

Dutchess County Transportation Council

Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

10:00 a.m. via Teams

Meeting Summary

1. **Introductions** – See attached list.

2. **Announcements**

- a. Mark DeBald (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. He then introduced DCTC's newest staff member, Tara Grogan, who just started last week as a Junior Planner.
- b. Mark presented a list of Council members and highlighted two changes in voting membership for urbanized villages and partially urbanized towns - James Miccio, Mayor of Village of Fishkill, and James Schmitt, Supervisor of Town of Pawling will each serve one-year terms ending December 31, 2021.
- c. Mark reviewed the 2021 meeting schedule and noted that meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except November, and will remain virtual for the foreseeable future. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2021.
- d. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) – Mark shared highlights of the new federal law:
 - i. Total highway and State Department of Transportation funding amounts to \$10 billion, with \$417 million allocated to New York State, and an anticipated \$2.2 million to be allocated to our Transportation Management Area (TMA), which includes Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties.
 - ii. Total funding for public transportation amounts to \$14 billion, with an anticipated \$3.9 million to be allocated to our TMA.
 - iii. All funding from the CRRSAA is 100 percent federal share.
- e. Ray Oberly (Town of Clinton) asked if any of the funding will be used to solve the MTA's problems with the NYC subway. Mark answered that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will calculate the funding, but the NYC metropolitan area is likely to receive a large share of this funding. Oluseye Folarin (MTA) asked when the funding allocations would be confirmed. Mark replied that it could be a couple of weeks. DCTC will provide updates.
- f. [Bridge NY Program](#): Mark provided updates on the program, noting that it is similar to the previous statewide call.
 - i. Total funding is \$200 million, with approximately \$16.2 million targeted to the Hudson Valley.
 - ii. Draft applications are due to NYSDOT by April 14th and May 4th for bridges and culverts, respectively. Mark highly recommended that applicants take advantage of this draft review opportunity.
 - iii. Final applications are due on May 19th and June 9th for bridges and culverts, respectively.
- g. Ray Oberly inquired about minimum project costs and small project opportunities. Mark replied that eligible project costs should be no less than \$250,000 for bridges and \$50,000 for culverts. He noted that local funding can often be less expensive and more

streamlined, especially for smaller projects. DCTC will send an email update this week.

- h. [Connect Mid-Hudson](#): Mark shared that the regional transit plan for our TMA is complete and the final report can be found on our [website](#). Key recommendations include the potential for micro-transit zones, a transit ombudsman, passenger information and mobile application/payment improvements, and traffic signal priority projects. Microtransit is also being explored by [Dutchess County Public Transit](#) (DCPT) in their transit plan currently underway.

3. [Final Draft SFY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#)

- a. Draft DCTC Resolution #21-01: Mark discussed the 2021-2022 UPWP, which is an annual statement of work where we identify planning tasks for the State Fiscal Year (SFY). Mark noted that we are in the middle of a 30-day public comment period that ends on February 17th. An email update was sent last week.
- b. Mark reviewed some of the major tasks of the UPWP, which include DCTC's metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), [Moving Dutchess Forward](#); the [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#) project; and a Coordinated Plan update, which covers human services and transportation. Mark noted that DCTC will also continue the traffic count program, review 2020 Census data, review the functional classification of our road network, and assist DCPT with their transit plan. DCTC may also work with Orange and Ulster counties on regional freight planning.
- c. Ray Oberly asked if DCTC will work with Cornell Local Roads this year to conduct pavement condition monitoring. Mark replied that the program was suspended last year due to COVID, and they are not sure about doing it this year. Not only is there uncertainty about interns due to COVID, but there are data quality concerns. Some of the data has been inconsistent due to turnover of interns and it is difficult to transfer to useable GIS data. A consultant may be considered for this program in the future.
- d. Mark reviewed a summary of the 2021-2022 program budget and explained that the entire backlog is programmed to protect it from potential recessions. Mark also reviewed the budget broken down by task, noting that long range planning accounts for more than half of program funding.

4. **Safety Performance Measures (2021)**

- a. Draft DCTC Resolution #21-02: Mark explained that NYSDOT has set safety performance measure targets for 2021, including for fatalities, fatality rate, number of serious injuries, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. These targets will be included in the ballot for approval in February.

