

Planning Committee Meeting

May 27, 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 Call for Safety Projects – HSIP Funding

- [Transportation Safety Action Plan](#) adopted in March
- \$2.5 million in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding available (80% federal, 20% local match)
- Next Steps:
 - June 1: Solicitation issued
 - July 2: Project applications due
 - August: Project selection
 - September: Selected project(s) added to the Capital Program (TIP)

Announcements

2.b Call for Planning Proposals

- Requesting planning proposals for DCTC and on-call consultant work
 - Examples: City of Poughkeepsie Speed Limit Study; City of Beacon Sidewalk Inventory
- Next Steps:
 - July - August: Solicitation
 - September: Proposal selection

Partner Updates

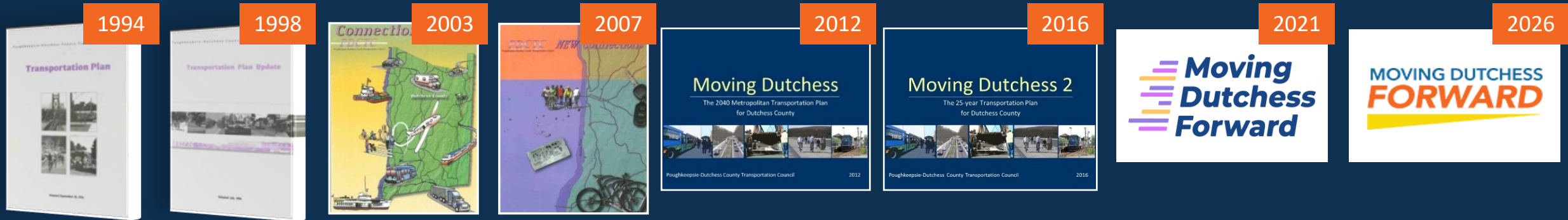
- NYSDOT
- Dutchess County
- Municipalities
- Other Agencies
- Public

New Business

5.a 2026 Transportation Plan Update

- Public Engagement
 - Virtual Public Meeting held on May 12
 - Second Survey Closes June 1
- Plan Progress:
 - New Content: **Advocate** posted
 - Final section, **Invest**, in process
 - On track for Plan adoption in early August (likely first week)

What is the Transportation Plan?

