

Dutchess County Transportation Council
Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 23, 2018
Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

1. **Introductions**: Mr. Eoin Wrafter, Commissioner of Planning and Development, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, noting that he was sitting in for County Executive Mr. Marcus Molinaro. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached list).
2. **Public Participation**: Mr. Wrafter opened the meeting for public comments; none were received.
3. **Approval of Minutes**: The March 29, 2017 minutes were presented for approval.

MOTION: To approve minutes was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Marc Nelson, designee for Mr. Rob Rolison (C. Poughkeepsie). All others were in favor.

4. **New Business**: Nine (9) resolutions were on the agenda for Council approval. Mr. Mark Debald, Transportation Program Administrator, explained each resolution as follows:
 - a. **Resolution 18-04 (Allocation of previously unallocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds for regional transit projects)** – This resolution seeks approval for the programming of \$3.6 million in unallocated Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014-2015 Section 5307 transit funding. These funds have been set aside to support regional transit needs. In November 2017, the three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) of the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) (the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County Transportation Councils) issued a joint call for capital projects. The TMA received three applications from local transit providers. A TMA project review committee evaluated the eligibility and deliverability of the three applications, and subsequently determined that two of the projects warranted funding support:
 1. Adirondack Transit Lines: Construction of an 18,000 sq. ft. expansion of the Trailways maintenance facility in Hurley, NY, which will include a bus wash, collision repair space, and parts inventory areas. Total cost of \$3 million (\$2.4 million federal).
 2. Dutchess County Public Transit: Purchase and installation of 25 bus shelters, 400 bus stop signs, and 400 information panels; purchase of diagnostic maintenance equipment; purchase and installation of Wi-Fi units and ADA annunciators on transit vehicles; and the purchase and installation of real time information boards at major transit stops. Total cost of \$762,000 (\$610,000 federal).

The TMA also agreed to support the exploration of innovative mobility projects and planning initiatives by allocating \$200,000 in federal transit funds to each county. Mr. Debald described possible uses for this money, including partnerships with mobility services and transit planning efforts. He noted that there would still be \$3.7 million in the TMA's set-aside balance, which might be used to implement recommendations stemming from the Regional Transit Study.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 18-04 was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Robert LaColla (T. Fishkill). All were in favor.

- b. **Resolutions 18-05 and 18-06 (Apportionment of FFY 2017 & 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA))** – These two resolutions seek approval for the allocation of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 and 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). This action is a routine occurrence that takes place after the FTA apportions 5307 funds to the TMA (also known as UZA 89).

FTA Section 5307 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County Transportation Councils. The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation, prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective transit operators. The OCTC and UCTC must approve similar resolutions. The funding allocations are based on 2015-2016 operating statistics and 2010 Census data.

For FFY 2017, Dutchess County Public Transit will receive a total of \$1,782,525, while the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will receive a total of \$2,898,896. For FFY 2018, Dutchess County Public Transit will receive a total of \$2,116,664, while the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will receive a total of \$3,214,056.

Mr. Debald noted that the 2017 funding was delayed due to an impasse between New York State and New Jersey. Ulster County's allocation is \$0 for 2017, the result of a loan the County took from the TMA, while the inter-state funding agreement was delayed. Mr. Marc Nelson (C. Poughkeepsie) asked whether this would pay off the entirety of that loan; Mr. Debald confirmed that it would.

Mr. Marc Albrecht (MTA) noted that the Transit Enhancement requirement listed as a footnote in each Resolution's Attachment 1 may no longer be needed. Mr. Debald responded that he would investigate.

MOTION: To adopt Resolutions 18-05 and 18-06 was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Marc Nelson, designee for Mr. Rob Rolison (C. Poughkeepsie). All were in favor.

- c. **Resolutions 18-07 and 18-08 (Apportionment of FFY 2017 & 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA))** – These two resolutions seek approval for the allocation of FFY 2017 and 2018 FTA Section 5339 formula funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from federal authorizations to our urbanized area (also known as UZA 89), under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County Transportation Councils. The three Councils must agree to the TMA allocation in order to distribute the funds to their respective public bus operators. The OCTC and UCTC must approve similar resolutions. The funding formula is based on vehicle fleet sizes.

