

Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
11:00 a.m.

— Meeting Summary —

1. **Roll Call:** Ms. Sue Serino, Dutchess County Executive and Chairperson of the Dutchess County Transportation Council, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached list).
2. **Public Participation:** Ms. Serino invited public comments, but there were none.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Serino presented the meeting minutes from June 25, 2025, for approval, inviting any discussion or proposed corrections. There were none.

Ms. Serino asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting on June 25, 2025 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Resolution #26-05: Adoption of the DCTC Transportation Safety Action Plan**

Mr. Mark Debold, Transportation Program Administrator, reviewed the Resolution as follows:

The DCTC seeks the adoption of the 2026 Transportation Safety Action Plan, or SAP. The SAP includes a comprehensive, data driven safety analysis to understand crash patterns across the county, as well as a two-part screening process: a Hotspot Screening to identify priority crash locations, and a Systemic Screening to identify locations where proactive safety improvements can be applied. The SAP reflects the USDOT's Safe System Approach and frames improvements around ten emphasis areas. Both infrastructure-based and behavioral countermeasures are included to reduce crashes. The SAP also establishes a 2050 goal of zero traffic fatalities and a reduction in serious injuries by 50%. The SAP, by meeting the requirements of USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, enables the County and all 30 municipalities in Dutchess to apply for funding from the federal SS4A program and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Ms. Emily Dozier, Senior Planner, and Cory Hopwood, Cambridge Systematics consultant, presented highlights of the SAP, including the goals identified in the plan and resources available to municipalities interested in safety improvements.

Ms. Karen Smythe, Village of Red Hook Mayor, thanked the DCTC staff for their extensive work putting the SAP together and making it actionable for local communities.

Ms. Serino asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-05 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

b. Resolution #26-06: Endorsement of Modifications to the Federal Functional Classification of Select County and Local Roads in Dutchess County, New York

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

The DCTC proposes the endorsement of a series of proposed modifications to the federal functional classification of select County and Local roads in Dutchess County. DCTC staff worked with NYSDOT to review the proposed changes, which are intended to better characterize each road's function in the network, reflecting changes in population, land use characteristics, and travel patterns. Functional classification also affects federal aid eligibility, which determines whether a road or other facility can receive federal transportation funding. The Council's endorsement will be included in the package sent to NYSDOT, along with the applicable municipal support letters.

Ms. Serino asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Ms. Serino asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-06 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

c. Resolution #26-07: Amendment #26-01 to the DCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

The DCTC proposes an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the five-year capital program that assigns federal funds to transportation projects 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. We classify significant TIP changes as amendments that require Council approval. A public comment period was held from March 9-23, 2026 and no objections were noted.

Amendment #26-01 makes the following changes to the TIP:

- Adds a new NYSDOT project to replace the Spackenkill Rd Bridge (NYS Route 113) over US Route 9 in the Town of Poughkeepsie (PIN 800703).
- Adds federal funding to an existing NYSDOT project to improve the NYS Route 52/82 intersection in the Town of Fishkill (PIN 802175).

Ms. Serino asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-07 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

5. **Communications and Reports:** A summary of recent and ongoing DCTC activities was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Debald and Ms. Nina Leonard, Planner, provided a brief overview of these activities, including the update of DCTC's countywide long-range transportation plan, Moving Dutchess Forward; the Coordinated Public Transit – Human-Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan); the completion of the Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Feasibility Study; a Route 9/9D Signal Optimization Study; the annual Traffic Count Program; a City of Beacon Sidewalk Inventory; and the DCTC's Federal Certification Review (conducted every four years).
6. **Call for Announcements:** Ms. Serino asked for any announcements from members. Ms. Lauren Abbatantuono, Town of Beekman Supervisor, requested guidance on pursuing an intersection improvement at Route 55/CR 9-Beekman Rd, in coordination with NYSDOT and the County. Ms. Caitlin Holt, NYSDOT Region 8 Designee, offered to investigate the matter for Ms. Abbatantuono.

Mr. Debald announced that the DCTC will hold a Call for Planning Proposals later this year.

7. **Adjourn:** Ms. Serino asked for a motion to adjourn. MOTION: To adjourn was moved and seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

03/25/2026 Meeting Participants:

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