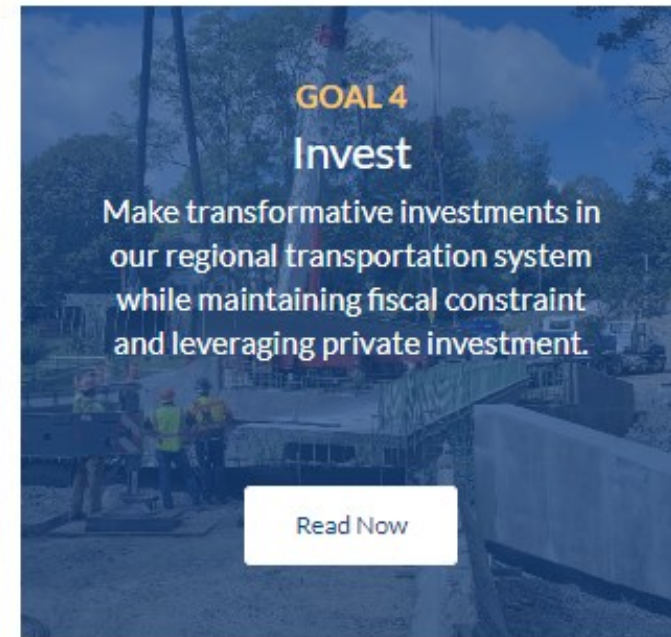
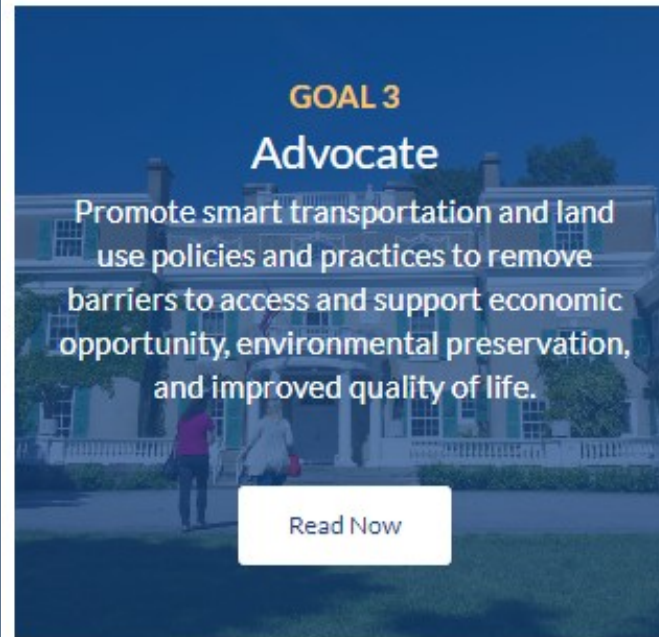
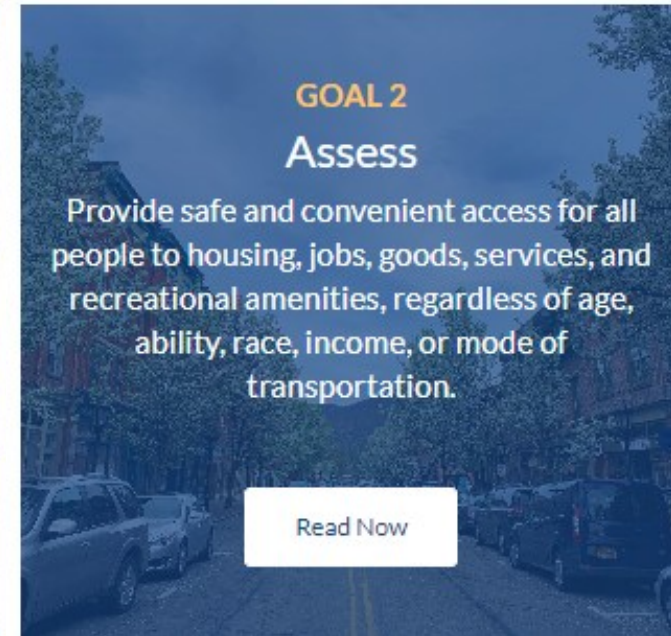
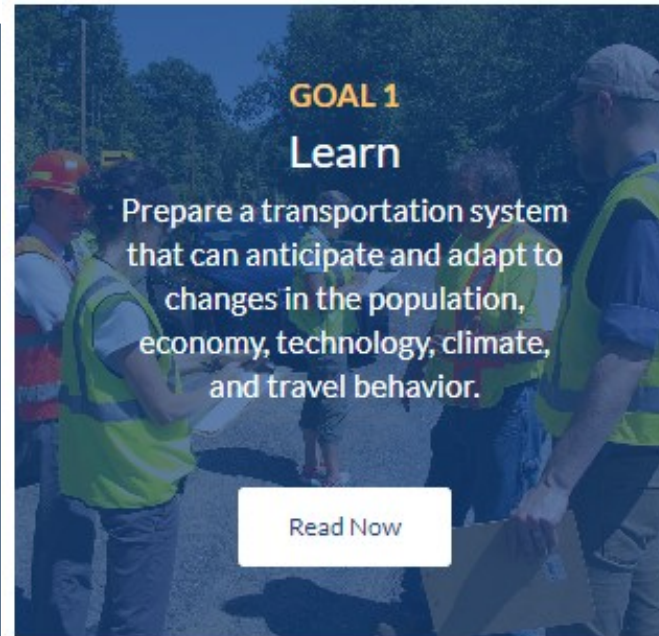


- Strategic, long-range plan: 20+ year horizon
- Recommends policies and projects, and forms basis of future federal transportation funding
- Must be fiscally constrained (i.e., not a wish list)
- Done every 5 years

