Planning Committee Meeting

October 28, 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. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Planning Updates
6. Partner Updates/Announcements
7. Meeting Review

Announcements

2.a. DCTC email list updates

- Subscribe/unsubscribe here

2.b. November: Voting Member email ballot

- Capital Program (TIP) Amendment
  - Comment Period open until 10/30
- Transit funding allocation (Section 5307)

2.c. TAP award: City of Poughkeepsie – South Grand Ave

2.d. Planning Program (UPWP) update re: Shared Cost Initiatives

Announcements

2.e. Capital Program Update

FFY 2026 STIP Performance

	# of Projects Total	# of Projects Delivered	# of Projects Moved/Deleted	% Projects Delivered
DCTC Local	3	3	0	100%
NYSDOT	4	3	1	75%
Total	7	6	1	**86%**

DCTC Historical STIP Performance

FFY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
% PINs Obligated	50%	11%	81%	40%	40%	67%	67%	100%	100%	**86%**

Old Business

3.a Federal Grants

PROTECT Grant: Federal funding for resilience projects to improve existing infrastructure. Two applications submitted:

- City of Poughkeepsie - Mansion St Bridge replacement
- Dutchess County DPW - bridge replacement on E Noxon Rd (near Union Vale Middle School)

Innovative Coordinated Access & Mobility (ICAM) Pilot Program

- County submitted grant for a Centralized Transit Information Hub

New Business

4.a. Presentation by Dutchess County Public Transit

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County Department of Public Works

- Parks
- Aviation
- Buildings
- **Public Transit** → Nearly 100 employees!
  - Transit Operations
  - Transit Maintenance
  - Accounting
  - Contracts & Grants Management
- Highways
- Engineering
- Auto Service Center

