

**Dutchess County Transportation Council**  
**Planning Committee Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – noon**

**Dutchess County Planning Department (Main Conference Room)**  
**27 High Street (2nd Floor), Poughkeepsie, NY**

**1. Introductions** – See attached list.

**2. Announcements**

- Mark Debald (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the Council’s new members. Mark began by mentioning that everyone should have received the meeting materials with the meeting notice. Hard copies of select materials were also provided to attendees.
- DCTC Voting Membership: Mark noted that, as mentioned at our previous meeting, 2018 has brought some changes to the Transportation Council’s voting membership. In December, we sent introduction letters to new members. Mark referred the Committee to the Membership List distributed at the meeting and noted the following updates for 2018:
  - Three new permanent voting members from the urbanized towns of Beekman (Mary Covucci), East Fishkill (Nicholas D’Alessandro), and Wappinger (Richard Thurston).
  - The Town of Pawling (James Schmitt) has replaced Union Vale to represent the partially urbanized towns.
  - The Village of Fishkill (James Miccio) has replaced Wappingers Falls for the urbanized villages.
  - The Town of Milan (Bill Gallagher) replaces the Town of Pine Plains (Brian Coons) to represent the non-urban towns and villages, along with the Town of Clinton (Ray Oberly).
  - The Acting NYSDOT Commissioner is Paul Karas and the Acting NYSDOT Region 8 Regional Director (RD) is now Lance MacMillan. The RD is typically the Commissioner-designated representative on the Council.

Given this turnover, we would like to schedule an MPO 101 course in February to introduce the DCTC to our new members. This would be open to all members and agency staff. One option is to do this in place of our normal Planning Committee meeting on Wed., Feb. 28, 2018. Mark asked attendees for their perspective, and members had no objections to this idea. Marleen Stein informed the group that she is retiring, and that the 28<sup>th</sup> is her last day. Mark said he would consider the options and contact members shortly.

- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Call for Projects: Mark reminded the Committee about the statewide solicitation for systemic pedestrian safety projects in support of state’s PSAP. As mentioned at the November meeting, these are for systemic, low-cost countermeasures to

improve pedestrian safety. \$40 million in Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funding has been made available to local municipalities. Projects must be located in municipalities within the Adjusted Urbanized Area (16 municipalities, plus the county) and Urban Clusters (Red Hook/Tivoli area). Special attention is being paid to 20 focus communities across New York. In Dutchess, this includes the City and Town of Poughkeepsie. Projects funded through this call are eligible to receive up to 100 percent funding with no local match required, though they must still go through the local federal-aid process. Additional information about the program is available on the [NYS DOT](#) and [DCTC](#) websites. Sponsors should review the guidance and the PSAP report to improve their understanding of the program. Applications must be submitted to DCTC staff by **March 9, 2018**. Please forward applications to Emily Dozier and Mark.

Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) asked if there was a way to create one source for various funding application deadlines. Mark said that he would talk to Planning Department staff, and that the solution may be to include them in an existing online calendar.

- **TMA Federal Certification Review**: We should soon receive a draft report of FHWA's findings from their 2017 review of the DCTC and the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA. Some likely findings include a need to update the TMA's Congestion Management Plan, update the DCTC Title VI plan, and spend down the DCTC UPWP savings backlog. Mark noted that responding to the certification review's recommendations will be a high priority for the DCTC in 2018. Dan Coots (NYS DOT) added that TIP performance (sponsors' ability to complete projects) was also highlighted by FHWA.
- **Performance Measures** – Mark informed the group that NYSAMPO is working on draft language that MPOs can use to update their written agreements for sharing data to develop safety-related performance measures.
- **State Budget**: Specific to infrastructure, the Governor's 2018 Budget for NYSDOT provides \$4.3 billion in new capital plan funding. Of that amount, nearly \$3.1 billion in new program funding is provided for State and local roadway and bridge construction (including CHIPS - \$438.1 million; Marchiselli - \$39.7 million; Bridge NY - \$100 million; and PAVE NY - \$100 million). Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) for Upstate and Downstate Suburban systems increases by one percent over prior-year levels.
- **PAVE NY and BRIDGE NY**: Both programs will continue. The BRIDGE NY call for projects will be conducted soon. Projects selected will utilize the remaining funds in the program for 2018-19 and 2019-20, and the call will be similar to the 2016 iteration. PAVE NY will be apportioned annually, including this state fiscal year and next year. Mark noted that interested municipalities can get a head start on the application by referring to previous years' calls for projects, as the framework is not expected to change substantially.
- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**: The statewide TAP call for projects will occur this spring, after the BRIDGE NY call. We expect minimal changes (if any) to be made to the previous

TAP-CMAQ guidelines and application process. Interested municipalities can begin early by referencing the previous call for projects.