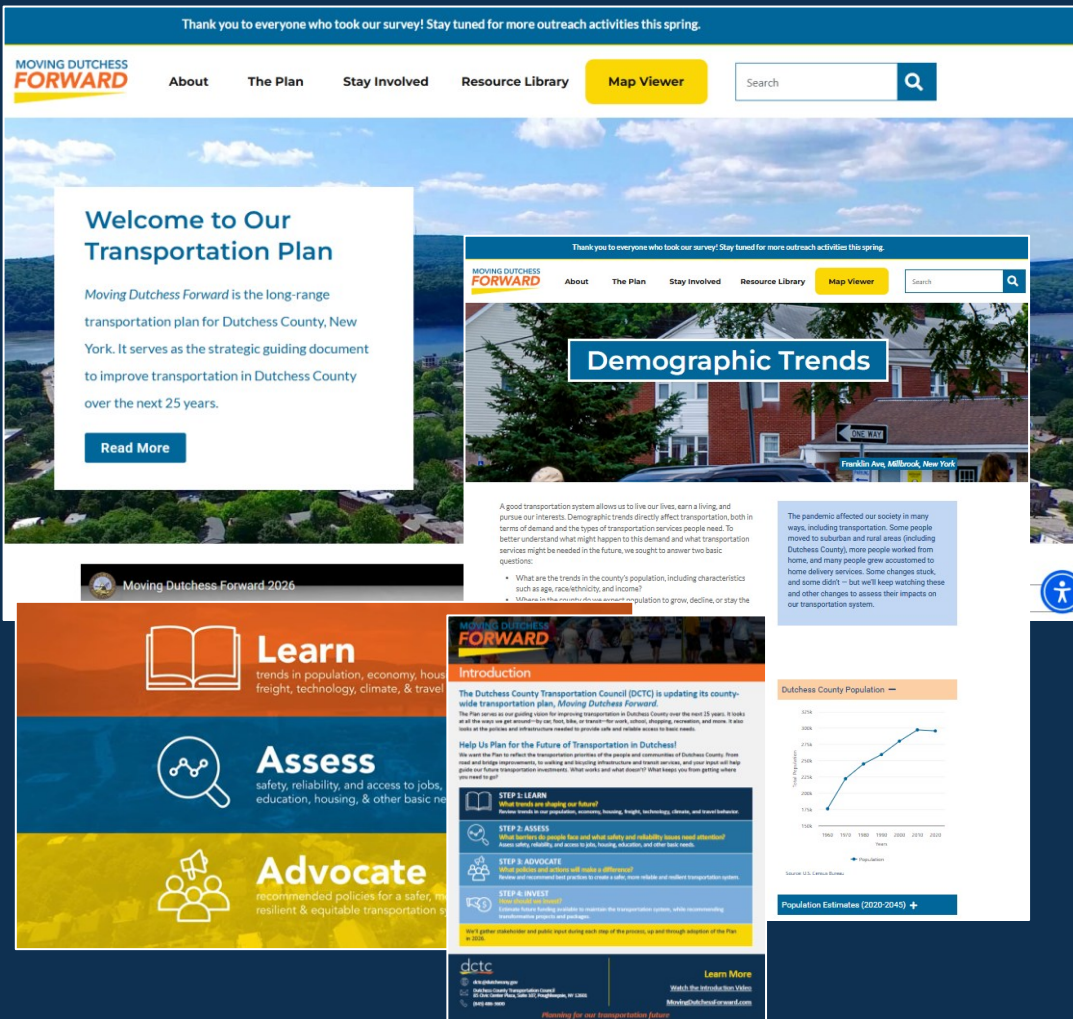
Plan Update

- ✓ **Introduction** (Our Region, People, & Transportation System)
- ✓ **Goal 1 – Learn** (Trends)
- ✓ **Goal 2 – Assess** (Barriers)
- ✓ **Goal 3 – Advocate** (Policies)
- **Goal 4 – Invest** (Projects) (July)

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Website (Plan Content)



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?
- Where is the county's population expected 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 work for improving 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 policies 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 plan will help guide our future transportation investments. What works and what doesn't? What keeps you from getting where you need to go?

STEP 1: LEARN
What trends are shaping our future?
Review trends in our population, economy, housing, freight, technology, climate, and travel behavior.

STEP 2: ASSESS
What barriers do people face and what safety and reliability issues need attention?
Assess safety, reliability, and access to jobs, education, housing, 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
What funding sources will be needed?
Identify funding sources to maintain the transportation system, while recommending transportation expansion and innovation.

