

# Dutchess County Transportation Council

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## Public Notice

### Federal Certification Review of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

**September 1, 2021**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are currently conducting their quadrennial Federal Certification Review of the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC). We are interested in hearing from you about how the transportation planning process is being conducted in the Mid-Hudson Valley region.

The U.S. Department of Transportation requires every metropolitan area with a population over 50,000 to have a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to qualify for receipt of federal highway and transit funds. DCTC is the designated MPO responsible for transportation planning in Dutchess County. Together with the Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) and Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), we form the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA).

The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the required planning activities of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 are being satisfactorily implemented by the DCTC and the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA. **FHWA and FTA are accepting written comments from the public on DCTC's implementation of the federal transportation planning process through October 22, 2021.**

On the back of this notice are questions to respond to about how the transportation planning process is being implemented and opportunities to participate in that process. You may also provide an open written response.

Comments may be sent to:

and/or

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Thank you in advance for your feedback.

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## FHWA/FTA Certification Review - Public Comments

1. How well do you understand the DCTC, OCTC, and/or UCTC transportation planning process?
2. How well is the DCTC, OCTC, and/or UCTC transportation planning process working to effectively improve transportation in the region?
3. Are there opportunities for you to provide input on transportation issues and plans, such as the long-range transportation plan, other studies and issues?
4. Is there equal access and opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, incomes and races to provide input in the transportation planning process?
5. What are some things that work well?
6. What areas do you think can be improved?