5. [FFY 2020-2024 TIP Amendment #20-03](#)

- a. Draft DCTC Resolution #21-03: Mark explained this proposed amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a new project, the Route 82 bridge repair/replacement in East Fishkill. The project is sponsored by NYSDOT.
- b. Oluseye Folarin asked about impact to the MTA rail line. Mark DeBald replied that the MTA, DOT, and the Town have had discussions, but that design aspects are still in the works. We will share updates. Bob Mortell (NYMTC) indicated that the rail trail exists there and that the rail line is a non-revenue service that is not really used. Nick D'Alessandro (Town of East Fishkill) also noted that they are discussing this project and

alternatives, and that they have engaged with MTA. They are looking into revenues for funding. Mark noted that the project was presented to the interagency consultation group regarding air quality, and no issues were identified.

6. Administrative Modification #20-L

- a. Mark shared that some new administrative modifications came in this morning.
 - i. The Washington St. Bridge over the Fallkill Creek had a schedule change, with construction and inspection moving from 2021 to 2022, based on advice from NYSDOT. This is a critical bridge for the City of Poughkeepsie, and there are structural challenges at this location.
 - ii. The Carol Drive Bridge replacement in the Town of Fishkill is adding \$198K to the construction phase. This funding came from negotiation with Orange County, which has unused funds that they agreed to transfer to Dutchess for this project. Nick D'Allesandro thanked DCTC for the negotiation. Mark noted that we will work with Orange County to transfer unused funds in the future.

7. [Moving Dutchess Forward](#) (2021 Transportation Plan)

- a. Mark discussed recent [public engagement efforts](#), noting that our online survey has received about 350 responses so far, and will close out on January 31st. Mark encouraged participation and promotion of the survey. Printed material was distributed to anyone who requested it, and the survey was advertised at various locations, including libraries and on County transit. Mark noted that we are currently following up with people who volunteered to share their transportation stories through the survey.
- b. Mark mentioned that email updates on the plan are sent approximately every two weeks, with an update on Barriers to Safe Access to be shared soon. The next update should include the Barriers to Reliable Access and Basic Needs sections.
- c. A virtual public meeting to introduce and explain the plan is expected in early March. The meeting would be about one hour and would showcase what we've learned so far and provide opportunities for input. Following the virtual meeting, DCTC will reach out to individual municipalities to set up brief presentations to Town Boards.
- d. Mark showed a visual of the plan schedule, noting that new material will be posted on the website soon. Our next steps are to look at policies and then investments and transformative projects. Mark noted that we expect to have a draft plan by the end of May with approval in June. Mark encouraged attendees to check out the website and provide feedback.
- e. Mark thanked Dylan Tuttle, Emily Dozier, and OCIS for their work on this project, and then turned over the screen to Emily Dozier for a discussion of [Barriers to Safe Access](#). Emily demonstrated the website navigation, including the introductory and "Assess" sections of the plan. Emily then demonstrated use of the [map viewer](#), and how the different layers can be toggled provide visual information about crash data for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. Emily pointed out that the question mark icons can be hovered over for more information, and that there are different tables that show the data and methodology behind the locations shown on map. Emily encouraged attendees to interact with the map viewer and see if the visuals align with their local experience. Emily also encouraged attendees to share the website and maps with constituents.
- f. Mark stated that DCTC hopes people will recognize the value of the interactive digital

plan and noted that previous transportation plans included static maps that could not be as targeted or in depth.

- g. Ray Oberly inquired if the module would be available as a separate piece, so that fire and highway staff could benefit from the collection of data, instead of relying on their individual experience in the field. Mark replied that this can be shared with anyone, and that we would be glad to go over the functions with them.

8. Project Updates

- a. Mark noted that ballots for the TIP amendments will be sent soon.
- b. Arlington Main Redesign Initiative – Mark noted that we are waiting for a final report and may share it at the next meeting.
- c. MTP – Mark noted that new material is coming soon. Barriers to Reliable Access will be discussed at the next meeting, and then we will work on policies.
- d. Poughkeepsie 9.44.55 study – Mark noted that this has been a major effort, and we hope to have a public outreach event for the arterials analysis in the spring.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 10:00am.

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