Amanda Sammon, Director
Yalitza Benitez, Assistant Director

DCPT Services

FIXED ROUTE

Fixed Route Bus Service

DEMAND RESPONSE

Complimentary ADA/Paratransit Service

Dial-A-Ride

FLEX

FIXED ROUTE

12 Routes: Originate from the Poughkeepsie Transit Hub on Market Street

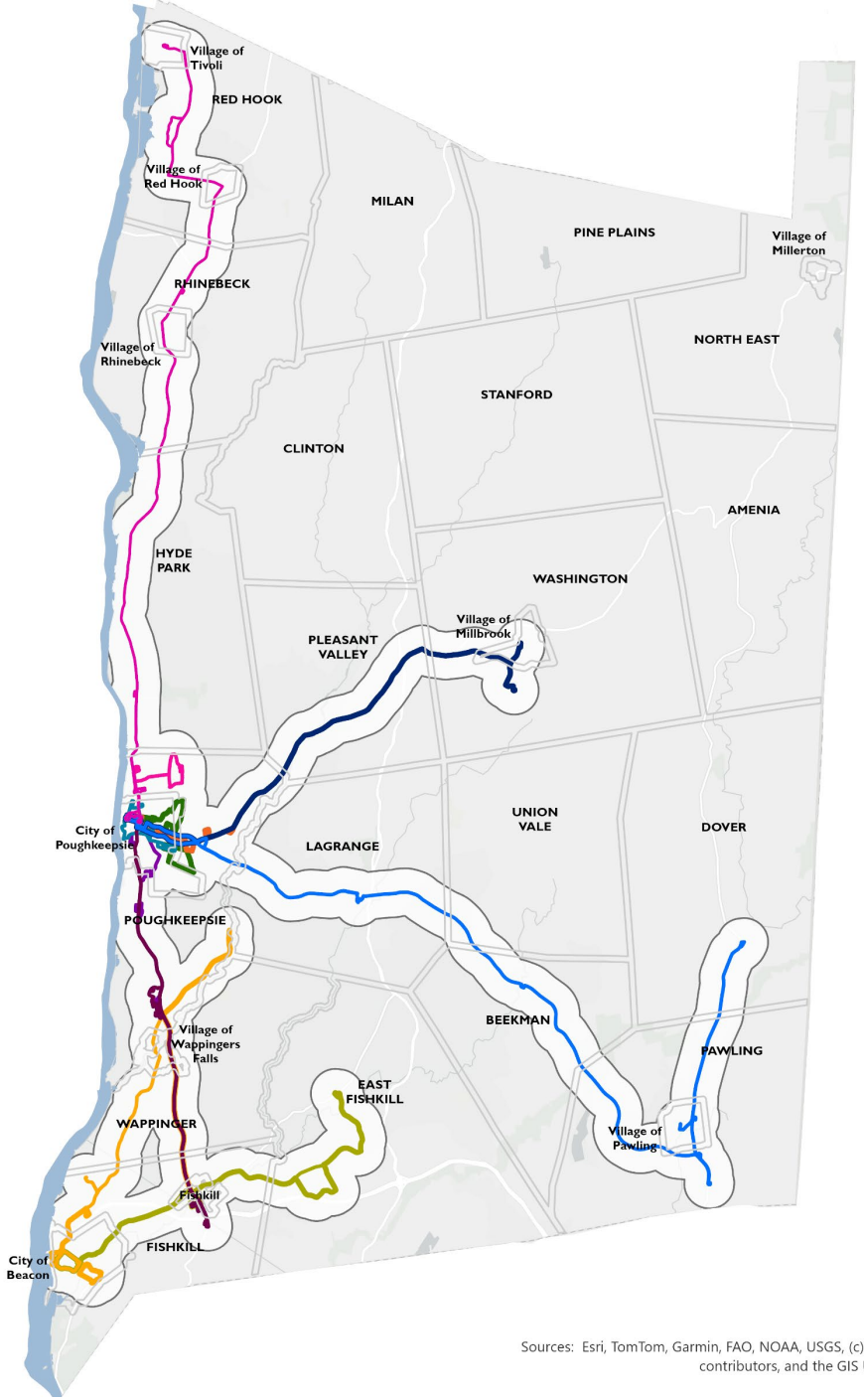
$1.75 – One-Way Fare

$0.30 – Transfer Fare (3-hour Window)

$0.75 – Reduced Fare

Available to Seniors age 60+, Individuals with Disabilities, Veterans, Students, Children age 5-12, and those with Medicare (Identification Required).

Free for children under 5 years old and aides that accompany a passenger with disabilities



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

FIXED ROUTE

Fixed Route Multi-Trip Passes

$45.00 – 44-Ride Commuter Pass (44 rides with no time limit)

$5.00 – 1-Day Pass (Unlimited rides for one day)
*($2.50 Reduced Fare)

$21.00 – 7-Day Pass (Unlimited rides for seven days)
*($10.50 Reduced Fare)

$62.00 – 31-Day Pass (Unlimited rides for thirty-one days)
*($31.00 Reduced Fare)

– Coming Soon –
Pay on board with credit card or smart phone!

*Reduced Fare: Available to Seniors age 60+, Individuals with Disabilities, Veterans, Students, Children age 5-12, and those with Medicare (Identification Required every time they use the pass).

