

# Planning Committee Meeting

April 29, 2026



DUTCHESS COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Better ways from here to there

# DCTC Meetings: Ground Rules

## For all meetings:

- Please plan to participate!
  - Prepare ahead of time
  - Participate in discussions
- Add to, don't repeat

## Virtual meetings:

- Start on mute; unmute to speak, or use chat
- Turn on your computer's camera (if available)
- Set aside distractions; avoid multi-tasking

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Announcements
3. Partner Updates
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Planning Updates
7. Meeting Review

# Announcements

## 2.a Policy Board Meeting Recap

- ✓ Adoption of the DCTC Transportation Safety Action Plan
- ✓ Endorsement of modifications to the Federal Functional Classification of select roads
- ✓ Amendment #26-01 to the DCTC Capital Program-TIP



# Announcements

## 2.b Funding Opportunities

- Safe Streets For All (SS4A)
  - Project minimum of \$2.5 million (20% local match required)
  - Projects can be bundled into one application; municipalities can also partner on an application with multiple projects
  - Project locations and countermeasures in our Safety Action Plan are eligible for Implementation Grant funding
  - Recommend NOT applying for Planning or Demonstration Grants
  - Applications due **May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Note: This might be the last year for SS4A, so consider applying if interested!

# Announcements

## 2.c Federal Certification Review Report

- Final report effective April 2, 2026
- Done every four years by FHWA and FTA for large urban areas
- Assesses how we're carrying out the planning process
- Findings:
  - No corrective actions
  - Several recommendations and commendations
    - DCTC commended for Resilient Ways Forward

# Partner Updates

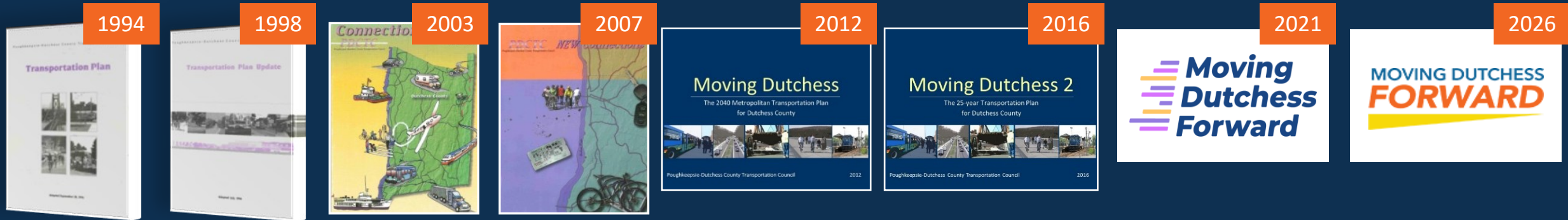
- NYSDOT
- Dutchess County
- Municipalities
- Other Agencies
- Public

# New Business

## 5.a 2026 Transportation Plan Update

- **Assess** section posted!
- Second Outreach Campaign underway
  - Online '\$100 Challenge' survey is live
  - [Virtual meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon](#)
  - Pop-up events:
    - Past: Red Hook (4/18) & PKX (4/26)
    - Upcoming: County Health Fair (5/2) – DCC (Falcon Hall)
- Next:
  - **Advocate** section – very soon
  - **Invest** section – late spring/early summer

# What is the Transportation Plan?



- Strategic, long-range plan: 20+ year horizon
- Recommends policies and projects, and forms basis of future federal transportation funding
- Must be fiscally constrained (i.e., not a wish list)
- Done every 5 years

# Plan Update

✓ **Introduction** (Our Region, People, & Transportation System)