- **President’s Infrastructure Proposal:** Mark highlighted some of the proposals being mentioned as part of the President’s national infrastructure program:
  - **Infrastructure Incentives Initiative:** encourages state, local and private investment in core infrastructure by providing incentives in the form of grants. Federal incentive funds will be conditioned on achieving milestones within an identified timeframe. Applies to surface transportation, airports, passenger rail, maritime and inland waterway ports, flood control, water supply, hydropower, water resources, drinking water facilities, storm water facilities, Brownfield and Superfund sites. Accounts for 50% of total appropriation. Grant awards can’t exceed 20% of total project cost.
  - **Transformative Projects Program:** makes available federal funding and technical assistance for innovative and transformative infrastructure projects based on competitive basis to viable projects unable to secure financing through private sector due to the uniqueness of the program. Applicable projects must be exploratory and groundbreaking ideas that have more risk than standard infrastructure projects but offer a larger reward. Covered sectors include transportation, clean water, drinking water, energy, commercial space, and telecommunications. Accounts for 10% of total appropriation.
  - **Rural Infrastructure Program:** designed to encourage investment to enable rural economies, facilitate freight movement, improve access to reliable and affordable transportation, etc. States are incentivized to partner with local and private investment for completion and operation of projects under this program. Accounts for 25% of total appropriation.
- **Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) Workshop:** Mark stated that the CLRP will be holding a Pavement Maintenance workshop on **May 22, 2018** at the Cornell Cooperative extension in Millbrook. [Registration is required](#). The course will discuss how to choose proper repair techniques for paved and unpaved roads. It also goes into more detail on some of the most common asphalt maintenance techniques, such as patching and chip seals.

**3. Public Participation** – Mark opened the meeting for public comment and general announcements. Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) asked about the status of the I-84 bridge project; Dan Coots (NYSDOT) noted that he would investigate. Dan also introduced Nicole Farmer, a new NYSDOT planning staff member.

**4. Draft SFY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mark noted that the UPWP is the DCTC’s annual statement of work for the upcoming State Fiscal Year (SFY). It outlines the planning tasks to be completed by the MPO and member agencies. Mark reviewed the Draft 2018-2019 UPWP and the planning budgets for the Draft UPWP, focusing on changes from the current year and highlights for the upcoming program year. Due to the requirement to approve the UPWP prior to April 1, we will target January 30 to begin the 30-day public comment period. We will then seek approval at our March 8, 2018 voting meeting. Mark described the project categories as follows:

