

Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

1:30 p.m.

— Meeting Summary —

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Christopher Baiano, Assistant Dutchess County Executive, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, noting that he was representing County Executive Mr. Marcus Molinaro. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached list).
2. **Public Participation:** Mr. Baiano opened the meeting for public comments. Mr. Jeffrey Aman, a resident of the City of Poughkeepsie, offered comments on the Route 44/55 Arterials in the City of Poughkeepsie. He stated that NYSDOT's priority is to move cars through the city, and that DCTC's Poughkeepsie 9.44.55 study does not do enough to address the economic, social, and safety issues brought on by the Arterials. He requested another study of the Arterials from the perspective of the people who live in the city. Mr. Aman shared that the speeds on the Arterials make them feel like raceways, and there is no enforcement. He added that the Arterials cause traffic to be confusing and dangerous, and they act as physical and cultural barriers within the city. Mr. Aman suggested that the Arterials be converted into two-way streets with a single lane in each direction, and that school zones be signed at 20 mph.

Mr. Baiano called for further comments. There were none.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Baiano presented the minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting for approval and asked for any discussion or corrections. There were none.

MOTION: To approve minutes was moved by Mr. Nicholas D'Alessandro (T. of East Fishkill) and seconded by Mr. Richard Thurston (T. of Wappinger). All others were in favor.

4. **New Business:**

a. DCTC Logo and Style Guide

Ms. Alex Tuller of Drake Creative reviewed the process used to develop a new logo for the DCTC. At the core of the process was to understand DCTC's values and work. This led to the tagline "Better ways from here to there". The tagline and messaging helped inspire the logo and its various forms, which Ms. Tuller displayed for the group.

b. Resolution #22-05: Adoption of the DCTC FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

This resolution seeks approval for the adoption of the Draft FFY 2023-2027 TIP, our prioritized listing of federally funded transportation projects in Dutchess County. Developed as part of our metropolitan transportation planning process, the TIP is an essential product of our planning program, since it is through the TIP that we commit to the implementation of transportation projects.

The TIP must adhere to the provisions set forth in the current federal transportation law – the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – which authorizes the funding used to support the highway and transit projects in the TIP. Projects must be consistent with the goals and recommendations identified in our 25-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Moving Dutchess Forward, and must also meet fiscal constraint requirements – so not a wish list of projects.

The Draft FFY 2023-2027 TIP is being done as part of a statewide update, which usually happens every three years, and was developed in cooperation with NYSDOT, county agencies, and local municipalities. This new TIP will replace the current 2020-2024 TIP when the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) goes into effect – likely in November.

Overall, the new TIP programs \$191 million in federal transportation funding in Dutchess County, with \$115 million going towards highway projects and \$76 million for transit. Project highlights include:

- Five bridge replacements across the county: NYS Route 82 over the Metro-North rail line in East Fishkill; Garden St., Mansion St., and Washington St. over the Fallkill Creek in the City of Poughkeepsie; and Saw Kill Rd over the Saw Kill in the Town of Red Hook
- Reconstruction of Teller Ave. in the City of Beacon
- Purchase of 33 new buses for Dutchess County Public Transit

In addition to projects located solely in Dutchess County, the TIP programs federal funding for systemwide maintenance projects across the seven-county region of NYSDOT-Region 8, which includes Dutchess County. These projects cover work such as repairing bridges and culverts, repaving roads, and replacing traffic signals on State highways.

A 30-day public comment period was held from July 26-August 24, 2022. We also held a virtual public meeting on August 10th to introduce the TIP and answer questions. We received one comment via email, questioning the transformative qualities of the recommended 3-to-2 lane road diet in the Poughkeepsie 9.44.55 study. As the TIP does not include this project, we've recorded the comment as part of our Poughkeepsie 9.44.55 post-study coordination process. No other comments were received.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

c. Resolution #22-06: Adoption of the 1997 Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area Transportation Conformity Determination Statement

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

The DCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) completed a joint transportation conformity process for their TIPs. The Clean Air Act requires that federally funded or approved highway and transit activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations or worsen regional air quality. The DCTC followed a template developed by FHWA and endorsed by NYSDOT. A 30-day public comment period was held from August 1-August 30, 2022. No comments were received.

Mr. Baiano asked if there were any comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

d. Resolution #22-07: Apportionment of FFY 2021 FTA Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA)

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks approval of the allocation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

On March 29, 2021, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released its formula derived apportionments for FTA Section 5307 ARPA funding to urbanized areas; the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urbanized Area received \$66,481,159. On January 26, 2022, this amount was revised based on an agreement between New York and New Jersey, where New York would receive \$65,354,962 and New Jersey \$1,126,197.