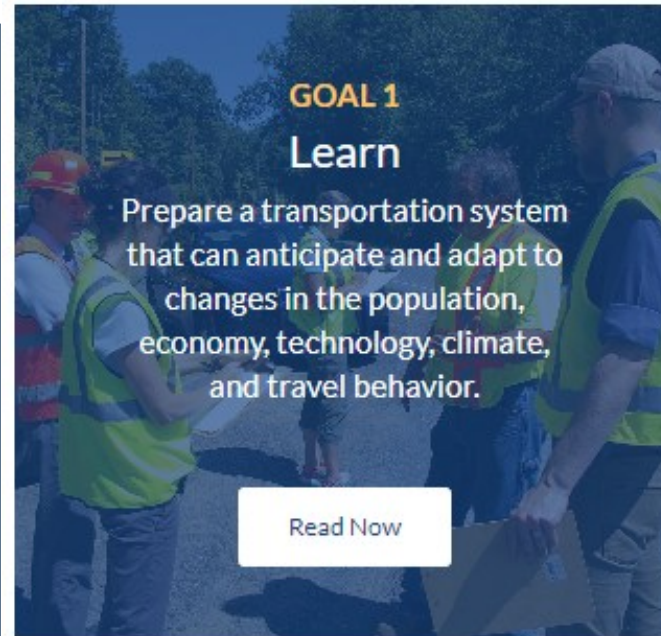
✓ **Goal 1 – Learn** (Trends)

✓ **Goal 2 – Assess** (Barriers)

○ **Goal 3 – Advocate (Policies) Soon!**

○ **Goal 4 – Invest (Projects)**

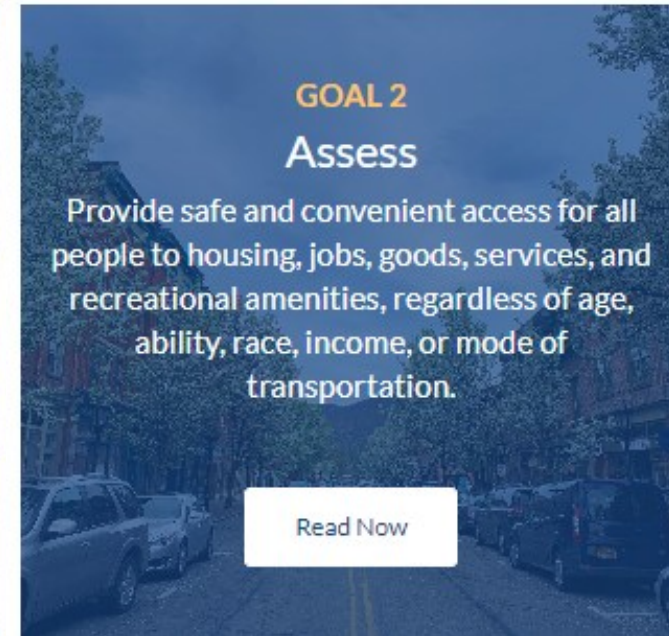
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**GOAL 1**  
**Learn**

Prepare a transportation system that can anticipate and adapt to changes in the population, economy, technology, climate, and travel behavior.

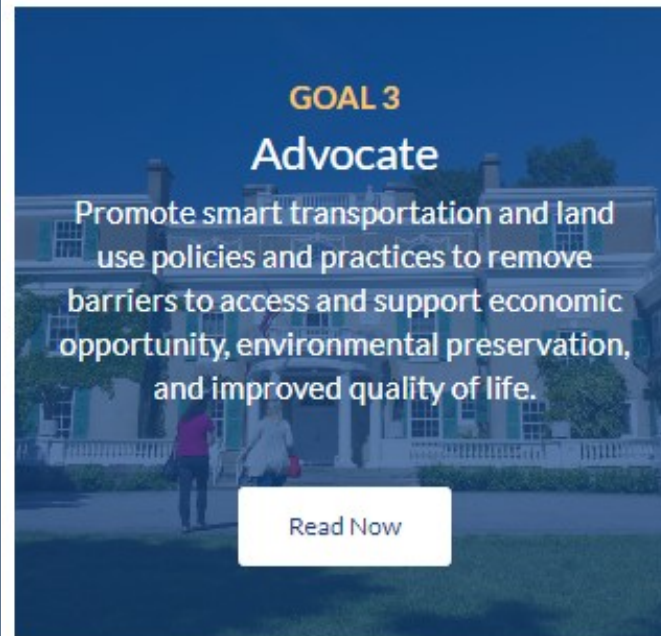
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**GOAL 2**  
**Assess**

Provide safe and convenient access for all people to housing, jobs, goods, services, and recreational amenities, regardless of age, ability, race, income, or mode of transportation.

