



TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Advisory Committee Meeting #6 Summary

November 18, 2025

Attendees

- Stephen Gill, Traffic Engineer, Dutchess County Dept. of Public Works
- Bill Johnson, Dutchess County Traffic Safety Administrator
- Kevin McCarthy, Town of Fishkill Highway Dept
- Lt. Mike Dampf, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office
- Karen Smythe, Mayor, Red Hook Village
- Hisieni Sacasa, Biostatistician, Dutchess County Dept of Health
- Emily Dozier, Senior Planner (Project Manager), DCTC
- Mark DeBald, Transportation Program Administrator, DCTC
- Nina Leonard, Planner, DCTC
- Cory Hopwood, Cambridge Systematics (CS)
- Russ Martin, Cambridge Systematics (CS)

Welcome, Introductions, and Status Update

Emily Dozier launched the meeting and facilitated introductions. Russ Martin reviewed the meeting agenda.

Action Plan – Setting and Stage and Data Analysis

Russ briefly summarized the major components of the draft Action Plan, which was shared with the committee in advance. He described how the Plan presents the Safe System Approach and sets goals, as well as summarizes all the data analysis carried out to identify the Plan Emphasis Areas.

Action Plan – Location Analysis

Cory Hopwood presented the development of the State, County, and Municipal safety priority networks, and showed the interactive GIS maps. The group discussed the lifespan of the interactive maps and how they can be transferred to the update of Moving Dutchess Forward. Cory discussed the selection of sites for desktop and field investigations, investigation outcomes, and the Safety Countermeasure Toolkit.

Cory then reviewed the Systemic Screening process and showcased the interactive Systemic Map. He also described the forthcoming Systemic Countermeasure Toolkit.

- **Action Item:** CS will update systemic map language to add more specificity and intuitiveness.

Safety Action Plan – Strategies and Actions, Process and Policy Changes

Russ presented how the Emphasis Area Strategies and Actions will be organized in the Plan with designated lead and supporting agencies, as well as timelines (i.e. short, medium, and long term). Russ then reviewed proposed policy changes. The group discussed the recommendation for a three-foot bicycle passing law, its efficacy, and its enforceability. Russ also described how all the Plan’s content will be backed up by detailed technical appendices.

Safety Action Plan - Implementation

Russ presented a long-term timeline to implement the Plan’s components, tied to other planning cycles. He also listed proposed progress and transparency steps.

- **Action Item:** The group discussed how it will be critical to track and share the progress of individual actions and projects in the Plan. DCTC will investigate this further.

Safety Action Plan – Implementation Examples

Cory walked through examples of how to use the Priority Location Maps, Desktop Investigations, and Countermeasure Toolkit to plan projects. He also described how the Field Investigations can support infrastructure projects. Cory walked through how to use the Systemic Screening map and the Systemic Toolkit to develop systemic projects, which may be grouped for funding applications.

- **Action Item:** CS will ensure that the systemic toolkit provides clear user instructions.

Russ briefly described a pathway to translate non-infrastructure recommendations into action.

The group discussed potential federal and state funding sources. NYSDOT has signaled that they will consider any recommendation in a safety action plan to be HSIP-eligible.

Closing and Next Steps

Emily and Mark DeBald discussed plans to discuss the Plan with the County Executive. The DCTC Policy Board is anticipated to adopt the Plan in the spring. The group also discussed presenting the Plan to other stakeholder groups, including the county’s Police Chiefs, Mayors & Supervisors, Highway Superintendents, and others.

Emily asked Committee members to share any additional comments or feedback on any elements of the Plan. The consultant team is aiming to finish all remaining elements before the end of the year.