Based on a methodology developed by NYSDOT, and with the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster MPOs having considered the needs of transit operators in the region, we have reached consensus on the sub-allocation of FFY 2021 ARPA funding apportioned to our urbanized area (see Attachment 1 of Resolution #22-07). These funds will support transit services within the three counties and regional transit services provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The amount allocated to Dutchess County Public Transit totals \$4,920,505. These funds require no local match and can be used for capital expenses and operating assistance. This leaves \$28,483,794 in unallocated funds reserved for future TMA programming. Mr. Debald noted that this may be allocated to private operators if needed, or to public operators.

Mr. Baiano asked if there were any comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

e. Resolution #22-08: Apportionment of FFY 2021 FTA Funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks approval of the allocation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

On January 11, 2021, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released its formula-derived apportionments for FTA Section 5307 CRRSAA funding to urbanized areas; the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urbanized Area received a total of \$4,035,019. On January 26, 2022, this amount was revised based on an agreement between New York and New Jersey, where New York would receive \$3,980,142 and New Jersey \$54,877.

Based on a methodology developed by NYSDOT, and with the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster MPOs having considered the needs of transit operators in the region, we have reached consensus on the sub-allocation of FFY 2021 CRRSAA funding apportioned to our urbanized area (see Attachment 1 of Resolution #22-08). These funds will support transit services within the three counties and regional transit services provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The amount allocated to Dutchess County Public Transit totals \$299,661. These funds require no local match and can be used for capital expenses and operating assistance. This leaves \$1,734,674 in unallocated funds reserved for future TMA programming.

Mr. Baiano asked if there were any more comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

f. Resolution #22-09: Apportionment of FFY 2021 FTA Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 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 5307/5340 funds to the TMA.

FTA Section 5307/5340 funds flow to the TMA, which includes the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County MPOs. The three MPOs must agree to the TMA allocation prior to distributing the funds to their respective transit operators. The OCTC and UCTC must also approve similar resolutions.

Using funding allocations based on 2018 operating statistics (e.g., share of bus vehicle revenue miles) and 2010 Census data, Dutchess County Public Transit would receive \$2,192,465 for FFY

2021, while the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) would receive \$2,993,044. This leaves \$12,751,241 in unallocated funds reserved for future TMA programming. Mr. Debald noted that the 2021 and 2022 allocations were separated for accounting purposes.

Mr. Baiano asked if there were any comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

g. Resolution #22-10: Apportionment of FFY 2021 FTA Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2021 FTA Section 5339 formula funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from federal authorizations to our urbanized area under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, which includes the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County MPOs. The three MPOs must agree to the TMA allocation prior to distributing the funds to their respective public bus operators. The OCTC and UCTC must also approve similar resolutions.

Using a formula based on vehicle fleet sizes, Dutchess County Public Transit would receive \$746,038 for FFY 2021.

Mr. Baiano asked if there were any more comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

h. Resolution #22-11: Apportionment of FFY 2022 FTA Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5340 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 5307/5340 funds to the TMA.

FTA Section 5307/5340 funds flow to the TMA, which includes the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County MPOs. The three MPOs must agree to the TMA allocation prior to distributing the funds to their respective transit operators. The OCTC and UCTC must approve similar resolutions.

Using funding allocations based on 2019 operating statistics (e.g., share of bus vehicle revenue miles) and 2010 Census data, Dutchess County Public Transit would receive \$3,436,191 for FFY

2022, while the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) would receive \$4,684,375. This leaves \$13,871,106 in unallocated funds reserved for future TMA programming.

Mr. Baiano asked if there were any more comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

i. Resolution #22-12: Apportionment of FFY 2022 FTA Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2022 FTA Section 5339 formula funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from federal authorizations to our urbanized area under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, which includes the Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County MPOs. The three MPOs must agree to the TMA allocation to distribute the funds to their public bus operators. The OCTC and UCTC must approve similar resolutions.

Using a funding formula based on vehicle fleet sizes, Dutchess County Public Transit would receive \$716,700 for FFY 2022.

Mr. Baiano asked if there were any more comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

j. Resolution #22-13: Endorsement of NYSDOT 2023 Targets for Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks the endorsement of statewide highway and non-motorized safety performance measures established by NYSDOT for their Highway Safety Improvement Program and by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for their 2023 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. Baiano asked if there were any more comments. None were noted.

Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

5. **Communications and Reports:** A summary of recent and ongoing DCTC activities was provided in the meeting packet (see attached). Mr. Debald briefly reviewed these projects. Highlights included:

- A new Public Participation Plan, which is underway
- Several commendations from FHWA/FTA for Moving Dutchess Forward and the Poughkeepsie 9.44.55 study
- A pedestrian plan for the Dover Plains hamlet
- A vulnerability assessment of the county's transportation system, to begin soon
- A new on-call transportation planning services contract, to be in place by the end of the year

Mr. Debald added that DCTC will likely issue a call for planning proposals for the next program year.