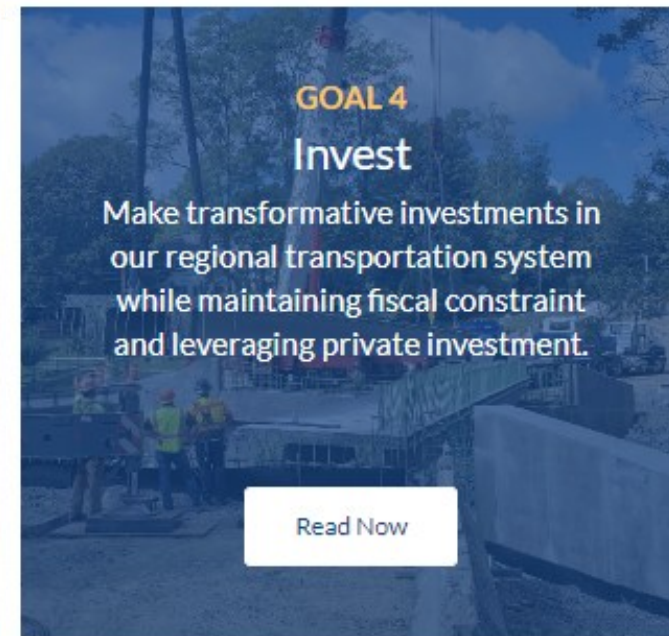
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**GOAL 3**  
**Advocate**

Promote smart transportation and land use policies and practices to remove barriers to access and support economic opportunity, environmental preservation, and improved quality of life.

Read Now



**GOAL 4**  
**Invest**

Make transformative investments in our regional transportation system while maintaining fiscal constraint and leveraging private investment.

Read Now

# Website (Plan Content)

# Map Viewer

Thank you to everyone who took our survey! Stay tuned for more outreach activities this spring.

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## Welcome to Our Transportation Plan

Moving Dutchess Forward is the long-range transportation plan for Dutchess County, New York. It serves as the strategic guiding document to improve transportation in Dutchess County over the next 25 years.

[Read More](#)

### Demographic Trends

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A good transportation system allows us to live our lives, earn a living, and pursue our interests. Demographic trends directly affect transportation, both in terms of demand and the types of transportation services people need. To better understand what might happen to this demand and what transportation services might be needed in the future, we sought to answer two basic questions:

- What are the trends in the county's population, including characteristics such as age, race/ethnicity, and income?
- What are the county's transportation capabilities to grow, decline, or stay the same?

The pandemic affected our society in many ways, including transportation. Some people moved to suburban and rural areas (including Dutchess County), more people worked from home, and many people grew accustomed to home delivery services. Some changes stuck, and some didn't – but we'll keep watching these and other changes to assess their impacts on our transportation system.

**Learn**  
trends in population, economy, housing, freight, technology, climate, & travel

**Assess**  
safety, reliability, and access to jobs, education, housing, & other basic needs

**Advocate**  
recommended policies for a safer, more resilient & equitable transportation system

**Introduction**

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) is updating its county-wide transportation plan, *Moving Dutchess Forward*. The first step in our ongoing effort to improve transportation in Dutchess County over the next 25 years is to look at the ways we get around – by car, bus, bike, or train – for work, school, shopping, recreation, and more. It also looks at the services and infrastructure needed to provide safe and reliable access to these needs.

Help Us Plan for the Future of Transportation in Dutchess!