- a. TK10-Program Support and Administration: This project category covers activities necessary to carry out the day-to-day activities of the Transportation Council and support the local metropolitan transportation planning process. These include typical administrative tasks related to preparing for meetings, developing future planning programs, engaging the public, and participating in professional development courses.
- b. TK20-Data Development and Analysis: The Data Development category supports the gathering and analysis of relevant data to identify issues for further study, define requirements for plans, and identify programming priorities. It includes analyzing population, employment, and housing data, primarily from agencies such as the Census Bureau and BLS. In addition, this category covers work on gathering and analyzing transportation specific data on the condition and use of the local transportation system (e.g. traffic count data, pavement monitoring). These tasks support various short- and long-range transportation planning activities.
- c. TK30-Long-Range Transportation Planning (System Level): The system-level long-range planning category forms the basis of our community planning activities and the programming of federal transportation funding. It includes tasks that relate to the transportation system at the state, regional, and county level. System-level planning also focus on mode-specific issues such as regional transit or freight.
- d. TK40-Long-Range Transportation Planning (Project Level): The project level category encompasses tasks pertaining to specific communities, sub-areas, or corridors. These tasks require detailed analyses that are more precise than system-level analyses. Project level planning may focus on multi-modal issues or only one or two transportation modes. Project level tasks support the recommendations and priorities identified in the MTP. Projects in this section include those initiated by the Transportation Council and member agencies.
- e. TK50-Short-Range Transportation Planning: The short-range planning category focuses on planning projects with near term horizons that support the recommendations in previous Transportation Council plans and studies. The Council will review proposed land use and transportation projects for their potential impacts on the regional transportation network and for consistency with our strategic goals and objectives, especially as they relate to livability and sustainable development.
- f. TK60-Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): This category focuses on maintaining and updating the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through amendments and administrative modifications. It also includes work related to reviewing project applications for special federal funding programs.
- g. TK70-Planning Emphasis Areas: The Transportation Council works closely with member agencies, including public transit operators, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local and regional transit operations. This includes local bus operations provided by the Dutchess County Division of Public Transit and regional commuter rail services provided by MTA/Metro-North Railroad.
- h. TK80-Other Activities: This category covers work with the NYSAMPO, which provides a forum for the 14 NYS MPOs to collaborate on mutually beneficial activities. NYSAMPO activities are supported directly with FHWA and FTA planning funds, which are matched by NYSDOT. In addition to regular staff director meetings, the Association has several working groups to promote information sharing among staff. Working groups cover specific focus areas including

traffic safety, bicycle and pedestrian planning, traffic management and operations, climate change, transit planning, travel demand modeling, and GIS mapping.

John Andoh (DCPT) asked that the UPWP include references to a Dutchess County Public Transit Marketing Plan and a Transit Development Plan, both using 5307 funds. Mark stated that he would add those references to the draft document.

## **5. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- a. Draft TIP Questionnaire: Mark introduced a revised version of the TIP Questionnaire that was presented to the Planning Committee in November. The goal of this Questionnaire is to have local sponsors formally report to the Transportation Council about the status of their current TIP projects. A fillable form has been created to help with submissions. We have identified eight local sponsors in the TIP. These include DCDPW, City of Poughkeepsie, City of Beacon, Town of Hyde Park, and Town of Red Hook for STP/CMAQ/TAP funded projects, the Towns of Beekman and Pawling with HPP projects, and the Village of Wappingers Falls for a TAP project. Mark stated that he would send the questionnaire to those sponsors in February.
- b. Draft TIP Amendment 17-05: Mark referred to Draft Amendment 17-05 to the FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): the five-year capital program of federally funded transportation projects in Dutchess County. The DCTC periodically updates the TIP to add new projects, remove existing projects, or change a project's cost, schedule, or scope. Amendment #17-05, via Resolution 18-02, adds four new projects to the TIP: two stemming from last year's Off-System Bridge call for projects and the other two from NYSDOT's repaving program:
  - PIN 814164: Route 44 repaving from CR 83 (Smithfield Valley Rd) to Route 343, and Route 343 to the Connecticut State Line in the Town of Amenia. Project will place a 1½ inch hot mix asphalt overlay to the existing roadway. Project will use NHPP funds.
  - PIN 848107: Route 216 repaving from Route 52 to Route 55 in the Towns of East Fishkill and Beekman. Project will place a 1½ inch hot mix asphalt overlay to the existing roadway. Project will use NHPP funds.
  - PIN 876195: Replace the Carol Dr. Bridge in the Town of East Fishkill.
  - PIN 876196: Replace the Garden St. Bridge in the City of Poughkeepsie.

The Carol Dr. and Garden St. Bridges ranked the highest based on our Project Selection Criteria. The Planning Committee agreed with this determination at previous meetings. We still have available off-system bridge funding, and are continuing to evaluate two other bridge projects: Dock St. in Hyde Park and South Ave. in Beacon. Amendment 17-05 will require a 15-day public comment period, likely in February, prior to Council consideration at the March 8 meeting.

Joseph Kane and Scott Bryant noted the importance of these bridge projects to the City of Poughkeepsie and Town of East Fishkill, respectively.

Bob LaColla asked about the status of the Washington Avenue Bridge project in Fishkill. Mark said he would check with Bob Balkind at County DPW.

