

Planning Committee Meeting

July 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 Funding Announcements

Greenway Trail Grant Program: funding toward projects that create or improve recreational land and water trails. A 50/50 match is required.

- Eligible Applicants:
 - Municipalities and Non-Profits
- Eligible Projects:
 - Feasibility Studies (max \$50,000)
 - Engineering and Design (max \$75,000)
 - Capital Construction (max \$250,000)

Announcements

2.b Upcoming Training

[Cornell Local Roads Program](#) is hosting a workshop this Fall about solutions for safer roads.

- **October 14, 2026** in Putnam County
- Recommended for Highway / Public Works staff

Announcements

2.c Future DCTC 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; corridor studies; parking studies; pedestrian plans
- Tentative Timeline:
 - August - Solicitation
 - September - Proposal selection

Partner Updates

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

Old Business

4.a DCTC HSIP Call for Projects (8 applications):

- Dover – Regans Mill Rd/Berkshire Rd Intersection Redesign
- Hyde Park – Pine Woods Rd Improvements
- East Fishkill – Unity Plaza Pedestrian Signal
- T/Fishkill – Solar Powered Radar Speed Signs
- T/Pawling – Bundy Hill Rd Safety Improvement
- C/Poughkeepsie – Speed Reduction Project
- T/Poughkeepsie – Van Wagner Rd Safety Improvements
- NYSDOT – Intersection Pedestrian Safety Enhancements

New Business

5.a. Federal Transit Funding

- [FFY 2026 allocations](#) published by FTA
- Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Urban Area:
 - Section 5307 = \$18.2M (2% decrease from 2025)
 - Dutchess County Public Transit = \$2,736,354
 - MTA = \$4,809,385
 - Section 5339 = \$1.07M (3% decrease from 2025)
 - Dutchess County Public Transit = \$456,969

New Business

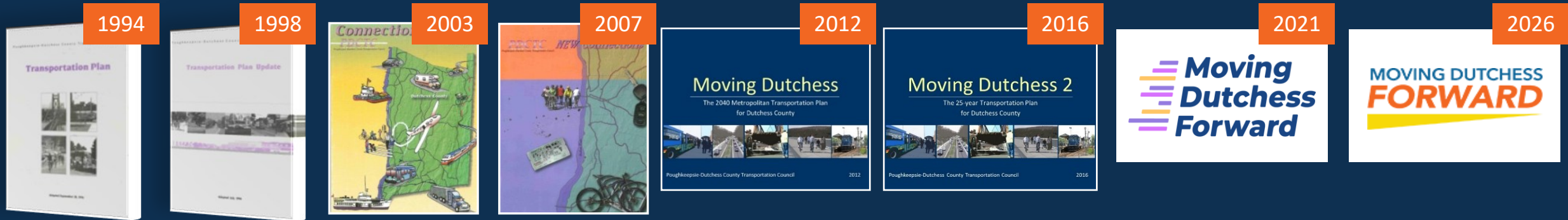
5.b 2026 Transportation Plan Update

- Public Engagement
 - Community Event Pop-Ups
 - Dutchess Outreach Food Pantry (July 9)
 - East Fishkill Farmer's Market (July 18)
 - Final Virtual Public Meeting (July 22)
 - 30-Day Comment Period - ends July 31



East Fishkill Farmer's Market

What is the Transportation Plan?

