

Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Poughkeepsie Town Hall
(Board Meeting Room)
1 Overocker Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

1. Introductions – See attached list.

2. Announcements

Mark Debald (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mark began by mentioning that everyone should have received the meeting materials with the meeting notice – noting that there is a revised agenda. Mark thanked the Town of Poughkeepsie for hosting the meeting and noted that we will continue to cycle our meetings throughout the county.

Mark alerted the Committee to a [Cornell Local Roads Program workshop - Solutions for Safer Roads and Streets](#) - that will be held in Ulster County on 10/17/19. Register online; \$50 fee. Also, Ulster County will be holding a Road Safety for All Users workshop on Tuesday, October 29th from 7:00-9:00 PM at SUNY Ulster in the College Lounge – registration is also required. Staff will send out an email notification about these trainings in the coming days.

Mark highlighted two new items that will require resolutions and Council approval, likely in mid-November through a mail ballot:

- a. 2020 NYSDOT Safety Targets: As required by federal regulations, NYSDOT developed its highway safety targets for CY 2020. Mark distributed a summary of the measures and new targets:

Performance Measure	2020 Target
Number of Fatalities	1,040
Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)	.826
Number of Serious Injuries	11,017
Serious Injury Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)	8.709
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	2,627

As this is a relatively new process, DCTC, like other New York MPOs, plans to adopt the State targets. In future years, the MPO could consider developing its own regionally-specific targets.

- b. Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area (PONA) Conformity – As required by federal

air quality conformity regulations, a new PONA conformity determination is required this fall for Orange County (OCTC)'s update to its long-range transportation plan. The new statement will be a slightly revised version of the statement we issued for the recent TIP. We expect to hold a 30-day public comment period from October 10-November 8, 2019. OCTC and NYMTC must also approve the statement.

- Mark noted that FHWA and FTA formally approved the PONA conformity statement for the new TIP on September 30, 2019, which means we have a conforming TIP.

3. Public Participation – Mark opened the meeting for public comment and announcements.

- a. Bob LaColla (T/Fishkill) discussed the upcoming re-decking of one span of the Newburgh-Beacon bridge and concern about potential traffic impacts from that work. Mark Debald stated that he would make some inquiries.
- b. Mark Figliozzi (T/Pleasant Valley) gave an update on coordination between the Town and NYSDOT to ensure that the Town's municipal water work could be completed before Route 44 is repaved.

4. Old Business

- a. [FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)
 - i. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): Mark noted that the new STIP went into effect on October 1, 2019. Dutchess County DPW was able to obligate all three of their 2019 TIP projects before the end of the federal fiscal year. Mark thanked DPW and NYSDOT's Local Projects Unit for their work seeing those projects through.
 - ii. Administrative Modification #20-A: Mark reviewed some proposed minor changes to highway projects for the new FFY 2020-2024. These include scope changes for NYSDOT's I-84 paving project, and schedule changes to NYSDOT's Route 44 paving project, the Washington St bridge in the City of Poughkeepsie, the Hurds Corners Rd paving in Pawling, and the Route 9 sidewalk project in Hyde Park, and a small procedural adjustment to several projects. Sandra Jobson asked about the schedule for the Teller Ave project in Beacon. Mark said the City plans to let the project this FFY, but we are monitoring progress.
 - iii. Local project status update from the City of Poughkeepsie: as discussed in August, DCTC has begun to ask our local project sponsors to attend Planning Committee meetings to review the status of their projects. The first invited sponsor is the City of Poughkeepsie, which has three near-term federal-aid projects:
 - 1) 8759.83 – Washington St bridge
 - 2) 8761.96 – Garden Street bridge
 - 3) 8762.03 – Pedestrian safety program

Mark noted that the primary focus is on Washington St, which is scheduled for construction obligation in FFY 2021. Rich DuPilka (C/ Poughkeepsie) reviewed that project in detail, noting two primary complications: the bridge is considered historic and requires historic/SHPO review, and the project requires condemnation and demolition of an adjacent building. The City also intends to reconfigure the adjacent intersection of Washington St/Verazzano Blvd/Bridge St/Brookside Ave during bridge reconstruction, converting the wide, angled intersection into a traditional “t” and changing some of the signals (this part of the project is not part of the federal funding).

