallery). Information will be on the project website once the date is set.

4) Local Updates

- a. City of Poughkeepsie: Paul updated the group on the City's [Pedestrian Safety Action Plan](#) project (crosswalks, curb extensions, signage, and signal improvements) and said the project will go out to bid soon. Paul also noted that the City is planning a bicycle facility demonstration project in May in partnership with Parks & Trails New York. The location and date are still being finalized.
- b. Traffic Safety Board: Bill Johnson stated that he has helmets available for community bicycle-related events. He is also planning to do weekday helmet fittings/inspections on the rail trail this year. He will be helping out at the Let'sBikePoughkeepsie event.
- c. Sharon Kroeger (Amenia) discussed an issue related to speed limit and advisory speed signs on CR 83 in Amenia. Bill Trifilo suggested that the Town Board could ask DPW to review the speed limit, as adjacent towns have a lower speed limit on CR 83. DPW may also be able to shift the placement of some of the signs.
- d. Laurie Husted (Red Hook) asked if any pedestrian/bicycle improvements to the bridge on Bard's campus over the Sawkill Creek are planned, either as part of the Empire State Trail or a County project. Emily said that DPW and DCTC staff met with Bard staff over a year ago to discuss the bridge, but she was not sure of the current status. She will check with DPW. *[per Bob Balkind, DPW is*

exploring modifications to allow for better pedestrian/bike access over the bridge. The tentative schedule is design in the Spring/Summer and construction in the Summer/Fall of 2020].

- e. County DPW: Bill Trifilo stated that the Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension to Columbia County is underway; anticipated completion is in fall 2020. Emily added that DPW is upgrading its traffic signals to include video detection, which works better for bicycles and motorcycles. For 2020, upgrades are planned at Innis Ave/DeLaval Rd, Titusville Rd/Red Oaks Mill Rd, and Noxon Rd/Robinson Ln. The Degarmo Rd/Overlook Rd intersection and two others (not yet determined) are planned for 2021.
- f. John Galbraith (sPOKe) said he is continuing the ReCycle project as part of the [Repair Café](#) in the City of Poughkeepsie (monthly at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church). He repairs donated bikes and gives them to people for a low cost or community service hours. However, there are too many bikes for the storage area available, so he is clearing some out. Anyone interested in helping should contact him.
- g. Karl Beard (National Parks Service) announced that he is planning an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 25th at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park. He is looking for environmental and related groups to participate.
- h. Michelle Gluck (Cornell Cooperative Extension) gave an update on the County's [Climate Smart Communities](#) program. The County received a bronze-level designation in 2019 and is working towards silver. The Transportation Efficiencies subcommittee is looking at pedestrian, bicycle, transit, electric vehicle, and other projects or programs.
- i. Brenda Cagle noted that the Village to Village Trail signs are at County DPW but have not yet been installed. Emily asked Bill Trifilo to check on the status. She stated that the Empire State Trail project on River Road has not yet been done, though the Bridge Authority has added a walking path (with jersey barriers) along the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge.
- j. Jane Geisler asked if the Empire State Trail's [Maybrook Trailway](#) (from Hopewell to Putnam County) is open. Emily clarified that portions have been paved but it is not yet open to the public *[it will open in 2021]*.

5) Funding, Events & Announcements

- a. [Greenway Grants](#) are due February 7th
- b. Events: *Let's Bike Hudson Valley*, March 7-8, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, & Kingston

6) Follow-up Items

- a. [County bicycle parking map](#): review & send updates
- b. Send Emily ideas for future presentations
 - Paul suggested a presentation on the Poughkeepsie Urban Trail
 - Michelle said she could present on the Climate Smart Communities program and transportation-related goals.