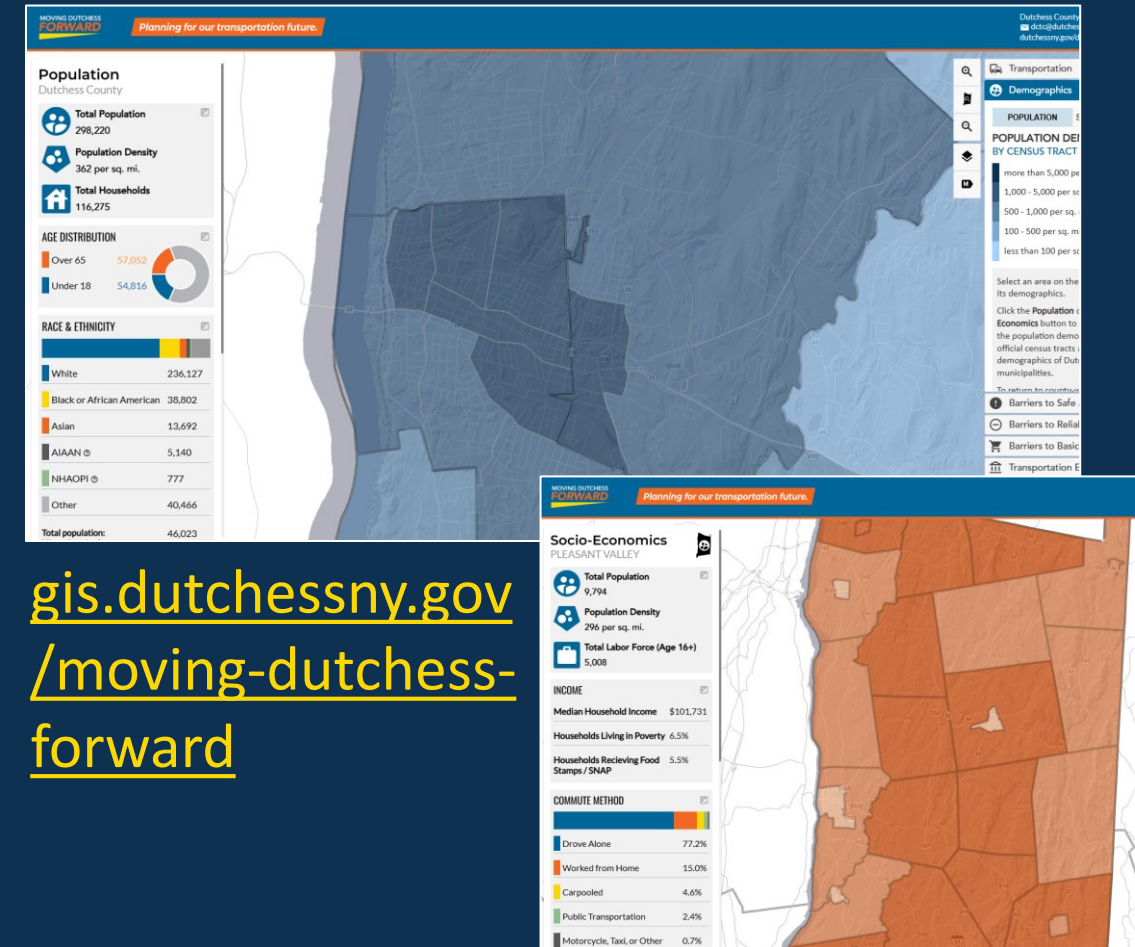
We'll gather stakeholder and public input during each step of the process, up and through adoption of the Plan in 2025.

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Dutchess County Transportation Council
2015-2025 Transportation Plan
2025-2050 Long-Range Plan
2025-2050 Plan
Planning for our transportation future

Learn More
Watch the Introduction Video
[MovingDutchessForward.com](#)

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Map Viewer



MOVING DUTCHESS FORWARD Planning for our transportation future. Dutchess County [dctc@dutchessny.gov](#)

Population

Dutchess County

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

AGE DISTRIBUTION

- Over 65: 57,093
- Under 18: 54,816

RACE & ETHNICITY

- White: 236,127
- Black or African American: 38,802
- Asian: 13,692
- AI/AN: 5,140
- NH/AC/PI: 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%

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Advocate – What policies and actions will make a difference?

- DCTC Actions
- County Actions
- Local Actions

OUR GOAL

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.

DCTC Actions

What policies and actions will make a difference?

1. Aligning Our Processes

- Capital Program – Refine our [project selection framework](#)
 - Prioritize projects that improve safety, reliability, and access to basic needs
- Planning Program – Align our planning work with Moving Dutchess Forward's goals
 - Promote smart land use policies, in partnership with County Planning, to reduce congestion and support transit, walking, and bicycling

DCTC Actions

What policies and actions will make a difference?

2. Improving Safe Access

- Continue our safety work
 - Implement recommendations from our [Safety Action Plan](#)
- Incorporate a Complete Streets approach in our planning work
 - Continue to work with our [County Complete Streets Committee](#) and partners on pedestrian safety education ([Watch Out for Me campaign](#))
- Gather better safety data and refine how we analyze crash data

DCTC Actions

What policies and actions will make a difference?

