

Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

[Pleasant Valley Town Hall](#)
(Main Conference Room)
1554 Main Street (Route 44)
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

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 a slightly revised agenda. Mark thanked the Town of Pleasant Valley for hosting the meeting. Mark also noted that our next meeting will be delayed by a week because of Thanksgiving. The meeting will be held December 4th at East Fishkill Town Hall.

Mark reminded the Committee that the two-year terms for our two rural/non-urban members (currently the Towns of Clinton and Milan) will expire at the end of the year. Both can be re-nominated by the Dutchess County Mayor’s and Supervisors Association, and we would welcome their continued participation. Also, effective January 1, 2020, the Town of Union Vale and the Village of Wappingers Falls will replace the Town of Pleasant Valley and the Village of Pawling, respectively, for a one-year term. We thank Pleasant Valley and Pawling for their service during 2019 and look forward to their continued involvement in Council activities.

Mark briefly followed up on two member inquiries from the previous meeting:

- a. Bob LaColla (T/Fishkill) had asked about the possible re-decking of a span of the Newburgh-Beacon bridge. Mark confirmed with the NYSBA that they are designing a re-decking project for the North Span, though the period for construction has not yet been determined.
- b. Mark Figliozi (T/Pleasant Valley) had discussed coordination efforts between the Town and NYSDOT to ensure that the Town’s municipal water work could be completed before Route 44 is repaved; Supervisor Figliozi confirmed that NYSDOT is aware of the work and will adjust their repaving project accordingly.

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

Mr. Figliozzi informed the group that he had spoken with Dutchess County DPW Commissioner Bob Balkind about the replacement of the Mill Lane bridge in the Town; it is ready to bid and construction is scheduled for next year.

Ray Oberly (T/Clinton) gave an update on a bridge replacement on Fiddlers Bridge Rd; it should go out to bid in the spring and construction is likely to occur in 2021.

4. Old Business

- a. 2020 NYSDOT Safety Targets: As mentioned at the previous meeting, NYSDOT has developed its highway safety targets for Calendar Year 2020:

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 – Also mentioned at the previous meeting was the draft fall 2019 PONA conformity determination, which is required due to 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 are holding a 30-day public comment period from October 10-November 8, 2019. OCTC and NYMTC must also approve the statement. Mark noted that our air quality has consistently improved in recent years and is substantially below the federal threshold for contaminant parts per million (PPM).
- c. FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - i. On October 24, 2019 FHWA and FTA approved NYSDOT’s FFY 2020-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This included approval of the self-certifications that were part of each MPO’s TIP approval process.
 - ii. Administrative Modification #20-A: As mentioned at our previous meeting, we will soon be processing Admin Mod 20-A, since the STIP has been approved. Mark reminded the group that Administrative Modifications are minor project changes that do not to require a Council vote, according to our bylaws. He described the modifications, which include small schedule and/or budget changes to five projects.
 - iii. City of Beacon local project status update: as discussed at previous meetings, we

are asking local project sponsors to provide project updates to the Planning Committee. This update concerns two City of Beacon projects:

- a) 8757.30 – Fishkill Ave reconstruction (FFY 2021)
- b) 8757.80 – Teller Ave reconstruction (FFY 2020)

Mark reviewed the project update from the City Administrator, which was also provided to the Committee. The projects are progressing on schedule, and the Fishkill Ave project is on track for obligation in 2020. Mark and Sandra discussed moving that project into 2020 on the TIP, so both projects could be done concurrently.

Mark also noted that, as a follow-up to our discussion of the City of Poughkeepsie projects, DCTC will meet with the City, LPU, and the City's consultant engineer on Nov. 6th to review project details and scheduling for the Garden St and Washington St bridge projects.

- d. Functional Classification update: No new information to report.

5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

- a. Mark reviewed the strategic goals and ongoing planning process for the MTP, asking the group for any feedback on staff's work thus far. Members discussed the importance of advocacy for increasing state funding for local infrastructure (e.g., additional CHIPs funds or other funding sources). Sandra suggested reviewing best practice funding models from other areas.

Mark discussed the research process and presented a draft summary of demographic information, which highlighted the county's flat population growth, aging population, and increasing diversity. The group discussed the findings as well as the upcoming 2020 Census. Ms. Rohr (T/Hyde Park) drew the group's attention to the challenge of counting residents living in temporary or illegal housing.

- b. Mark also discussed the [Public Engagement Services RFP](#) that DCTC issued for the MTP. The RFP, which seeks consultant support for public outreach (both in person and online) and graphic/web design services, closed on November 1, 2019

6. Draft SFY 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- a. Mark noted that we expect to receive our 2020-2021 funding targets for the upcoming planning program (which starts April 1, 2020) in November. Moving forward, we intend to fully program our FHWA (PL) and FTA MPP funds, like what was done for the 2019-2020 UPWP, in order to protect our funds from any federal rescissions.

7. Project Updates

- a. [Traffic Count Data Viewer](#) – Staff has been working with Dutchess County OCIS on a map-based application that will allow visitors to look up and analyze data from our traffic count program. This will soon be ready for publication, and we will send an email notice to the group when it goes live. This tool will provide access to all DCTC count data (current and historical) as well as available State count data. We will try to present the tool at our next Planning Committee meeting.
- b. [Arlington Main Street Redesign Initiative](#): The project team hosted two pop-up events at Davies Hardware and the Vassar Farmer’s Market on October 24, 2019. Attendance was good. The [online survey](#) remains active and we have received about 160 responses to date. We are currently reviewing the draft existing conditions report and our next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19th.
- c. [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#): The project team conducted a pop-up event on October 4th at Poughkeepsie’s First Friday event. Much of the work this month focused on traffic data collection at 50 locations, including turning movements at intersections along the arterials, tube counts on segments of the arterials, and ramp counts at the interchange. Our next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15th and a series of stakeholder interviews are scheduled for Nov. 20-21.

Sandra asked whether the project limits extended far enough to the north and south along Route 9 to capture alternate access points (specifically, Academy St to the south and Delafield St to the north). The group also discussed the role of freight in the study area, and ways to contact and involve freight stakeholders.

- d. [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.
 - e. Mr. Oberly asked about the status of the Slate Quarry Rd safety assessment. Emily Dozier (DCTC) stated that the report has been sent to Dutchess County DPW, and we are awaiting their formal response. She said she would check in with them.
- 8. Next Meeting:** We will shift our normal 4th Wed. of the month meeting day due to Thanksgiving, so our next meeting is for **Wed., December 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** (East Fishkill Town Hall).

Attendance:

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