6. **Call for Announcements:** Mr. Baiano asked for any announcements from members. There were none.

7. **Adjourn:** Mr. Baiano called for those in favor. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

8/31/2022 Meeting Participants:

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The following is a summary of recently completed or ongoing DCTC activities:

Administrative

- Adopted a [new project selection framework](#) to evaluate and prioritize transportation projects proposed for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – our five-year capital program of federally funded projects in Dutchess County. The framework supports the goals of our new long-range transportation plan, [Moving Dutchess Forward](#).
- Completed a federal certification review of the transportation planning process for the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA), which includes Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. This review, performed by FHWA and FTA, is required every four years. The DCTC received no corrective actions and three commendations: 1) [Moving Dutchess Forward](#) overall, 2) Performance planning and data analysis in [Moving Dutchess Forward](#), and 3) Public involvement for the [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#) study. The three-county TMA also received commendations for our collective Congestion Management Plan and work on bicycle, pedestrian, and transit planning.
- Began development of a new DCTC logo and style guide, which we expect to be unveiled at the DCTC’s August 31st meeting. The new logo will be used across our portfolio to include official letters, emails, social media posts, digital presentations, and reports.

Local Planning

▪ **Poughkeepsie 9.44.55**

Completed [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#), a detailed study of how to redesign the Route 9 Interchange and Route 44/55 Arterials to make them safer, more reliable, and better integrated with nearby neighborhoods. For the Route 9 Interchange near the Mid-Hudson Bridge, the study recommends replacing the existing ‘bow-tie’ configuration with roundabouts, increasing the length of on- and off-ramps, and removing some of the awkward left-side merging movements. For the Arterials, the study recommends reducing each Arterial from three to two lanes of one-way traffic. Though the study is complete, we continue to coordinate with the State, County, City, and Town on ways to implement its recommendations.

▪ **Pedestrian Planning**

Began work on a pedestrian plan for the Dover Plains hamlet in the Town of Dover and a Complete Streets Assessment of sections of Route 9 in the Village of Rhinebeck. For both, we have completed extensive fieldwork and GIS mapping, coordinated with affected agencies, and developed preliminary recommendations. For Dover Plains, we have been working with a volunteer task force of local stakeholders to steer the planning process, review data and draft recommendations, and publicize the plan. In Rhinebeck, we have been working closely with Village officials and NYSDOT to explore solutions that could make Route 9 safer and more comfortable for walking and bicycling.

- **Safety Assessments**

Completed a [Safety Assessment of CR 14 \(Hollow Rd\)](#) in the Town of Clinton from Route 9G to West Cookingham Rd – an identified high crash County road segment in [Moving Dutchess Forward](#). The Assessment suggests several low-cost improvements such as evaluating signs for their location, spacing, and visibility, widening shoulders, and considering high-friction pavement at curves.

Countywide Planning

- **Vulnerability (Resiliency) Assessment**

Finalizing scope for a Vulnerability Assessment of the county's transportation system. The assessment will build upon work done for [Moving Dutchess Forward](#) and deepen our understanding of the effects of climate change on transportation. It will ultimately serve as an online resource to decision makers and the public, providing information about potential climate hazards and setting priorities to help agencies make their systems more resilient. The assessment will also support the county's work on a new Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) and Climate Plan.

- **Universal Accessibility Program**

Building on the success of the Dutcher Ave (CR 69)/Henry St intersection project in the Village of Pawling, we continue to assist County Public Works with its implementation of the County's Universal Accessibility program. The program seeks to make county roads safer and more accessible for all forms of travel. We are collaborating on two pedestrian focused projects: 1) Innis Ave (CR 75) in the Town of Poughkeepsie, and 2) Maple St (CR 65) in the Village of Millerton. Though not funded through the Universal Accessibility program, we are also working with Public Works on a redesign of the Main St/Grand Ave intersection in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

- **Complete Streets**

Continued to coordinate work of the County's Complete Streets Committee, which included a safety awareness/educational campaign. We released a series of four [Watch Out For Me](#) videos, produced by Forge Media, and coordinated with County Communications to post them on social media. We have also partnered with County Transit to install 'Watch Out For Me' decals on bus shelters and led a crosswalk education program at Poughkeepsie's National Night Out event.

- **Traffic Counts**

Completed the 2021 [traffic count program](#), collecting vehicle volume, speed, and classification data on 139 county and local roads, as well as pedestrian and bicycle counts on 16 rail trail sections and four streets. Our tenth annual volunteer ped/bike count program conducted more than 50 two-hour counts across the county on rail trails, street segments, and intersections. The 2022 Traffic Count program began in July and will cover more than 160 locations, and our 2022 volunteer ped/bike count program will take place in September.