7) Next Meeting: April 30, 3-5pm, DCC, Student Services Building #204

- a. Meeting schedule: January, April, July, October; last Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 pm (typically)

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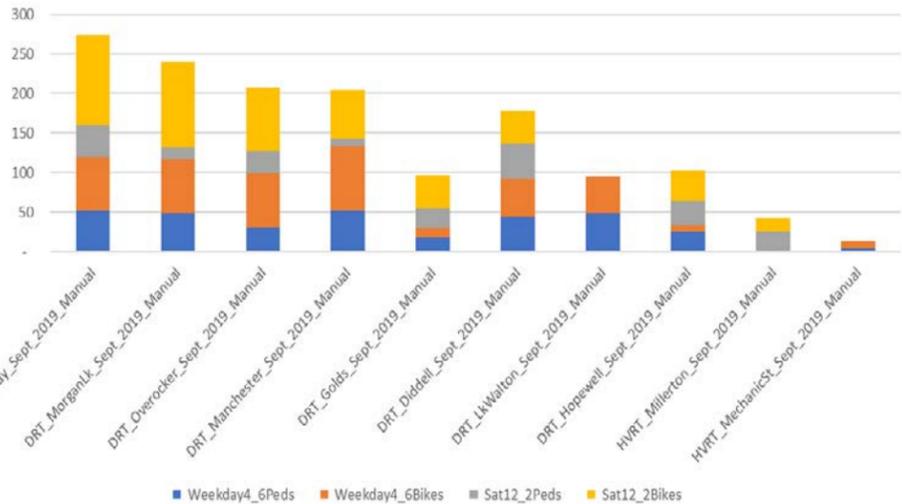
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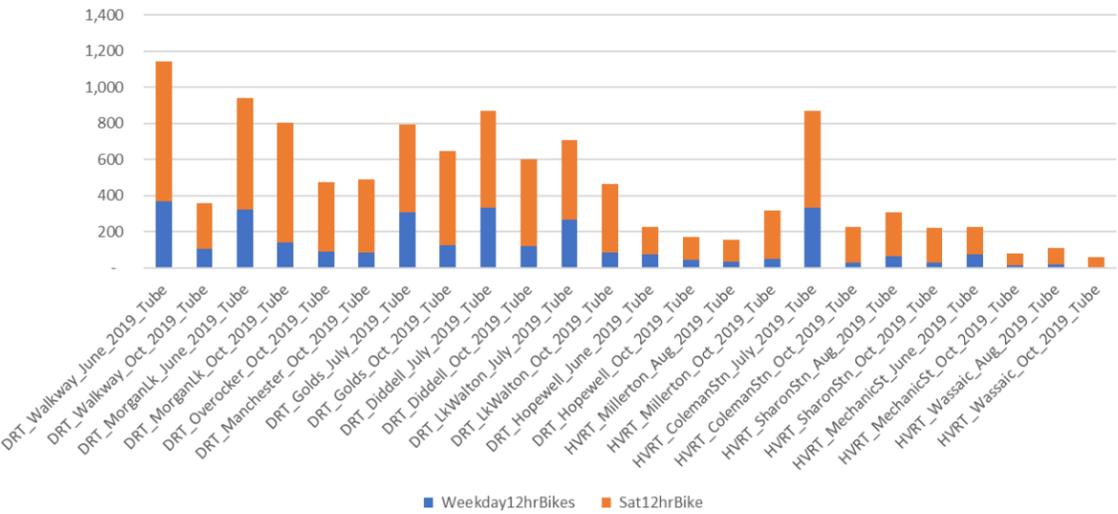
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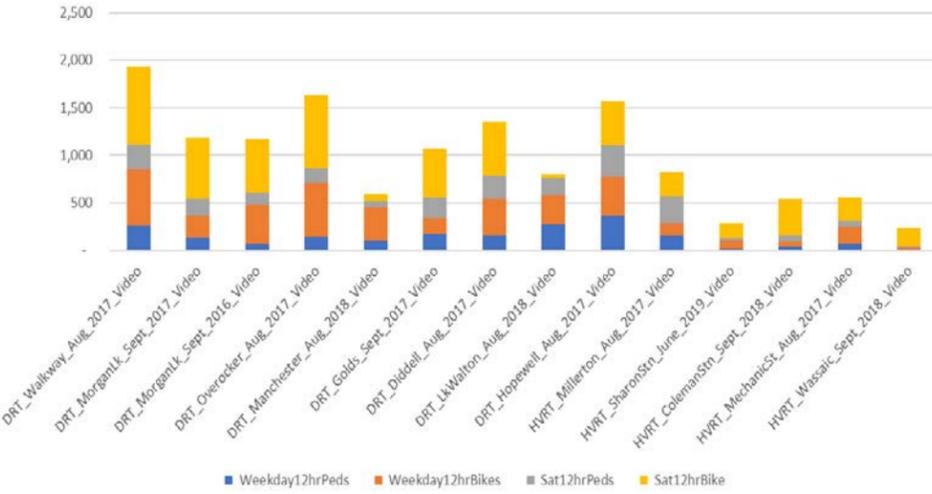