Sandra Jobson (NYSDOT), Mark Debald, and Rich DuPilka discussed the bridge project schedule and necessary deadlines and agreed that the City and its consultants should meet with NYSDOT’s Local Projects Unit shortly and aim to get a draft design report to LPU by April. Sandra also emphasized that the project consultant should go through LPU for the historic review and determination.

Rich also reviewed the Garden St bridge project, which is located one block away from Washington St, noting that each road will serve as a detour for the other during construction. He stated that the Garden St project is less complicated and may be scheduled around the needs of the Washington St project. The City plans to bid both bridge projects at the same time and use the same contractor to facilitate coordination. Finally, Rich informed the group that the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project to improve pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Poughkeepsie has gone through design and construction should occur next summer.

- b. Functional Classification update: DCTC forwarded the proposed changes to NYSDOT and DCDPW for their review and is awaiting feedback.
- c. Transportation grant opportunities (updated): Mark briefly reviewed the revised list of transportation grant opportunities that was developed in response to a member request. The list covers federal, state, county, and non-profit grant opportunities related to transportation, and now includes a column for frequency and funding amount.
- d. Speed Limit Changes: As a follow-up to our August discussion on the recent NYSDOT guidance about speed limit change requests, municipalities seeking a speed limit change on a local or county road will be responsible for providing a speed study, an engineer’s report, and other evidence. NYSDOT will then review and approve or deny the request. Region 8 has confirmed that NYSDOT will still do the speed studies for State highways (e.g. Route 44). It is only for requested speed limit changes on county or local roads that a locally-sourced speed study is required. DCTC staff is looking at the possibility of using UPWP funds for on-call consultant support to help our municipalities with this speed study requirement. More to follow in the coming months.

5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

- a. Mark reminded the Committee that DCTC has launched its long-range plan update effort, with an approval deadline of March 2021. Members engaged in a discussion of the four proposed goal statements for the Plan, related research questions, and our vision for the region's transportation future and the challenges in achieving that vision.
- b. Mark informed members that the RFP for public engagement services had been issued, with proposals due on November 1, 2019. DCTC staff intends to research and write the plan in-house but is planning to use a consultant for community engagement, graphics and visualizations, and digital production assistance.
- c. Mark noted that the next steps include finalizing the research questions, creating an outline, and dividing the research among staff.

6. Project Updates

- a. [Arlington Main Street Redesign Initiative](#): The project team hosted a pop-up event at the Arlington Street Fair on September 21, 2019. Attendance was excellent. We also developed an [online survey](#) to gather feedback about Main Street. Data collection, including turning movement counts at the three study intersections, was also conducted during September. Additional outreach events will be held on October 17th at Davies Hardware from 11-1 pm and the Arlington Farmer's Market from 2-6 pm. Sandra suggested that a final product similar to what NYSDOT developed for Hyde Park's Route 9 redesign would be helpful for grant applications. Mark agreed that a similar product was the goal.
- b. [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#): The project team will conduct a pop-up event this Friday at Poughkeepsie's final First Friday event of the year. We have also developed an introductory fact sheet and website for the project. Data collection will also occur this month, with turning counts at numerous intersections along the arterials and tube counts on the arterials and the interchange.
- c. [Mid-Hudson Valley Regional Transit Plan](#): The [Connect Mid-Hudson](#) plan is continuing to move forward, with the consultant team reviewing the various capital and financial needs of public and private transit operators. The draft existing conditions report should be posted on the website soon.
- d. [Safety Assessment, CR 19-Slate Quarry/Bulls Head Rd, Town of Clinton](#): This SA analyzes the section of CR 19 between Eighthville Rd and CR 15-Milan Hollow Rd. The final report was sent to Dutchess County DPW for a formal response.

Mark Figliozzi asked for an update from County DPW on the Mill Ln bridge reconstruction. Mary Aldrich (DCDPW) confirmed that it was scheduled for the spring. Bob LaColla stated that the Town of Fishkill wants to install a sidewalk on Route 52 along Town property and would like to coordinate with NYSDOT. Sandra Jobson said this coordination would occur as part of the NYSDOT Highway Work Permit application.

7. **Next Meeting:** Wed., Oct. 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Pleasant Valley Town Hall. Mark noted that we hope to have an update from the City of Beacon on their TIP projects.

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