Dutchess County Public Transit will receive a total of \$444,560 for FFY 2017 and \$907,928 for FFY 2018.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 18-07 and 18-08 was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Randy Casale (C. Beacon). All were in favor.

- d. **Resolution 18-09 (Amendment #17-06 to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP))** – The DCTC has proposed 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 DCTC periodically updates the TIP to add new projects, remove existing projects, or change a project’s cost, schedule, or scope. The DCTC classifies significant TIP changes (such as a 25% change in project cost) as “amendments” that require Council approval. Mr. Debald noted that DCTC will be developing a new TIP next year.

Amendment #17-06, adds three new projects, adds funding to three existing projects, removes one project, and reduces funding for an existing project. The new projects include two pedestrian safety initiatives and a transit capital project. A 15-day public comment period was held from July 26-August 9, 2018 and no comments were received. Mr. Debald briefly reviewed each of the proposed changes, as shown in the attachment to the resolution.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 18-09 was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Randy Casale (C. Beacon). All were in favor.

- e. **Resolution 18-10 (Resolution to support New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) targets for safety performance measures)** – This resolution seeks DCTC support of statewide highway and non-motorized performance measures established by NYSDOT for their Highway Safety Improvement Program and by the

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the 2019 Highway Safety Strategic Plan. The measures, required by federal law, establish statewide targets for five items:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries

The resolution states that the DCTC will plan and program projects that contribute to realizing the State's targets. Mr. DeBald explained that the 2015 FAST Act (the current federal transportation bill) placed greater emphasis on performance monitoring; these measures are the beginning of implementation of that mandate. He noted that adoption of the NYSDOT performance measures does not preclude DCTC from developing its own measures in the future.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 18-10 was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Jon Baisley (T. Poughkeepsie). All were in favor.

- f. **Resolution 18-11 (Resolution to support New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) targets for performance measures related to bridge and pavement conditions on the National Highway System (NHS) and system and freight performance on the NHS)** – This resolution seeks DCTC support of statewide highway performance measures established by NYSDOT for the National Highway System (NHS). As required by federal law, NYSDOT has established performance targets for the following categories:

1. Bridge Performance on the NHS
2. Pavement Performance on the NHS (by Interstate and Non-Interstate)
3. System Performance on the NHS (by Interstate and Non-Interstate)
4. Freight Performance on the NHS (for Interstate Only)

The resolution states that the DCTC will plan and program projects that contribute to realizing the State's targets, which were finalized on May 20, 2018. By law, MPOs have 180 days from this date to either formally support the targets or establish their own targets. Based on discussions between NYSDOT and the 14 MPOs in New York, it is recommended that we support the State's targets.

Mr. Wrafter, Mr. DeBald, and Mr. LaColla (T. Fishkill) discussed the timeline for these measures. Mr. DeBald noted that "year 2" and "year 4" referred to 2020 and 2022, respectively. In 2022 the measures will be reevaluated and adjusted as needed. Mr. LaColla asked why the measures showed no improvement, and often worsened over the four years. Mr. DeBald stated that these measures are not aspirational and reflect the realities of worsening conditions and limited resources.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 18-11 was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Marc Nelson, designee for Mr. Rob Rolison (C. Poughkeepsie). All were in favor.

- g. **Resolution 18-12 (Endorsement of new performance management targets established by Dutchess County Public Transit)** – This resolution seeks DCTC endorsement of State of Good Repair (SGR) performance measures that have been established by Dutchess County Public Transit (DCPT) as part of their Transit Asset Management process. The measures, which focus on the useful life of revenue vehicles, were first endorsed by the DCTC in 2017. Since then, DCPT’s bus fleet has changed, necessitating new targets.

The resolution states that the DCTC will plan and program projects that contribute to realizing DCPT’s new targets.

