

Public Notice

July 17th, 2026

— Plan Seeks Ways to Improve Transportation Services for Older Adults and People with Disabilities —

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) is pleased to announce that its new [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan \(or Coordinated Plan\)](#) is available for review and comment.

The Coordinated Plan seeks to improve local transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults (age 65 and over), by identifying their transportation needs, developing strategies to meet those needs, and prioritizing transportation projects and services to improve their ability to access basic needs.

The DCTC developed the Plan in consultation with local human service agencies, public transportation providers, and public. The Plan provides a locally grounded framework to improve mobility through better communication, coordination, service enhancements, and targeted actions. Learn more at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Transportation-Council/Coordinated-Plan.htm>

Public Comments

A 15-day comment period will begin on **July 17, 2026**, and provide the public with an opportunity to review the ideas in the new Plan. Comments should be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026**. Comments can be sent by mail, email, or phone, using the contact information below.

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All public comments will be summarized and presented to the Council prior to its next voting meeting, which is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6, 2026** (1:30 p.m.) at The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, 4079 Albany Post Rd (Route 9), Hyde Park, NY 12538.

About the DCTC: Established in 1982, the DCTC serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County. Federal law requires that Urban Areas with over 50,000 people be represented by a MPO, which is responsible for ensuring that Federal transportation dollars (highway and transit) are committed through a locally driven, comprehensive planning process. The DCTC includes representatives from local municipalities, NYSDOT, and the MTA.