

Dutchess County Transportation Council

Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

10:00 a.m. via Teams

Meeting Summary

1. **Introductions** – Mark Debald (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and attendees. See attached list.
2. **Announcements**
 - a. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): Mark reported that we are still not sure when the IIJA will be approved given the ongoing negotiations in Congress. More information, such as a summary of the bill, will be shared when available.
 - b. 2020 Census Data: The Planning Department is currently reviewing Census data to look for anomalies. One irregularity relates to an apparent decline in total population, which seems to be a result of changes in how college and prison populations were counted. There is a formal Census Bureau Count Question Resolution Program to submit corrections, but resolving this issue is lengthy and reconciling the numbers could be a years-long process. There are also some proposed changes in how the Census Bureau designates urbanized areas. Adjustments to urbanized areas are expected in 2022. Mark will keep the Committee updated as more information becomes available.
3. **Public Participation** – Mark provided an opportunity for members to share announcements or questions; there were none.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Transportation Management Area (TMA) Federal Certification Review: Mark thanked the participants at last month's Committee meeting for their feedback during the Federal Certification Review. Mark noted that a virtual public meeting about the Certification Review was also held later that day. The three regional MPOs (DCTC, Orange County Transportation Council, and Ulster County Transportation Council) attended a virtual close-out meeting on October 15th. Overall, the feedback from our federal partners was positive. They especially liked our various online mapping applications, praising them as great tools for the public. It will likely take two to three months before we receive the draft report. It will be reviewed by the three MPOs for edits, after which a final report will be issued. One near-term task involves consulting with tribal nations that have an interest in our planning area; the DCTC is starting this process. In addition, our federal partners and DCTC are working on a desk reference guide, which will likely be made available around the same time that the Certification Review Report becomes available. It will summarize DCTC's planning process, structure, and work products.
 - b. Moving Dutchess Forward (2021 Transportation Plan): We are currently in the process of transferring the website from the consultant to Dutchess County. That process should be complete within a few weeks.

- c. FFY 2020-2024 TIP updates: We are exploring options for the 2023-2027 TIP. All MPOs in New York State will go through this process at the same time and TIPs will be submitted in early summer 2022 so that the Statewide TIP can be completed and approved by the beginning of the 2023 Federal Fiscal year. Planning and information gathering is required before that can be done. We need to determine the funding available for projects and decide how projects will be selected. DCTC is updating its project selection criteria to be more in line with the goals and objectives established in *Moving Dutchess Forward*. More information will be available in the coming months.

5. New Business

- a. DCTC Logo & Rebranding: A call for proposals was issued on October 5th to create a logo and branding for DCTC. Responses are due November 8th. Results will be shared with the Committee.
- b. Upcoming Call for Planning Proposals: We are close to releasing a call for planning proposals from municipalities and agencies that are interested in working with DCTC on a transportation issue. Selected planning projects will be added to our 2022-2023 UPWP. There will likely be a five-week application period. Municipalities and agencies are also encouraged to speak with the DCTC if they have ideas that they would like to discuss.
- c. Vulnerability Assessment RFI: An RFI was issued on October 18th and proposals are due on November 16th. The purpose of the RFI is to gather industry input to build a thorough RFP and scope of services for the vulnerability assessment. The Federal Highway Administration and NYSDOT have issued some guidelines, which are also being considered.
- d. Automated Pavement Scoring RFI: The DCTC is considering issuing an RFI for Automated Pavement Scoring to help assess County and local roads that are off the federal-aid system (i.e. not eligible for federal highway funding). NYSDOT has a contract that scores State highways and other roads that are eligible for federal aid. Automated Pavement Scoring would formalize the pavement scoring process and reduce human error. Since the vulnerability assessment is a priority, the automated pavement scoring RFI will be issued later.

6. Planning Updates

- a. [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#): We are currently working through the arterial concepts portion of the study and finalizing draft Chapter 4, which describes the arterial redesign concepts. A virtual public meeting about the arterial concepts was held. The link to a [recording of the meeting](#) can be found on the website. A summary of the [National Night Out](#) event is also on the website. Additional data was collected and analyzed for the microsimulation at the request of NYSDOT. An advisory committee meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021, during which draft chapter 4 of the study will be reviewed. The study is at least 75% complete.
- b. CR 14-Hollow Road Safety Assessment: The field work for the Hollow Road safety assessment in the Town of Clinton is complete. The assessment was requested by the

Town of Clinton, and it was also identified as the highest crash segment on a County road in [Moving Dutchess Forward](#). The multi-disciplinary safety team modeled the assessment after the Federal Highway Administration's road safety audits. The report should be done by the end of the year.

If municipalities and agencies have locations where they would like to have a safety assessment done, it can be included in a planning proposal when the call for those goes out. Emily encouraged everyone to look at the [map of high crash sites](#) in *Moving Dutchess Forward*. If the location is on the map, it is likely a good location to do a safety assessment. The site does not have to involve only vehicle safety, it could also be a location where bicycle or pedestrian safety is an issue.

- c. Traffic Count Program: The counts are taking longer than expected due to challenges with the contractor and weather. Tara informed the committee that the contractor should be working on counts through next week, after which the data will be processed and added to our [online traffic data viewer](#). Mark noted that our count program has gotten smaller as NYSDOT's counts on non-State roads have expanded. Emily thanked the volunteers that helped with the [bicycle and pedestrian counts](#). The ped/bike count data may eventually be converted into an online map as well. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee call on 10/28 will include a discussion of that data. Anyone who would like may join the call.

- 7. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (virtual) – please note day change from Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

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