

## Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 30, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

### — Meeting Summary —

1. **Introductions** – Emily Dozier (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions. See attached list. She also briefly went over the meeting ground rules.
2. **Announcements**
  - a. AMPO Honorable Mention - National Award for Overall Outstanding Achievement for a TMA MPO in 2022: The DCTC received an honorable mention award for Outstanding Overall Achievement for a TMA MPO at the 2022 AMPO National Conference for our work on [Moving Dutchess Forward](#), our new long-range plan.
  - b. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The DCTC, which was established in 1982, celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
  - c. New logo is official: The DCTC’s new logo is now official. A press release was issued with details about our new logo, honorable mention award, and 40th anniversary.
3. **Public Participation** – Emily provided an opportunity for announcements or questions. There were none.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Draft Public Participation Plan: Mark announced that we are in the midst of the 45-day comment period for the updated [Public Participation Plan](#) (PPP). It includes various virtual and hybrid tools as well as more traditional in-person tools. The comment period will end on December 12<sup>th</sup>. At the close of the public comment period, we will seek its adoption by the Policy Board.
  - b. DCTC Traffic Count Program (RFP-DCP-66-12): The RFP for our traffic count program, which includes vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian counts on county and local roads, is now closed and the selection process is underway. The contract should be in place by early 2023.
  - c. High-End Speeding Report: Tara shared that the high-end speeding report, which is an annual analysis of speeding patterns on county and local roads, is now available online. It includes a county-wide map, maps by municipality, and data tables. It includes an analysis of speed-related crashes and fatalities to determine any COVID-related trends. It was shared with municipalities and law enforcement agencies so they can target their efforts.

## 5. New Business

- a. Draft TIP Amendment #23-01: Mark shared that Amendment #23-01 to the current TIP will include three new projects selected from the 2021 statewide solicitation for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): 1) a roundabout at the intersection of Raymond and Hooker Ave and New Hackensack Rd in the Town of Poughkeepsie; 2) pedestrian and intersection improvements on Route 52 in the Town of East Fishkill; and 3) offset roundabouts at Routes 82 and 376 in the Town of East Fishkill. The 15-day comment period for the amendment will close on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Jobson (NYSDOT) added that the projects have been initiated and project managers are being assigned. Schedules, which will include public involvement, are also being created.

Nick Pucino (public) asked why those specific locations were chosen when there are other locations in need of improvements, particularly the intersections of Route 52 and I-84 in Fishkill and 9D and I-84 in Beacon. Sandra Jobson said that they are aware of many locations within the county and region that require improvements, including those mentioned by Mr. Pucino. She also noted that the Raymond Ave roundabout is the final stage of a previous project. The projects were selected because they ranked the highest in that particular CMAQ/TAP funding opportunity. Mark also noted that East Fishkill, the local sponsor for two of the projects, was the applicant and should be commended for being able to successfully secure the funding. Other municipalities should apply when a funding opportunity that matches their needs becomes available.

Mr. Pucino also commented that he didn't think that there was enough room for a roundabout at the intersection of Route 82 and 376. Mark responded that a conceptual design was submitted as part of the Town's application, but that it will be refined during the design phase of the process.

- b. BRIDGE NY Program: Municipalities were recently notified via email about a call for bridge projects through the BRIDGE NY program. There is about \$4.3M available in federal funding for bridge projects. The funding call will follow DCTC's planning process and project selection framework. Applications will be accepted until January 20, 2023. A concurrent call for culvert projects will be administered by NYSDOT, with an application due date of January 13, 2023. Sandra added that [NYSDOT's website](#) is an excellent resource for prospective applicants.

Herb Litts (GPI) asked what selection process will be used and if a selection committee has been formed yet. He also asked whether applications that weren't selected in the past would be given additional weight. Mark responded that the DCTC does keep records of applications that did not secure funding, but no additional weight will be given to projects that were not selected in previous funding rounds. Emily added that the review committee consists of the MPO staff and three staff members from NYSDOT. We will use our established [project selection framework](#), but will also incorporate guidance from NYSDOT as needed.

Herb also commented that in the past, there have been extra points awarded if an application is reviewed by a professional engineer. Mark replied that it is highly recommended for applicants to have a professional engineer review their application.

- c. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP): Mark reminded the group about the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which was approved as part of the new Infrastructure Act. The goal of the CRP is to reduce carbon emissions. Eligibility requirements are similar to those of the CMAQ program. For Dutchess County, there is about \$1.2M over five years. We are still exploring the best use of the relatively small amount of funds.
- d. Vulnerability Assessment: Mark announced that this study of climate change and how it will impact the transportation system in Dutchess County has begun. We had an internal kick-off meeting with consultant ICF and established a steering committee. The steering committee will meet in mid-December. The GIS data collection has also begun. The study will be coordinated with the County's Natural Resources Inventory and Climate Action Planning Initiative, and we will work with OCIS to create an online platform for the study. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.
- e. On-Call Transportation Planning Support: Two consultants have been selected and contracted: Creighton Manning and HVEA. They will provide transportation planning support for various planning topics and studies. They are starting with three projects: Spackenkill Rd sidewalk feasibility study; Columbus Dr redesign; and Dover Plains intersection improvements.
- f. 2023-2024 Planning Program (UPWP): We are in the early stages of looking at the next Unified Planning Work Program, which describes the planning tasks and budgets for the next State fiscal year, which begins April 1, 2023. Guidance from NYS regarding planning focus areas was recently received. In addition, we have received our planning budgets. For 2023-2024, we will receive about \$896K, which is a 4% increase from last year. One planning task that has a lot of local support is a Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail feasibility study. The project was also identified as a transformative project in [Moving Dutchess Forward](#).

## 6. Planning Updates

- a. Traffic Count Program: Tara explained that the 2022 traffic count program is almost complete and shared a map of where vehicle counts have been completed. There were 225 counts which include class, speed and volume. There were also 24 pedestrian/bicycle video counts to inform local studies. The data is currently being processed. It will be available on our [Traffic Data app](#) early next year. Data collected from the traffic count program is also used in the high-end speeding report.
- b. Village of Rhinebeck Route 9 Complete Streets Assessment: Emily shared that a final report was sent to the Village. They will continue to work with NYSDOT as they consider implementing various recommendations. The Village is also updating their comprehensive plan, which the complete streets assessment can feed into.

- c. Arlington Parking Study: Emily announced that the data has been collected and different recommendations were discussed at a meeting with the Town and Business Improvement District (BID). An intern is currently working on a draft report. In short, there is ample parking available in Arlington except on Collegeview Ave during peak times. Emily also summarized possible recommendations.
7. **Feedback** - Because it is the last meeting of the year, Tara asked via a Slido poll for the group's feedback on the DCTC's meetings and format. In general, the participants expressed that they liked the format, think keeping it to an hour is best, and also like the use of Slido polls. Mark expressed that virtual meetings have allowed for more people to attend which has led to more input. In addition, the use of PowerPoint helps the meeting flow better. Many like the virtual meeting option but some would appreciate an in-person meeting occasionally.
8. **Next Meeting (tentative)**: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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