DEMAND RESPONSE

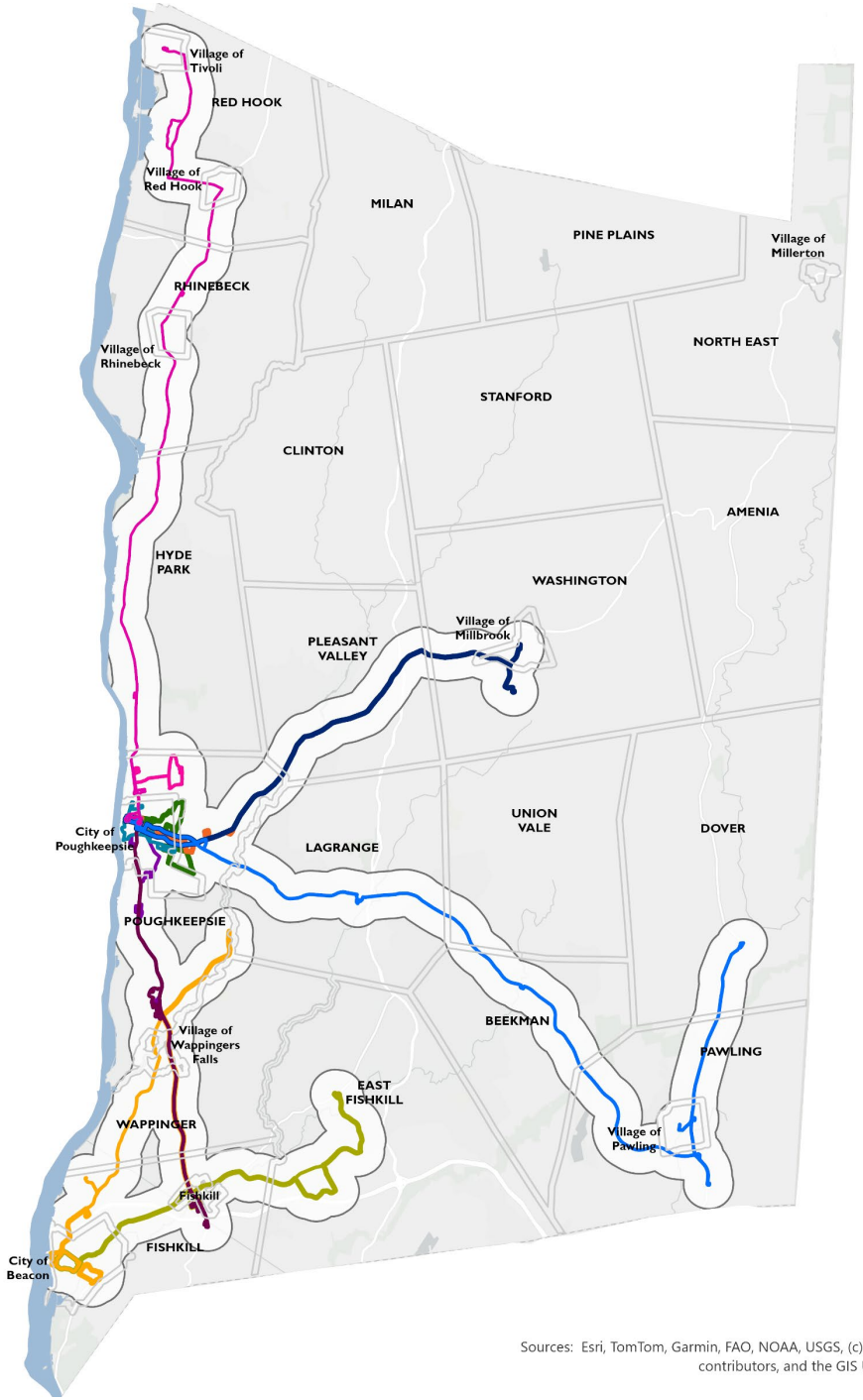
Complimentary ADA/Paratransit Service

A reservation-based service available to people with disabilities (registration and medical verification required)

