

Policy Board Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2026

1:30 p.m.

— Meeting Summary —

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Gregg Pulver, designee for 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:** Mr. Pulver invited public comments; there were three.

James Williams, Dutchess Community College Director of Workforce Education and Development and Village of Wappingers Falls Planning Board Member, asked the Council to expand transportation opportunities for college students and adult learners, particularly at DCC's three campuses. Many students have difficulty getting to class due to a lack of transit options. He also noted that the DCC campus in Fishkill is growing and in need of more robust regional connections.

Gully Stanford, Dutchess County BOCES Board Member, endorsed the comments by Mr. Williams, congratulated the Council on the 2026 Moving Dutchess Forward plan, and voiced his appreciation for the sections on barriers to education and on transportation for all. Mr. Stanford also asked the Council to expand transportation access to education, especially to workforce training programs.

Lisa Kaul, Dutchess County Legislator, asked the Council to increase awareness of available transit services and to improve the frequency of bus service. Ms. Kaul also advocated for traffic calming measures and increased driver education to improve safety, and for better facilities to support walking and bicycling.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Pulver presented the meeting minutes from March 25, 2026 for approval, inviting any discussion or proposed corrections. There were none.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting on March 25, 2026 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

4. **New Business:**

a. Resolution #26-09: Adoption of the DCTC Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Moving Dutchess Forward

Mr. Mark Debald, Transportation Program Administrator, and Ms. Emily Dozier, Senior Planner, reviewed the content of the 2026 long-range transportation plan, Moving Dutchess Forward. A summary of the Plan was provided in the meeting packet, as well as a summary of public comments received on the Plan along with DCTC's responses to each comment.

The Plan serves as a strategic vision to improve transportation in Dutchess County through 2050. It sets our long-term goals for the system and priorities for federal transportation funding. Like the 2021 version, Moving Dutchess Forward follows four steps – Learn, Assess, Advocate, and Invest.

In Learn, we review demographic, travel pattern, housing, economic, freight, climate change, and transportation technology trends and how they could affect future transportation in the county.

In Assess, we review barriers to basic needs, safety, and reliability across all modes – from bus access and sidewalk networks to congestion management.

In Advocate, we detail best practices and policies and specify actions that DCTC, the County, and local municipalities can take to advance the goals of Moving Dutchess Forward.

In Invest, we compare the estimated amount of future federal funding with the cost to maintain our current infrastructure and services. Based on the current funding landscape and inflation rates, the cost to maintain a state of good repair exceeds our anticipated funding. The deficit would need to be managed by reducing costs, increasing state/county/local funding, or using innovative financing methods. We outline a set of Investment Priorities to maintain and improve our transportation system. We also detail a list of Illustrative Projects that would have more transformative effects but do not currently have identified funding.

Ms. Rebecca Edwards, Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor, noted that it could be helpful to highlight changes needed at the federal level by adding federal actions to the Advocate section. Ms. Karen Smythe, Village of Red Hook Mayor, thanked the DCTC staff for their work in developing the plan. Mr. Ozzy Albra, Town of Fishkill Supervisor, asked about the ownership history of State and County roads.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-09 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

b. Resolution #26-10: Adoption of the Summer 2026 Air Quality Conformity Determination Statement for the 1997 Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area

Mr. Debald explained that this determination shows that the recommendations in Moving Dutchess Forward will not worsen regional air quality.

Mr. Pulver asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-10 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

c. Resolution #26-11: Adoption of the DCTC Coordination Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Ms. Nina Leonard, Planner, presented the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan ("Coordinated Plan"), which aims to improve local transportation for older adults (65+) and people with disabilities by developing strategies to address transportation gaps and needs. The Coordinated Plan is federally mandated and updated approximately every five years. A summary of the Plan was provided in the meeting packet.

The Plan identifies four gaps, Geographic, Temporal, Informational, and Intuitional, and provides an action plan with recommended strategies. The actions include a coordinated communications plan and driver training and recruitment, among others.

Mr. Pulver asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-11 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

d. Resolution #26-12: Apportionment of FFY 2026 FTA Section 5307 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA

Mr. Debald provided a brief summary of this distribution of federal transit operating funds among the transit providers in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Mr. Pulver asked if there were any comments. Mr. Alfred Torreggiani expressed discomfort with the amount of funding allocated to the MTA, which was echoed by Mr. Joseph Cavaccini.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-12 was moved and seconded. Two members voted against the motion. As per the DCTC's Bylaws, and the need for consensus, Resolution #26-12 was not approved.

DCTC staff will work with their colleagues in Orange and Ulster counties and the MTA to re-visit the funding suballocation.

e. Resolution #26-13: Apportionment of FFY 2026 FTA Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA

Mr. Debald provided a brief summary of this distribution of federal transit funding among public bus operators in the Mid-Hudson Valley. This funding covers bus purchases and bus facilities.

Mr. Pulver asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #26-13 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. Ms. Dozier and Ms. Leonard provided a brief overview of these activities, including an update on a recent call for safety improvement projects funded through the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the completion of the Route 9/9D planning studies, an upcoming DCTC call for planning proposals, the completion of a City of Beacon Sidewalk Inventory, and the annual Traffic Count Program.
6. **Call for Announcements:** Mr. Pulver asked for any announcements from members. Mr. Debald shared his upcoming retirement from Dutchess County, and his next role as the Director of the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) in West Virginia. Ms. Dozier and Council members thanked Mr. Debald for all his work with the Dutchess County Transportation Council.
7. **Adjourn:** Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to adjourn. MOTION: To adjourn was moved and seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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