

Planning Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
11:00 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. **Policy Board Meeting Recap**
 - i. A Policy Board meeting was held on March 25, 2026 at the Henry Wallace Center, during which the board voted to adopt the [Transportation Safety Action Plan \(SAP\)](#), endorse modifications to the Federal Functional Classification of several roads, and amend the FFY 2026-2030 Capital Program-TIP to include a new NYSDOT project for the Spackenkill Rd Bridge replacement in Poughkeepsie and to add funding to NYSDOT’s existing Route 52/82 intersection project in Fishkill.
 - b. [Funding Opportunities](#)
 - i. [Safe Streets For All \(SS4A\)](#)
 - There is a notice of funding opportunity for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program, with applications due by May 26th. The project minimum is \$2.5 million, so substantial projects, multi-location projects, or joint projects with another municipality are recommended. Please reach out to the DCTC with any questions.
 - Because of our newly adopted SAP, municipalities are eligible for SS4A Implementation grant funding. All the project locations and countermeasures identified in the SAP are eligible.
 - c. [Federal Certification Review Report](#)
 - i. Our Federal Certification final report is effective as of April 2, 2026. This is based on our review in fall 2025. Our Transportation Management Area (TMA) consisting of Dutchess County, Ulster County, and Orange County is now certified for another four years. There were no corrective actions in the report, but there were several recommendations that we plan to consider, such as a formal tribal coordination policy and a regional housing plan.
3. **Partner Updates – none**
4. **Old Business – none**

5. New Business

- a. [2026 Transportation Plan update](#): The Plan serves as the strategic vision for the DCTC. Looking forward to 2050, it will set the long-term goals for our transportation system and priorities for federal transportation funding.
 - i. Content: The second section, Assess, has been posted to the website. In Assess, we analyze barriers to safe and reliable access to basic needs and to transportation access for all. We have also soft-launched the policy-focused third section, Advocate, to be followed by the final section, Invest.
 - ii. Public Engagement: Our second survey is live – the \$100 Challenge – which gathers public feedback on transportation investment priorities. There is also a virtual public meeting on May 12th to discuss the latest updates to the plan. We are doing pop-ups at community events: we held two in April (Red Hook Repair Café on 4/18 and the Art Effect’s PKX Festival on 4/26) and have another this weekend (County Health Fair on 5/2).
 - iii. Assess Highlights: This section is separated into four parts: barriers to safety, barriers to reliability, barriers to basic needs, and transportation for all.
 - Safety: We used the data analysis from the Safety Action Plan (SAP) as the basis for the maps and to inform our recommendations. To increase safety, we want to work with road owners to plan and implement projects identified in the SAP; to continue our safety assessments and high-end speeding analysis; and to expand the Watch Out for Me campaign.
 - Reliability (Congestion): The current update to our TMA-wide Congestion Management Process has identified high-congestion areas and areas with low travel time reliability. To improve this, we want to pursue planning studies of high-congestion locations; work with municipalities and road owners on improvements at high-congestion locations; and continue to collect and maintain travel time data.
 - Reliability (Walking & Biking): We calculated sidewalk coverage in our cities, town centers, and villages, and assessed bike infrastructure and rail trail connections. To improve reliability for walking and bicycling, we will continue to encourage municipalities to treat sidewalks as shared public infrastructure; promote Complete Streets policies and projects; improve our pedestrian and bicycle count program; and support local planning efforts.
 - Reliability (Bus & Train): We analyzed the location and frequency of bus service, the number of people within a half mile of a bus route, and the sidewalk coverage around bus stops and train stations. To support reliability for transit users, we want to maximize residents with frequent bus service; develop transit options in low-density areas in collaboration with Dutchess County Public Transit; and increase walking and biking access to train stations.
 - Reliability (Basic Needs): We analyzed access to housing, jobs, schools, health care, grocery stores, community facilities, and parks, and looked at how to remove

barriers to these essential needs. To support access to basic needs, we want to promote housing for mixed incomes, housing opportunities near transit, and walking and bicycle infrastructure that connects people to jobs and other basic needs.

- a. Karen Smythe (V/Red Hook) noted that we captured many important topics. Many of the topics in the Assess section are under discussion locally, and she looks forward to working with DCTC to achieve these goals. Emily added that the Advocate section includes best practice policies for municipalities to consider.

6. Planning Updates

- a. [Coordinated Plan](#): The Coordinated Plan focuses on the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities.
 - i. The final draft plan is in development and will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Next steps include a final public meeting in May or June and adoption at the next Policy Board meeting (July or August 2026).
 - ii. Mark noted that identifying and closing these gaps is challenging since it entails coordinating among a variety of transportation operators, each with different funding restrictions and goals. We appreciate any feedback on the final recommendations and action plan, which include short and long-term efforts.
- b. City of Beacon Sidewalk Inventory: Our on-call consultant, Creighton Manning Engineering, is developing an inventory of sidewalk conditions and gaps that the City of Beacon can use to prioritize future capital improvement projects.
 - i. The field work is complete, and a draft report is under review.
 - ii. Those interested in learning more can hear a presentation by the project manager at the upcoming Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.
- c. [Traffic Count Program](#): Our 2025 counts have been added to the [Traffic Data Viewer](#). The draft 2026 Traffic Count program is in process, and we will reach out to affected municipalities once the draft is ready. Any requests for traffic counts or questions about the program can be directed to Nina Leonard (DCTC).

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Planning Committee – Wednesday May 27 at 10 am
- b. County Health Fair pop-up – Saturday May 2, 11 am -2 pm
- c. Moving Dutchess Forward Virtual Public Meeting #2 – Tuesday, May 12, 12 noon -1 pm

4/29/2026 Meeting Participants:

Name	Organization	Email	Phone
Mark Debald	DCTC	mdebald@dutchessny.gov	845-486-3600
Emily Dozier	DCTC	edozier@dutchessny.gov	845-486-3600
Nina Leonard	DCTC	nleonard@dutchessny.gov	845-486-3600
Herb Litts	GPI	hlitts@gpinet.com	845-741-1997
Allyce Braddy	NYMTC	allyce.braddy@dot.ny.gov	845-431-5936
Shawn Jackson	NYS DOT	Shawn.Jackson@dot.ny.gov	
Michael Whitton	T/Clinton	townsupervisor@townofclinton.com	845-266-5721
Alfred Torreggiani	T/Hyde Park Creighton Manning Engineering	atorreggiani@hydeparkny.us	845-229-5111
Shelly Johnston		sjohnston@cmellp.com	518-689-1814
Dana Hopkins	DC All Abilities	dhopkins@dutchessny.gov	845-486-3434
Stephen Caswell	DC Legislature	scaswell@dutchessny.gov	845-518-7236
Amanda Sammon	DC Public Transit	asammon@dutchessny.gov	845-473-8643
Yalitza Benitez	DC Public Transit	ybenitez@dutchessny.gov	845-867-4300
Michael Welti	T/Poughkeepsie	mwolti@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov	845-485-3657
Karen Smythe	V/Red Hook	mayor@redhooknyvillage.org	845-758-4715