

Planning Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Wednesday January 28, 2026

10:00 a.m.

— Meeting Summary —

1. **Introductions** – Emily Dozier (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting, led introductions (see attached list), and briefly reviewed the meeting ground rules. The meeting was also recorded.
2. **Announcements**
 - a. [DCTC Voting Membership](#):
 - i. Permanent Members: There are new supervisors for the Town of Beekman and Town of LaGrange.
 - ii. Urban Villages: The Village of Fishkill will represent the two urban villages in 2026, rotating in for the Village of Wappingers Falls.
 - iii. Non-Urban Town/Villages: Michael Whitton and Karen Smythe will continue as the non-urban appointments for Clinton and Red Hook respectively.
 - b. [Meeting Schedule](#):
 - i. Last Wednesday of the month 10-11 am (typically)
 - ii. No meetings in August or December unless needed
 - iii. In-person Policy Board meeting (tentative) in March (3/3 or 3/6 at 1:30 pm)
 - The in-person Policy Board meeting would take place at the Henry A Wallace Center at the FDR Presential Library. The agenda would include the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program, the Safety Action Plan, and transit funding.
 - c. [Funding Opportunities](#)
 - i. [Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\)](#): There is a statewide project call for the TAP program, which supports bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Federal funding ranges from \$500,000 to \$7 million, with a required 20 percent local match. Final applications are due March 12, 2026; pre-review applications were due January 15, 2026.
 - ii. [BUILD](#): There is a national project call for projects that advance economic development and improve transportation options, efficiency, and/or safety. Applications are due February 24, 2026. The maximum award is \$25 million with a \$1 million minimum for rural projects and \$5 million for urban projects.
 - d. [Cornell Local Road Program \(CLRP\) Training Opportunities](#)
 - i. CLRP offers virtual and in-person low-cost training and webinars covering a wide range of ‘highway’ topics. There are two local workshops: Roadway & Roadside Drainage on April 28, 2026 in Millbrook and Pavement Maintenance on April 15, 2026 in Kingston.

3. Partner Updates

4. Old Business – none

5. New Business

- a. [Draft 2026-2027 Planning Program \(UPWP\)](#): Our UPWP identifies the planning tasks and budgets for the DCTC from April 2026 – March 2027, following the State Fiscal Year. For 2026-2027, we are programming over \$1.5 million in federal funding (from both FTA and FHWA) which includes a savings backlog of around \$659,000. We have a healthy backlog, but it has declined over the last several years with the completion of some major studies and plans. There will be a 15-day public comment period in mid-February, ahead of Council approval in early March.
 - i. Highlights include: completion of a new long-range plan-[Moving Dutchess Forward](#), a new [Coordinated Plan](#), a sidewalk inventory for the City of Beacon, and progressing recommendations from the recent TMA Federal Certification review.
 - ii. The only task changes proposed in the Draft 2026-2027 UPWP is consolidating two tasks into one, which will be renamed ‘On-Call Transportation Planning Services’ to better represent work done by our on-call consultants.

- b. [2026 Transportation Plan update](#): The Plan serves as the strategic vision for the DCTC, looking ahead to 2050 to set long-term goals for our transportation system and priorities for federal funding.
 - i. Public Engagement: Our online survey is live through early February, and the [link](#) is available on our website. We are also doing in-person outreach to share the survey and gather feedback, including a pop-up at Market Fresh in Poughkeepsie and interviews on local Spanish radio shows. Printed copies of the public survey are available upon request.
 - ii. Content: The first section, [Learn](#), is complete and on the website. We are currently drafting the second section, Assess, which will look at safety, reliability, and access to basic needs. County Planning is assisting us with the spatial analysis necessary for Assess and we hope to publish that section in late winter.

6. Planning Updates

- a. [Safety Action Plan](#): We are in the final stages of the Transportation Safety Action Plan. The Location Report is available online, which provides safety improvement suggestions at 31 locations (one per municipality & one County road). We are finalizing a proactive Systemic Countermeasure Report to help prevent crashes before they occur along with a searchable overview spreadsheet and a policy-based Behavioral Countermeasure Report that looks at means of behavior change with speeding, aggressive driving, and other issues, as well as the final Safety Action Plan itself. We plan to present an overview of the SAP (its goals and how it can be used) to Mayors/Supervisors, Highway Supervisors, and Police Chiefs.
 - i. The SAP sets three main goals to achieve by 2050, the same time horizon as our long-

- range plan: Zero traffic fatalities, 50% reduction in serious injuries, and 50% reduction in serious injuries for vulnerable road users.
- ii. All the analysis will be incorporated into the update of [Moving Dutchess Forward](#). In the future, we may add a crash data dashboard to help with long-term goal tracking.
 - iii. Karen Smythe (V/Red Hook) mentioned that she looks forward to using information from the reports in the Village and thanked DCTC for all the work involved in developing the SAP. Mark Debald (DCTC) reiterated that plan is intended to be a resource for County and local agencies to address roadway safety.
- b. [Coordinated Plan](#): The Coordinated Plan focuses on the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities. After reviewing the existing conditions and gathering public feedback last year, we are wrapping up our assessment of the gaps and developing strategies to address the unmet needs. In the spring, we will conduct a second round of engagement to share the draft plan and how public input shaped the initial recommendations.
- i. The projects and services recommended in the final plan will be eligible for FTA Section 5310 funding. Mark Debald (DCTC) noted that the final recommendations will take time to unfold given the complexity of coordinating among the transportation providers and human service agencies.
- c. [Traffic Count Program](#): The 2025 traffic count program is complete. Preparation for the 2026 program will start shortly and any requests for future traffic counts or questions about the program can be directed to Nina Leonard (DCTC). A summary of this year's pedestrian and bicycle counts is available online and the counts by our contractor will be added to the [Traffic Data Viewer](#) shortly.
- i. We are in the process of reviewing firms to carry out the next Traffic Count Program contract, which will run from 2026-2029 and likely involve camera counts. Stephen Casswell (DC Legislature) suggested additional outreach and education to calm any public fear about the purpose of the cameras. Herb Litts (GPI) also noted that one downside to video counts is that drivers often slow down once they see the cameras, which can lower the 85% percentile speeds collected.

7. Next Meeting:

- a. Planning Committee (Virtual) – Wed., February 25, 2026 at 10 am

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