3. Improving Reliable Access

- Right size our infrastructure
- Address high congestion locations
- Improve access to transit
- Address local and regional freight
- Incorporate Climate Resiliency into our work
- Gather better pavement data

DCTC Actions

What policies and actions will make a difference?

4. Improving Access to Basic Needs

- Address transportation gaps
 - Promote and expand transportation options for focus populations, in coordination with partner agencies and community organizations
- Promote low-cost transportation options
- Promote economic opportunity

County Actions

What policies and actions will make a difference?

1. Improve Safe Access

- Work with the DCTC to identify County roads with [high-end speeding](#) and consider steps to change driver behavior.

2. Improve Reliable Access

- Maintain existing infrastructure before building new; maximize efficiency before adding capacity

3. Improve Access to Basic Needs

- Prioritize access to basic needs when evaluating bus service changes.

Local Actions-Best Practices

14 Questions to Consider (for example):

1. Is it safe and easy to walk around our downtown or town/village center?
What if you use a wheelchair, cane, walker, or stroller? +

2. How are we working to make bicycling safer in our community? +

3. If there are bus routes through our community, how accessible are they?
Are there sidewalks along them, and shelters or benches at appropriate locations? +

4. Do our subdivision codes and street standards make it easy and safe to walk and bike? +

5. How are our sidewalks maintained? Could sidewalk plowing and maintenance be handled in a better way? +

Invest – How should we invest?

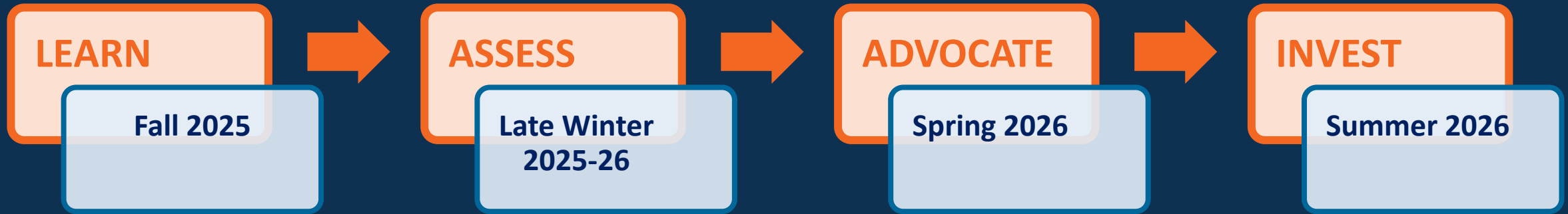
- How does transportation funding work?
- How much is available?
- How much is needed?
 - State of Good Repair (roads, bridges, sidewalks, buses, etc.)
- Illustrative projects

OUR GOAL

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

- We look at three levels: Federal, State, & County/Local
- We look at three ‘buckets’ of funding: Highway, Transit, & Planning

Next Steps



- Virtual Public Meeting #3

Approve new Plan
in August 2026

New Business

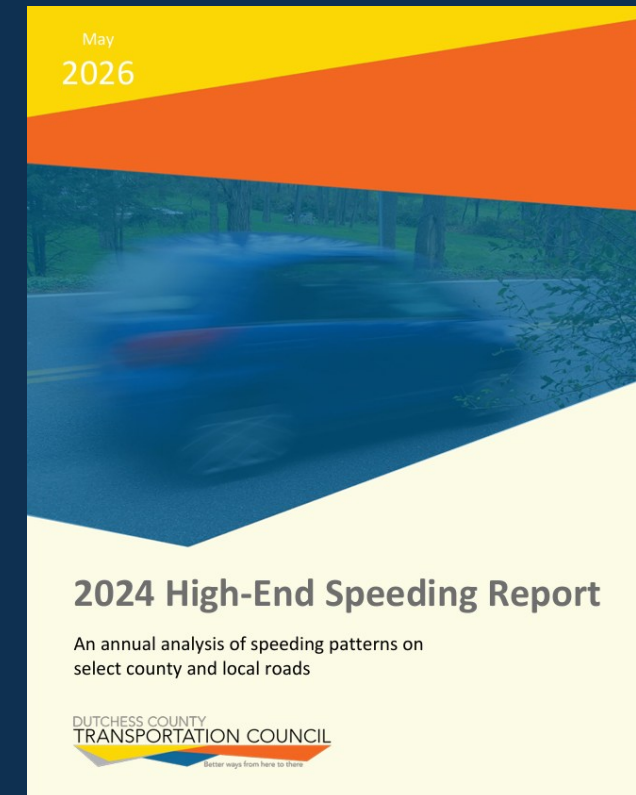
5.b FFY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments

- #26-02 (Highway): Adds NYSDOT paving and culvert projects
- #26-03 (Transit): Adds DCPT fare collection system purchase

New Business

5.b 2024 High-End Speeding Report

- Identifies road segments with "high-end" speeding (more than 10mph over the posted limit), as well as segments with high numbers and rates of speed-related crashes
- 15% exhibited high-end speeding
 - Consistent with previous years
 - Many repeat road segments



Planning Updates

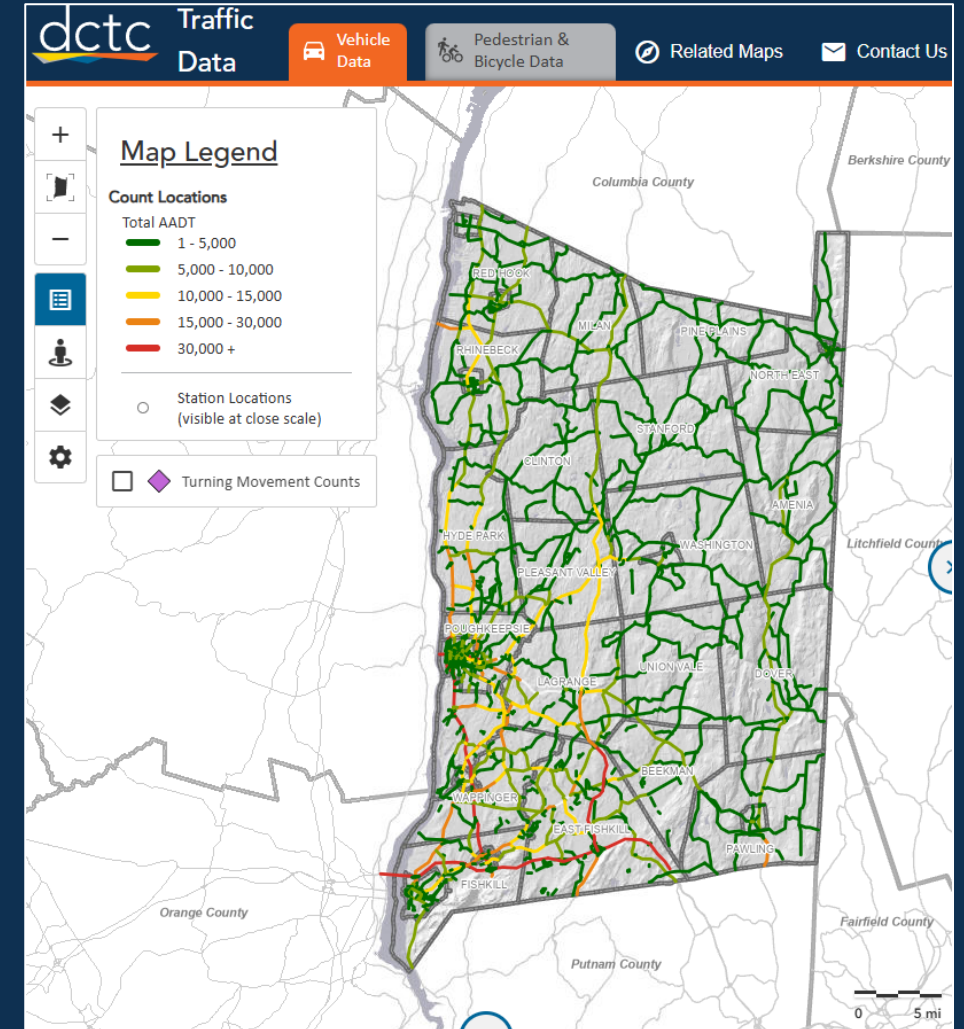
6.a Coordinated Plan

- Advisory Committee meeting on May 19th
- Draft Final Plan in progress
- Next:
 - Virtual Public Meeting (July)
 - Seek adoption by the Policy Board (August)

Planning Updates

6.b Traffic Count Program

- 2026 schedule in-progress
 - About 200 counts overall
 - 35 'school' counts in June
- Mostly video, some tubes



Meeting Review

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Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Planning Committee (Virtual)**
Wed., June 24, 10 am