We want the Plan to reflect the transportation priorities of the people and communities of Dutchess County. From road and bridge improvements, to walking and bicycling infrastructure and transit services, our goal is to help guide our future transportation investments. What works and what doesn't? What helps you get going where you need to go?

**STEP 1: LEARN**  
What trends are shaping our future?  
Review trends in our transportation, economy, housing, freight, technology, climate, and environment.

**STEP 2: ASSESS**  
What barriers do people face and what safety and reliability issues need attention?  
Assess safety, mobility, and access to jobs, housing, education, and other basic needs.

**STEP 3: ADVOCATE**  
What policies and investments will make a difference?  
Review and recommend best practices to create a safer, more reliable and resilient transportation system.

**STEP 4: INVEST**  
How can we better use resources to improve the transportation system, while maximizing transportation investment effectiveness?

We'll gather stakeholder and public input during each step of the process, up and through adoption of the Plan in 2024.

**Dutchess County Population**

Population Estimates (2020-2040) +

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607.562.6000  
Planning for our transportation future

**Learn More**  
Watch the Introduction Video  
More about the Plan  
MovingDutchessForward.com

**MOVING DUTCHESS FORWARD** Planning for our transportation future. Dutchess County | dctc@dutchessny.gov | dutchessny.gov

## Population

Dutchess County

- Total Population: 298,220
- Population Density: 362 per sq. mi.
- Total Households: 116,275

### AGE DISTRIBUTION

- Over 65: 57,002
- Under 18: 54,816

### RACE & ETHNICITY

- White: 236,127
- Black or African American: 38,802
- Asian: 13,692
- AI/AN: 5,140
- NH/AAPI: 777
- Other: 40,466

Total population: 46,023

## Socio-Economics

PLEASANT VALLEY

- Total Population: 9,794
- Population Density: 296 per sq. mi.
- Total Labor Force (Age 16+): 5,008

### INCOME

- Median Household Income: \$101,731
- Households Living in Poverty: 6.5%
- Households Receiving Food Stamps / SNAP: 5.5%

### COMMUTE METHOD

- Drove Alone: 77.2%
- Worked from Home: 15.0%
- Carpooled: 4.6%
- Public Transportation: 2.4%
- Motorcycle, Taxi, or Other: 0.7%

[gis.dutchessny.gov/moving-dutchess-forward](https://gis.dutchessny.gov/moving-dutchess-forward)

## Goal 2 - Assess

- Barriers to Safety
- Barriers to Reliability:
  - Traffic Congestion, Walking & Bicycling, Bus Access, & Train Access
- Barriers to Basic Needs:
  - Housing, Jobs, Goods & Services, Education, & Recreation
- Transportation for All