Mr. LaColla (T. Fishkill) asked whether these are the only measures adopted by DCPT, or whether additional measures, such as on-time performance or ridership, had been established. Mr. DeBald responded that these were the only official measures, but that we could adopt others at the local level. He also noted that on-time performance and ridership are addressed in DCTC’s long-range plan.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 18-12 was moved by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Ms. Emily Svenson, designee for Ms. Aileen Rohr (T. Hyde Park). All were in favor.

5. Communications and Reports:

Mr. DeBald updated the Council on several ongoing DCTC projects:

DCTC staff, in coordination with OCTC and UCTC, have begun work on the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA Regional Transit Study. The study will address improving inter-county and inter-regional transit connections, as well as the capital needs for transit operators in the region.

The TMA is also working on an update to our Congestion Management Process. Staff will present our progress at the New York State Association of MPOs Modeling Working Group conference in a few weeks and will provide an update at an upcoming Planning Committee meeting.

The Village of Pawling Pedestrian Plan is ongoing. Staff finished the inventory stage of the project and is now looking at preliminary recommendations.

The Downtown Poughkeepsie Parking Study has concluded with the delivery of an Action Plan for the City. Mr. DeBald commended the consultants at Nelson/Nygaard for their work

and encouraged interested Council members to look over the planning documents on the City's website.

DCTC plans to undertake a safety assessment of CR 9 (Beekman Road) between Carpenter Road and the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of East Fishkill this fall. The location was selected based on a review of crash data and input from the Planning Committee.

DCTC staff continues to prepare for the 2019-2020 UPWP. The Council released a call for planning proposals and received ten proposals from six municipalities/agencies. Staff has completed an initial review, and further review will take place at the September Planning Committee meeting.

6. Call for Announcements:

Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill) discussed ongoing attempts by the owner of Camp Beacon to sell the property and recommended that local government take steps to prepare for potential public-private partnerships. There is potential for a new vehicular connection between the property and Dutchess Stadium.

Randy Casale (C. Beacon) and Lance MacMillan (NYSDOT) discussed traffic congestion at the I-84/9D interchange. Mr. Casale recommended converting the middle (northbound-only) lane on 9D to a second left turn lane. Mr. Casale and Mr. MacMillan agreed to discuss the matter further at a later date.

Emily Svenson (T. Hyde Park) informed the Council that the Town is continuing their Complete Streets work in the Hyde Park hamlet, including new sidewalks on Route 9 and on Pine Woods Road. Ms. Svenson also noted that the Town recently completed a [Town Center Plan](#) for the hamlet, using a Cleaner Greener Communities grant obtained in 2014.

7. Adjourn:

Mr. Eoin Wrafter closed the meeting, thanking attendees for their participation.

Meeting Attendance List

	First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Phone Number
1	Tim	Lett	DC Public Transit	
2	Randy	Casale	City of Beacon	845-838-5010
3	Mark	Debald	DCTC	845-486-3600
4	Jon	Baisley	Town of Poughkeepsie	845-485-3607
5	William	Gallagher	Town of Milan	845-758-5133

6	Ivana	Powers	North East Community Center	518-491-7086
7	Bob	LaColla	Town of Fishkill	845-831-7800
8	David	Whalen	DC Dept of Public Works	845-486-2059
9	Nicole	Farmer	NYS DOT – Region 8	845-431-5739
10	Richard	Thurston	Town of Wappinger	845-453-3235
11	Lance	MacMillan	NYS DOT – Region 8	845-431-5750
12	Marc	Nelson	City of Poughkeepsie designee	845-451-4075
13	Marc	Albrecht	MTA	212-878-7082
14	Emily	Svenson	Town of Hyde Park designee	845-489-2286
15	Sandra	Jobson	NYS DOT – Region 8	845-431-5723
16	Emily	Dozier	DCTC	845-486-3600
17	Dylan	Tuttle	DCTC	845-486-3600
18	Eoin	Wrafter	DC Planning	845-486-3600
19	Sam	Scardefield	Mass Design Group/Hudson Valley Design Lab	