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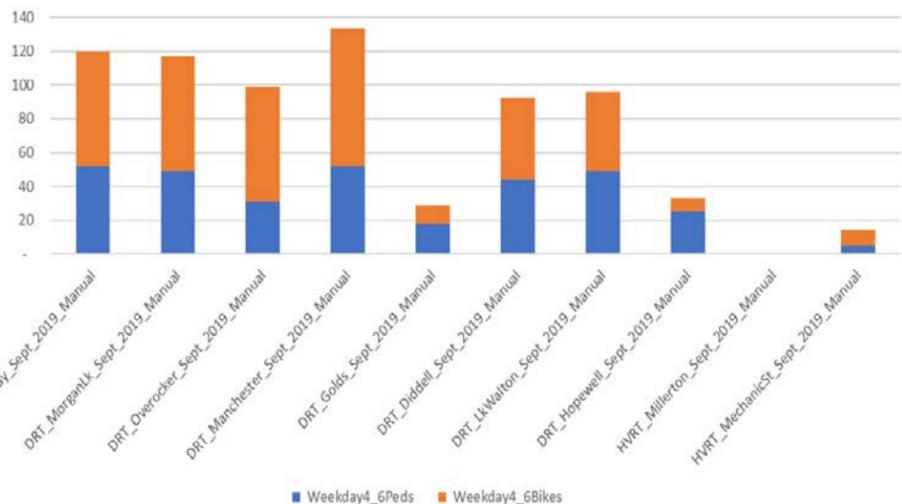
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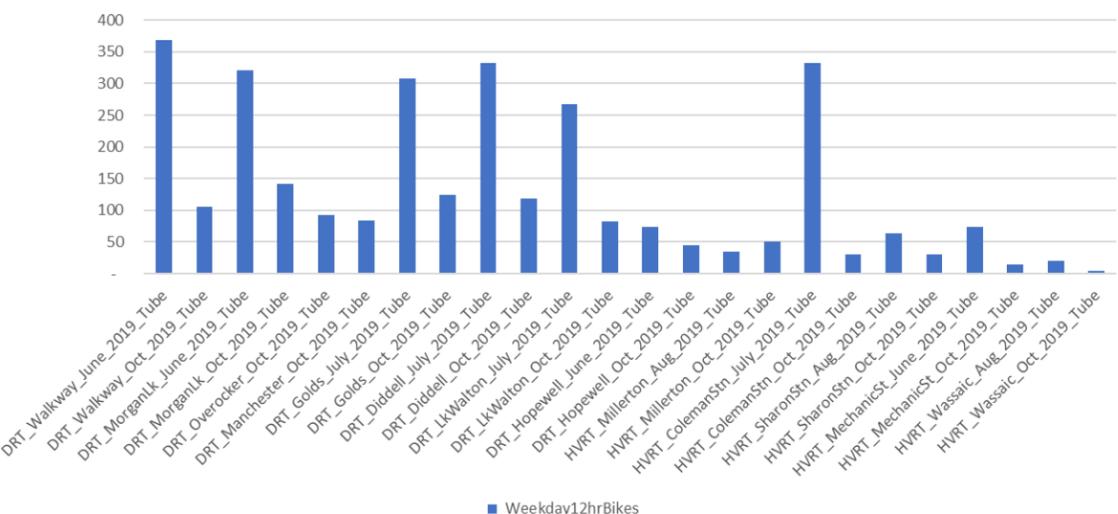
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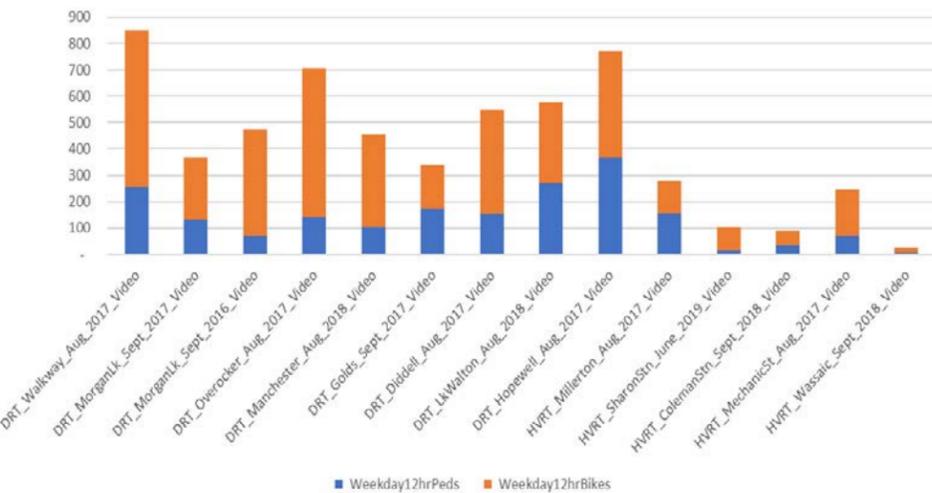
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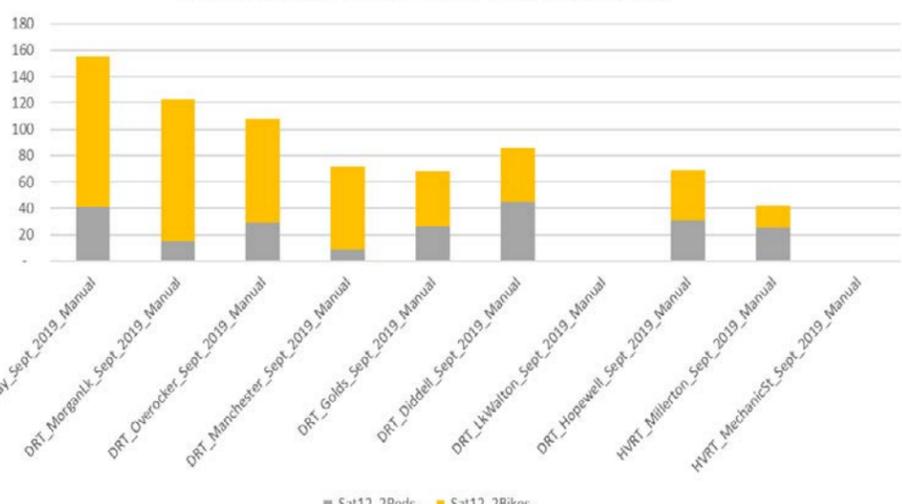
2019 Bike Tube Counts - Weekday (7am-7pm)