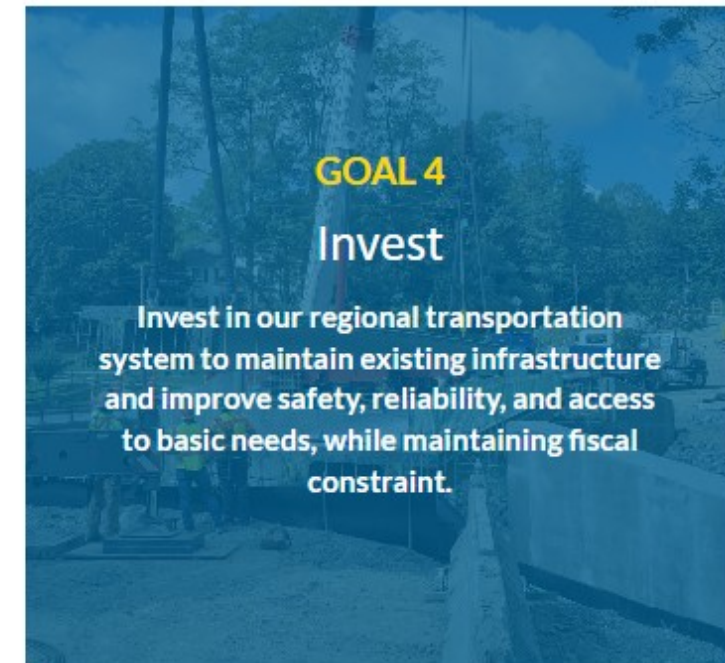
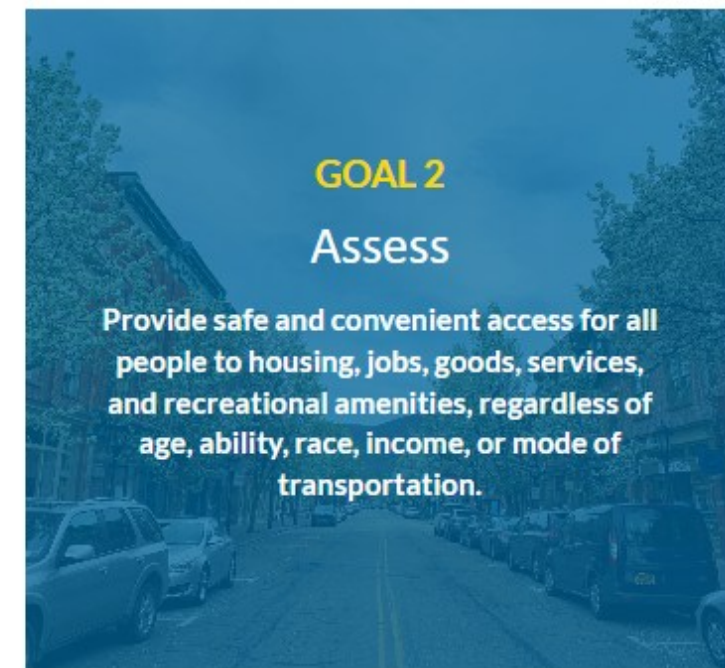


- Strategic, long-range plan: 20+ year horizon
- Recommends policies and projects, and forms basis of future federal transportation funding
- Must be fiscally constrained (i.e., not a wish list)
- Done every 5 years

Plan Organization

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

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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.)
- Investment Priorities & Illustrative projects

OUR GOAL*

Invest in our regional transportation system to maintain existing infrastructure and improve safety, reliability, and access to basic needs, while maintaining fiscal constraint.

*Change from 2021 Plan due to financials

How much is available? (\$-millions)

Available Funding	Highway Funds	Transit (Bus) Funds	Transit (Rail) Funds	Planning Funds	Total
<i>Annually</i>	<i>\$47</i>	<i>\$15</i>	<i>\$16</i>	<i>\$1</i>	<i>\$79</i>
Total (through 2050)	\$1.1B	\$370	\$373	\$27	\$1.87B

- For all estimates, we assumed flat funding
- Available funding basically the same as 2021 Plan
 - Sets up a challenge given inflation

How much is needed? (\$-millions)

	Roads	Bridges	Bus Transit	Rail Transit	Sidewalks	Rail Trails	Total
Total through 2050	\$836	\$459	\$633	\$373	\$95	\$16	\$2.4B

- We assumed 3% annual inflation to calculate year of expenditure costs:
 - For example, a \$3 million bridge today will cost \$6 million in 2050!
- Needs doubled from 2021 Plan, mostly due to inflation, but also aging infrastructure

Investment Priorities

- Road Maintenance & Operations
- Bridge Maintenance & Replacements
- Transportation Safety Improvements
- Sidewalks & Other Walking Improvements
- Rail Trail Maintenance
- Bus Service Maintenance & Operations
- Train Service Maintenance & Operations
- Congestion Management & Traffic Operations

Funded projects that maintain existing transportation infrastructure and services.



Millbrook Sidewalks

Fiscal Constraint (\$-millions through 2050)

	Available Funding	Investment Priorities	Balance
Highway	\$1,116	\$1,565	(\$449)
Transit (Bus)	\$370	\$633	(\$263)
Transit (Rail)	\$373	\$373	\$0
Total	\$1,859	\$2,571	(\$712)

Key Takeaways (Warning Signs):

- Insufficient federal funds to fully maintain roads and operate transit systems
- More state, county, and local funding will be needed
- May need to defer maintenance, reduce services
- Will need to secure competitive federal funding

Funding picture may change with new federal transportation law and lower inflation.

Illustrative projects

- Market St Two-Way Redesign
- Human Services Transportation
- Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail
- Route 44/55 Arterials Redesign
- Route 9/44/55 Interchange Redesign
- I-84/Route 9D Interchange Improvements
- Redesigning State Routes through Town/Village Centers
- Zero-Emission Bus Fleet

Unfunded, transformative projects that could greatly improve safety, reliability, and access to basic needs.



Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail - Beacon Line

Public Comments (to date)

- Requests for more bus service, better bus system maintenance, & transit options in north/northeast Dutchess
- Concern about traffic safety & inadequate enforcement
- Request to improve Route 22
- Concern about congestion in the Fishkill area
- Support for more walkable communities, bicycle infrastructure, and development in existing centers
- Interest in the Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail
- Support for the Beacon-Newburgh ferry

30-day comment
period (July 2-31)

Planning Updates

6.a [Coordinated Plan](#): [Draft Final Plan](#) is available for review and public comments!

15-day public comment period ends on July 31, 2026.

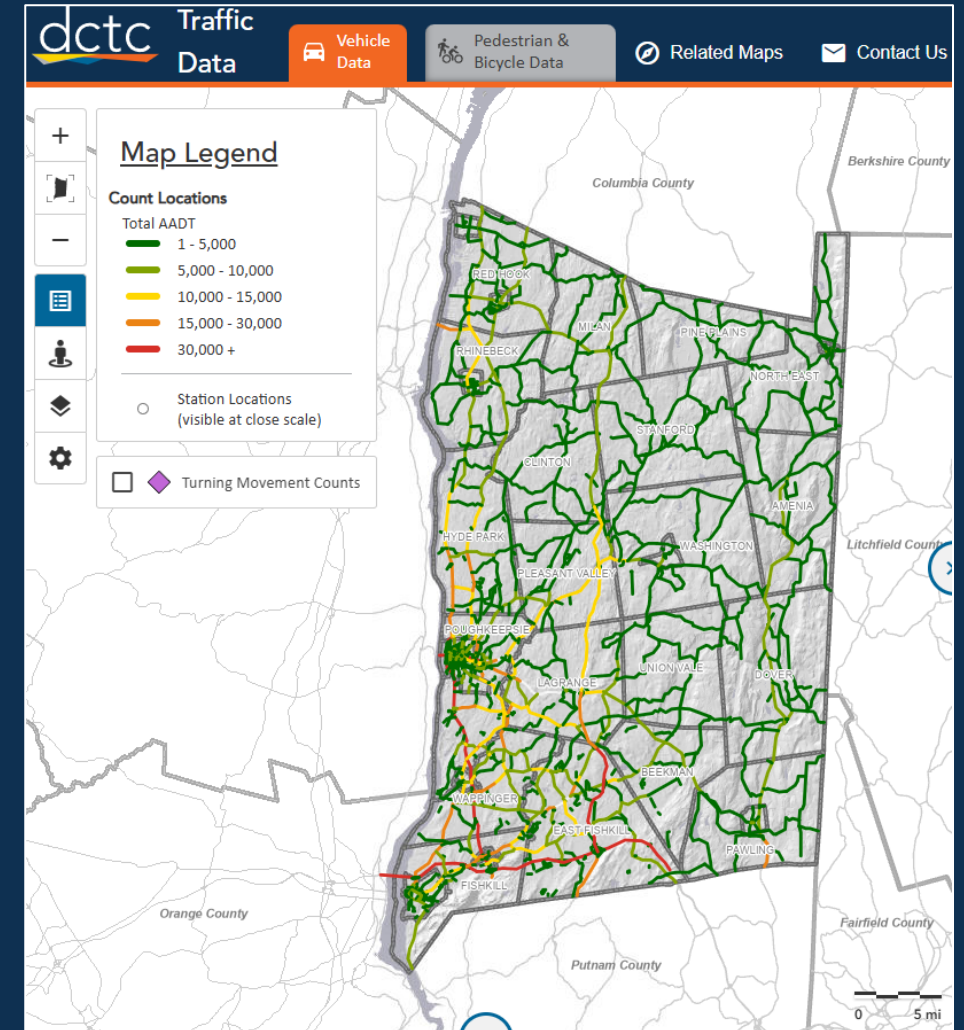
- Gaps/Needs : Geographic, Temporal, Institutional, and Informational
- Action Plan:
 - Develop a Coordinated Transportation Communications and Information Program
 - Establish a Mobility Coordination Committee
 - Establish a Mobility Management Function
 - Improve Data Sharing and Technology Coordination
 - Improve Rural Mobility Options
 - Explore a Coordinated Transportation Brokerage Pilot
 - Support Workforce Development and Shared Driver Resources

Planning Updates

6.b Traffic Count Program

2026 schedule in progress

- ~200 counts total
- Accepting Requests for Pedestrian/Bicycle Counts
- Mostly video, some tubes
 - What community feedback are you seeing?



Meeting Review

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Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Policy Board Meeting (In-person)**
Thurs., August 6, 1:30 pm
- **Planning Committee (Virtual)**
Wed., September 30, 10 am