## 6. High-end Speeding Analysis of County and Local Roads

Mark introduced the report, noting that it was the second year DCTC has conducted this analysis and that the goal of the project was to identify road segments where the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was more than 10 mph over the posted speed limit. Dylan Tuttle (DCTC) outlined the report's findings:

- 1,042 road segments were analyzed, using data from our traffic count program, and 114 (13%) showed high-end speeding. High-end speeding road segments were located in 23 municipalities. The extent of the speeding varied, with eight segments showing 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds more than 17.5 mph over the posted limit. A few roads had significantly higher speeds in one direction. This appears to be due to road geometry (a curve or hill) or proximity to a higher-speed road.
- The major addition to this year's report is speed-related crash data. Speed-related crashes were added to the maps, and a speed-related crash rate was calculated for each segment. Dylan noted that if municipalities find this data useful, staff could develop a broader look at speed-related crashes in the county, such as using ten years of crash data.
- Tom VanTine (Village of Fishkill) noted that some data in the "road owner" column is incorrect. Dylan stated that he would make those changes.

Dylan noted that the county does not have a complete dataset of posted speed limits. Bob LaColla asked whether interns from the Cornell summer program could log speed limits as they inventory the pavement conditions. Mark said that he would look into that possibility.

## 7. FTA Funding Items

- Status of sub-allocation of FFY 2017 FTA S.5307 & 5339 funding: Mark noted that the TMA is still awaiting an agreement on the draft allocations of FFY 2017 FTA Section 5307 and 5339 funding to our Urbanized Area. Dutchess will likely receive \$1,782,525 in 5307 funds and \$444,560 in 5339 funds for a total of \$2,227,085 for FFY 2017. MTA would also receive \$2,898,896 for FFY 2017. We need the agreement between NY and NJ finalized before we can develop our sub-allocation and applicable MPO resolutions. NYSDOT has stated that this issue has been raised to their senior management.
- Mark provided an update on the TMA's unallocated FFY 2014-2015 S.5307 funding, based on the recent call for projects for \$5 million in unallocated FTA funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley. The TMA received three applications, which are currently under review by the TMA (a summary was included in the meeting notice):
- Adirondack Transit Lines: Construction of an 18,000 sq. ft. expansion of the Trailways maintenance facility in Hurley, NY including a drive thru bus wash, collision repair space, and parts inventory areas. Total cost is \$3 million.
- UCAT: Construction of a bus storage facility. Total cost \$1.5 million.

- DCPT: Three part project to test innovative mobility solutions, address capital needs, and support operational/maintenance improvements. Total cost \$1.638 million.
  - John Andoh, DCPT administrator, introduced himself to new members and outlined the goals of DCPT’s application. He cited the need to improve service, especially in the rural northern and northeastern parts of the county, and to think outside of the box in addressing that challenge.
- Draft Resolution #18-03 – Allocation of Available S.5307 Funds to Ulster County. Due to the NY-NJ impasse over FFY 2017 funds, UCAT is need of federal funding to support its 2018 FTA grants.
  - Mark stated that similar proposals have been approved in the past. When the budget impasse is resolved, UCTC will pay back the funds.

**8. Program/Project Updates**

- a. Village of Millerton Pedestrian Plan – Emily Dozier (DCTC) stated that the final Task Force meeting is scheduled for February 5.
- b. City of Beacon Beekman Street Complete Streets project – Emily will present this project to the Beacon City Council on January 29.
- c. City of Poughkeepsie Downtown Parking Improvement Plan – Mark noted that the existing conditions report will be completed soon.
- d. Traffic Volume Trend Analysis – Emily stated that this analysis will evaluate traffic volumes over the life of our traffic count program (1999-2017) and try to answer such questions as: Is volume typically increasing or decreasing? Are there ‘outlier’ years that tend to be high or low? Are there certain areas, municipalities, or roads that are different than most? In what areas are volumes increasing? In what areas is volume decreasing? The data will be sent to municipalities and County DPW.

**9. Public Participation** – Mark asked for any additional public comments. None were noted.

**10. Future Meetings**

- Planning Committee: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Dutchess County Planning Dept. **(TENTATIVE; possible MPO 101 course).**
- Transportation Council: Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Locust Grove Estate (West Gallery), 2683 South Road (Route 9), Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

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