

Dutchess County Transportation Council

Public Notice

Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Statement for the Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area

October 10, 2019

The [Dutchess County Transportation Council \(DCTC\)](#), [New York Metropolitan Transportation Council \(NYMTC\)](#), and [Orange County Transportation Council \(OCTC\)](#) have initiated a 30-day public comment period for the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Statement for the 1997 Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area. The Draft Statement has been developed as part of an update to Orange County's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Federal laws require that transportation activities conform to State air quality plans prior to receiving federal funding. Dutchess County is part of the Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area, which also includes Orange and Putnam Counties. As part of this Non-attainment Area, the DCTC, NYMTC, and OCTC must demonstrate that the projects in their Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) conform to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The Draft Statement was developed in conjunction with the State's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG), which ensured the conformity process adhered to federal and state standards. The complete draft statement is available on the DCTC website at: www.dutchessny.gov/dctc under News & Announcements.

Public Comments

This 30-day comment period provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Conformity Statement. Comments should be sent in writing (mail, email, or fax) to the address below by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2019**.

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All public comments will be summarized and presented to the Council prior to adoption. We encourage the public to contact us if they have any questions about this action.

About the DCTC: Established in 1982, the DCTC serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County. Federal law requires that all Urbanized Areas, U.S. Census defined metropolitan 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, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.