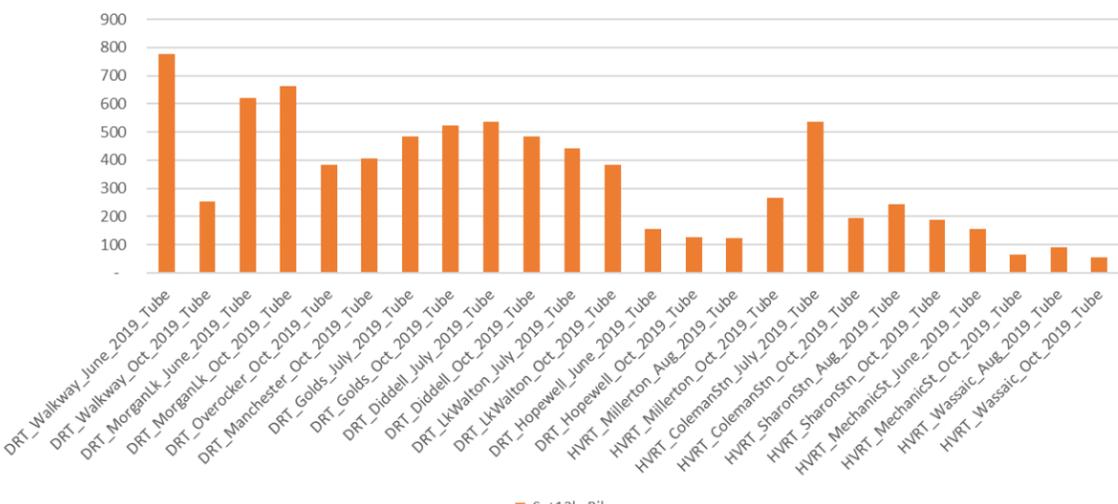
2016-19 Video Counts - Weekday (7am-7pm)



2019 September Manual Counts - Saturday (12-2pm)



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