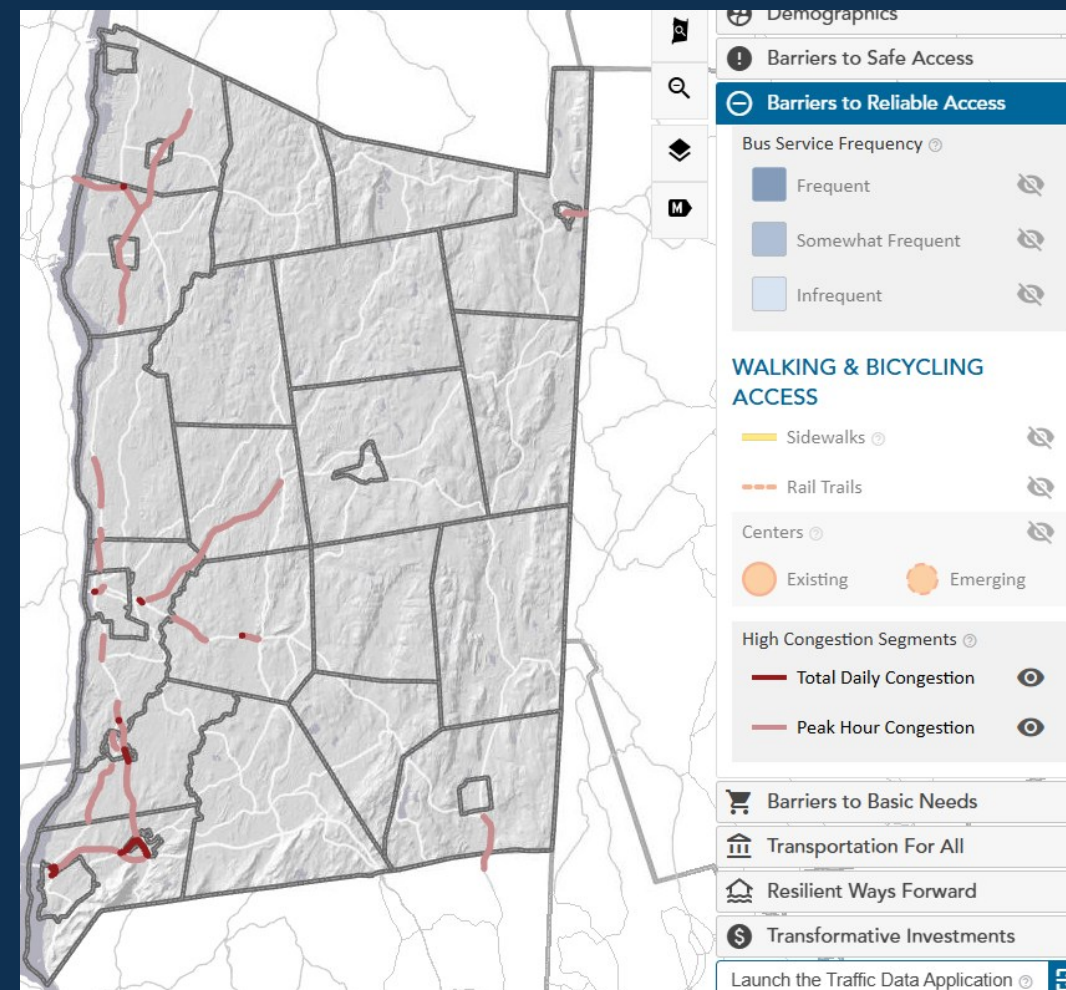
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# Safety – Our Role

- Work with road owners to plan & implement projects based on the Safety Action Plan
- [Continue our safety assessments](#) in partnership with road owners
- [Continue our high-end speeding evaluations](#)
- Support local speed management policies
- Support and expand our Watch Out For Me campaign
- Support behavioral programs & policies to address behavioral issues (e.g., distracted and aggressive driving)

# Reliability (Traffic Congestion) – Our Role

- Pursue planning studies of high-congestion locations
- Work with municipalities & road owners on proposed improvements at high-congestion locations.
- Collect and maintain data on high-congestion areas.
- Consider impacts on congested locations when reviewing land use projects.



# Reliability (Walking & Biking) – Our Role

- Encourage Complete Streets policies & projects
- Support local ADA inventories & transition plans
- Continue to improve pedestrian and bicycle counts
- Encourage municipalities to treat sidewalks as shared public infrastructure, similar to streets

“Even though most destinations require a drive, it would be nice to at least be able to walk once I have arrived at my destination.”

– *Moving Dutchess Forward survey*

# Reliability (Bus & Train) – Our Role

## Bus

- Maximize residents with frequent bus service
- Develop alternatives to fixed-route transit service in low-density areas

## Train

- Increase walking and biking access
  - Nearby sidewalk improvements
  - Secure long-term bicycle parking

# Reliability (Basic Needs) – Our Role

- Promote housing that supports mixed incomes and mixed uses
- Promote housing opportunities near bus routes and rail stations
- Reduce congestion and maintain transportation infrastructure near job centers
- Support walking/bicycling improvements that connect people to jobs
- Improve walking access and transit service to destinations like schools, health care, food stores, etc.

