

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 2026, 2:30 pm
via Microsoft Teams

— Meeting Summary —

- 1. Introductions** – Emily Dozier (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions (see list below).
- 2. Presentation: Beacon Pedestrian Facility Inventory** – Amanda LaRosa, Creighton Manning Engineering

Amanda gave an overview of a study that the City of Beacon requested through the DCTC. DCTC has a contract with Creighton Manning Engineering to provide engineering services and Amanda's team did the study. They inventoried the location and condition of sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals and crosswalks on public roads in Beacon. The study will include a report (currently in final review) and a series of GIS mapping files that the City can use to prioritize improvements and will update to track the condition of their pedestrian facilities.

The team collected data using the 'Field Maps' app (a paid service that collects information and photos about specific locations) and a smart level (which measures widths and slopes). It took about 124 hours to inventory all the facilities, which equates to about ½ mile per hour.

Amanda shared tables and maps of the findings. Each facility was rated either poor, fair, good or very good based on condition and accessibility criteria. The team also looked at sidewalk material and sidewalk gaps.

The group discussed preferred materials for sidewalks, best practices for sidewalk maintenance, pedestrian signal operations, and issues with street trees and sidewalks. Emily shared an [article about street trees and sidewalks](#). Amanda and Emily noted that residents and communities could do a similar study with a more basic approach, depending on resources. Emily also explained that DCTC can assist municipalities with similar studies, based on requests and staff capacity. There are also grants available to assist with this type of inventory and planning work.

3. Partner Reports & DCTC Studies

- Rob highlighted some advocacy efforts that [Bike Poughkeepsie](#) is focused on, including a 3-foot safe passing law for Dutchess County and an effort to convince NYSDOT to reconsider their plans for the Route 82 bridge project to allow the rail trail to cross over Route 82 via a bridge (the original design) rather than under it via an underpass. Emily shared the [NYSDOT local projects page](#) for project schedule and other information.

- b. Rob also announced [Let's Bike Hudson Valley](#), which includes a ride in Poughkeepsie on May 2nd. Bike Poughkeepsie will also be doing bike repairs and tabling at the May 9th Vassar Farm plant sale (at Vassar Barns).
- c. Tracy shared events planned for Vassar College's first ever [Bike Week celebration](#).
- d. Gerry noted that Shorewalkers' main event, [the Great Saunter](#), is this Saturday. It's a 32-mile walk around Manhattan.
- e. Nancy announced a public performance event at the City of Poughkeepsie's cisterns at College Hill park, on May 9 from 1-8 pm. Tracy asked about bike parking; Emily noted that the [Bike Dutchess](#) app shows a rack by the playground. She encouraged the group to send her updates on bike rack locations and conditions.
- f. Emily updated the group on various County efforts:
 - a. County DPW projects: The Maple Ave sidewalks improvements in Millerton should start construction in late 2026; the Main/Grand intersection improvement in Arlington (with pedestrian signals and improved crosswalks) is in final design, with construction planned for 2027; and a new sidewalk project on Jackson St in Fishkill is starting, with construction planned for 2028.
 - b. The County's Complete Streets Committee has a [Watch Out For Me campaign](#) with videos and other resources. We are looking for bus stop shelters near crosswalks to add install 'Watch Out For Me' decals. The group discussed questions related to bus stops, shelters, and the [transit app](#). Rosie suggested that the bus schedules be posted at bus stops. Emily explained how shelter locations are selected and shared the public transit email for additional questions: publictransit@dutchessny.gov. There is also a phone number on the [Dutchess County Public Transit](#) webpage.
 - c. [County Transit](#) is installing new fareboxes that will accept payment by phone and credit card. They are also installing a third round of shelters at high-use locations.
 - d. DCTC's Transportation [Safety Action Plan](#) was adopted. It includes a lot of resources including a [Countermeasure Toolkit Report](#) with tools for reducing speeds and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety, and a [Systemic Countermeasures Report](#) that includes treatments for locations at higher risk for pedestrian crashes. There are also maps of all these locations on the website.
 - e. DCTC is updating our countywide transportation plan, [Moving Dutchess Forward](#). The Plan is all online and includes a lot of information about various types of transportation. There is also a map viewer with maps showing sidewalks, rail trails, bus service frequency, key destinations, and other information. Also, there is an online survey about investment priorities.
 - f. Tracy asked how to tell who owns various roads. Emily showed an online map of roads by owner (or 'maintenance jurisdiction'): [New York State Roadway Inventory System Viewer](#) (select 'maintenance jurisdiction' from the list of layers on the top left). The map also shows City/Town/Village boundaries. Emily added that roads with black & white signs are State roads; roads with blue & yellow signs are County roads; others are local (Town, Village, or City) roads.
 - g. The group also discussed how to find out about and advocate for transportation changes. Emily encouraged the group to participate in DCTC's monthly [Planning](#)

[Committee meetings](#), reach out to your local Supervisor or Mayor, or DCTC (dctc@dutchessny.gov).

- h. DCTC’s [Traffic Data](#) app now has all the 2025 ped/bike counts. Emily announced that the volunteer ped/bike count program is transitioning, now that we have more reliable data available through our video-based counts. Instead of having volunteers conduct 2-hour counts, we will ask municipalities for requests for video-based ped/bike counts. If a community wants to do manual counts for a special project, we can provide the forms and training.

Events, Funding & Announcements

- a. [Let’s Bike Hudson Valley](#) – 5/2 Poughkeepsie, 5/7 Kingston, 5/9 Newburgh
- b. [Bike to Work Week at Vassar College](#) – May 11-15
- c. [Rails to Trails webinar](#) on e-bikes, e-motos and safety on trails – May 13, 1pm
- d. [League of American Bicyclists certifications](#): Bicycle-Friendly Business (6/3), Community (6/17), University (8/5)
- e. Grants:
 - i. [Hudson Valley Greenway: Trail Grants](#): up to \$250k; open July 6, due August 7
 - j. [Rails to Trails Conservancy Trail Grants](#): \$10,000-25,000 – due May 10
 - k. [Rugged Ridge Trail Access Program](#): up to \$5,000 for land conservation and trail access
 - l. [Extreme Terrain Clean Trail Grant Program](#): \$250 for trail improvements

4. Follow-up Items

- a. [Bike Dutchess](#) app: send Emily bike rack/fix-it station locations (photo and description) and any suggestions for improvements.
- b. See our [BPAC webpage](#) for meeting summaries, recordings, and presentations, as well as a link to sign up for our email list.
- c. Let Emily know if you have a presentation idea!

5. Next Meeting: July 30th, 2:30 pm

- a. Meeting schedule: January, April, July, October; last Thursday, 2:30 - 4:00

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