# Planning Updates

## 6.a Coordinated Plan

- Draft Final Plan In-Progress
  - Advisory Committee review and discussion
- Next:
  - Share recommendations at Final Public Meeting (May/June 2026)
  - Seek adoption by the Policy Board (July/August 2026)
  - Post final documents to webpage

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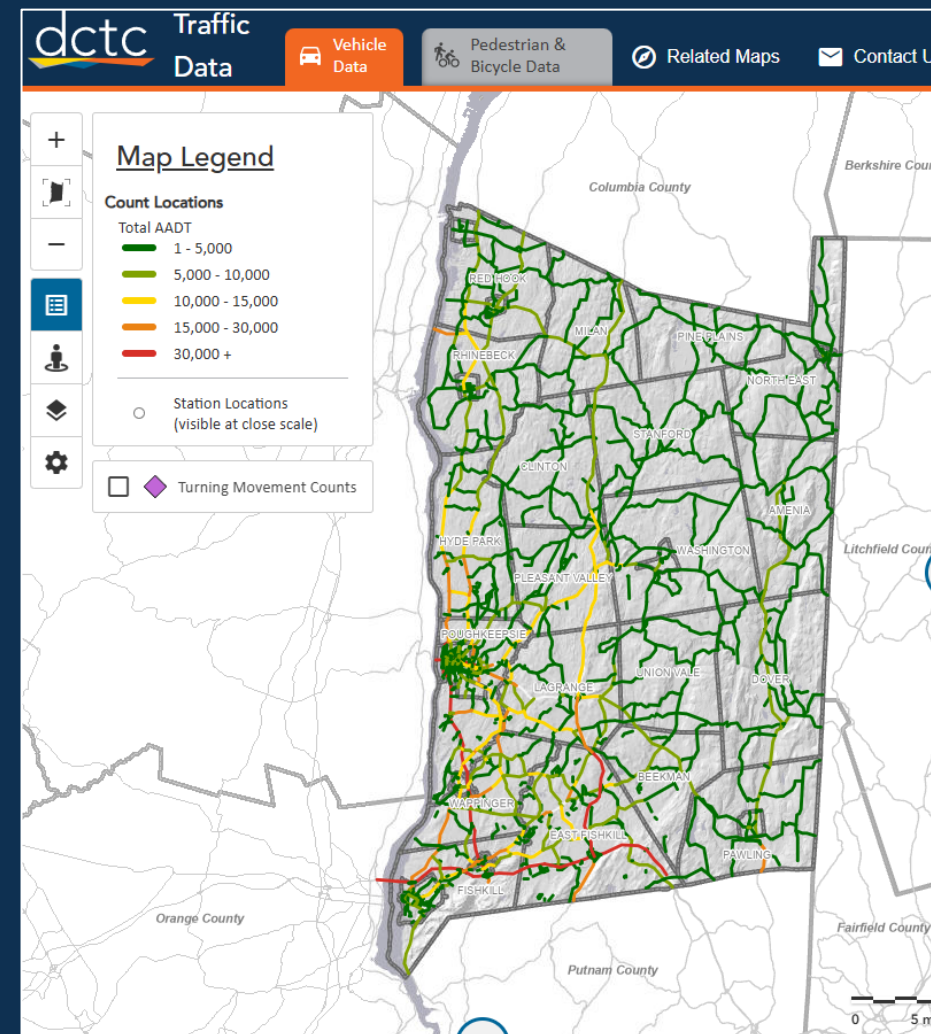
## 6.b City of Beacon Sidewalk Inventory

- Inventory will help Beacon prioritize future capital improvement projects
- Field work completed
- Draft report under review
- Online mapping app

# Planning Updates

## 6.c Traffic Count Program

- 2026 draft schedule in-progress
- About 200 counts
- 2025 counts added to Traffic Data Viewer



# Meeting Review

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Planning Committee (Virtual)**  
Wed., May 27, 10 am
- **County Health Fair (DCC): MDF Pop-Up**  
Sat., May 2, 11 am-2 pm
- **MDF Virtual Public Meeting #2**  
Tue., May 12, 12 - 1 pm