Origin and destination **within ¾ mile** of fixed-route

$3.50 – One-Way Fare

Free for aides that accompany a passenger with disabilities



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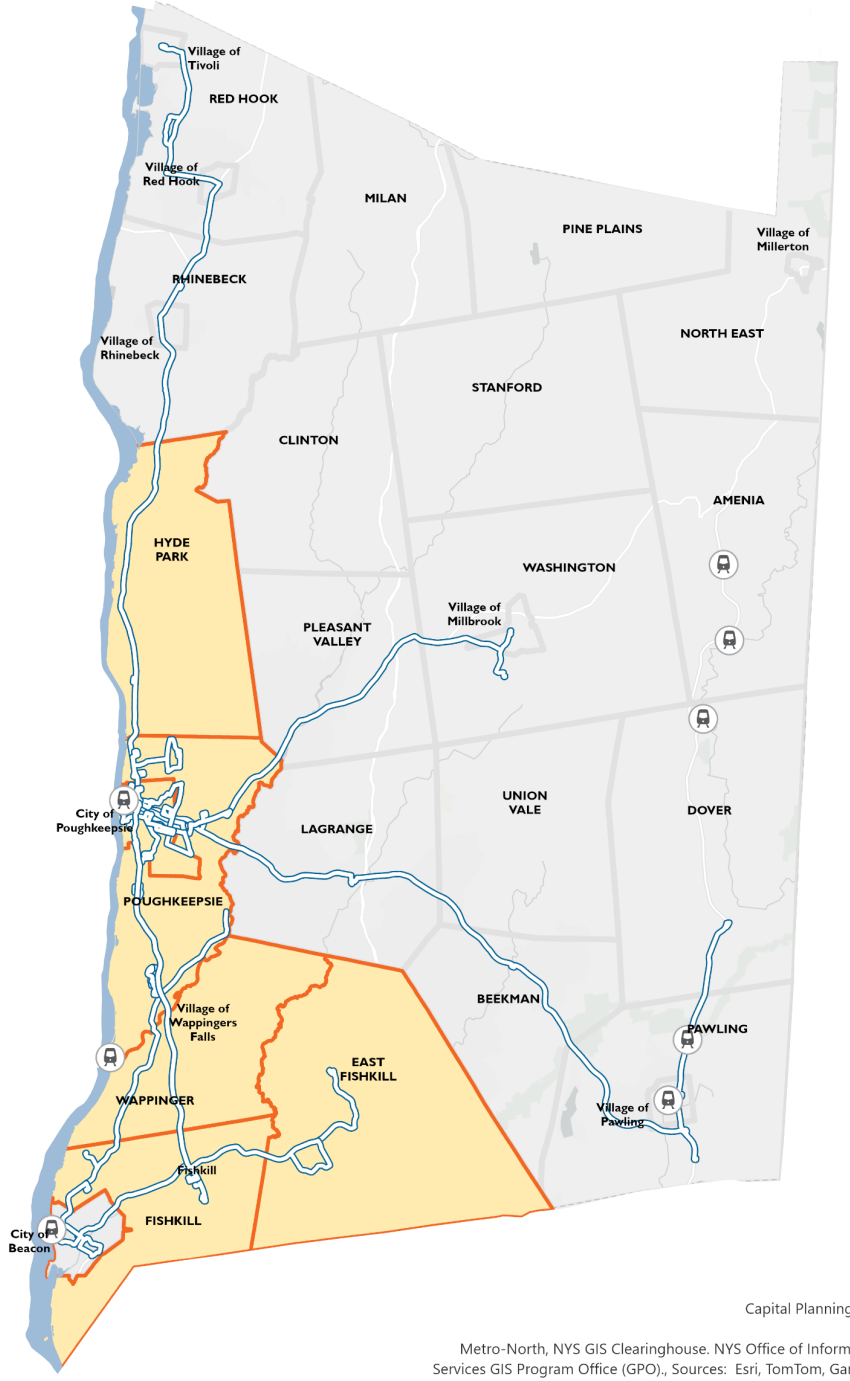
Dial-A-Ride

Monday-Friday, 8:15 am to 4:15 pm

$3.50 – One-Way Fare ($1.00 reduced fare)

- Origin-to-Destination, curb-to-curb service
- First come, first served
- Reservation system; registration required

Service in the local area on days designated by the municipality; some municipalities also choose a day to travel beyond their service area.



GIS Unit
Capital Planning & Programming
Planning Division
Metro-North, NYS GIS Clearinghouse. NYS Office of Information Technology Services GIS Program Office (GPO)., Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

DEMAND RESPONSE

FLEX

Monday-Friday, 8:15 am to 4:45 pm

$5.00 – One-Way Fare within town of origin

$6.00 – One-Way Fare outside town of origin

Open to ALL residents of Dutchess County!

- Origin-to-Destination, curb-to-curb service anywhere in Dutchess County
- First come, first served
- Reservation system; registration required

Lifeline Transit Pass Program

Community Pass Program open to non-profit organizations, schools or government agencies serving low-income populations.

Organizations can purchase fixed route service passes for the reduced fare price and offer these tickets to their clients for free.

Organization	# of tickets purchased 2025	Reduced price per ticket	Total
Mental Health America	50,000	$0.75	$37,500
DC Dept of Mental Health	10,500	$0.75	$7,875
Hudson River Housing	4,500	$0.75	$3,375

2025 Ridership

Fixed Route: 825,749

ADA Paratransit: 8,381

Dial-A-Ride: 13,585

Flex: 6,399

While other public transit agencies in New York are carrying 85-90% of their pre-Covid ridership, our system **surpassed our 2019 ridership count** (by 40,000 rides) by 2024.

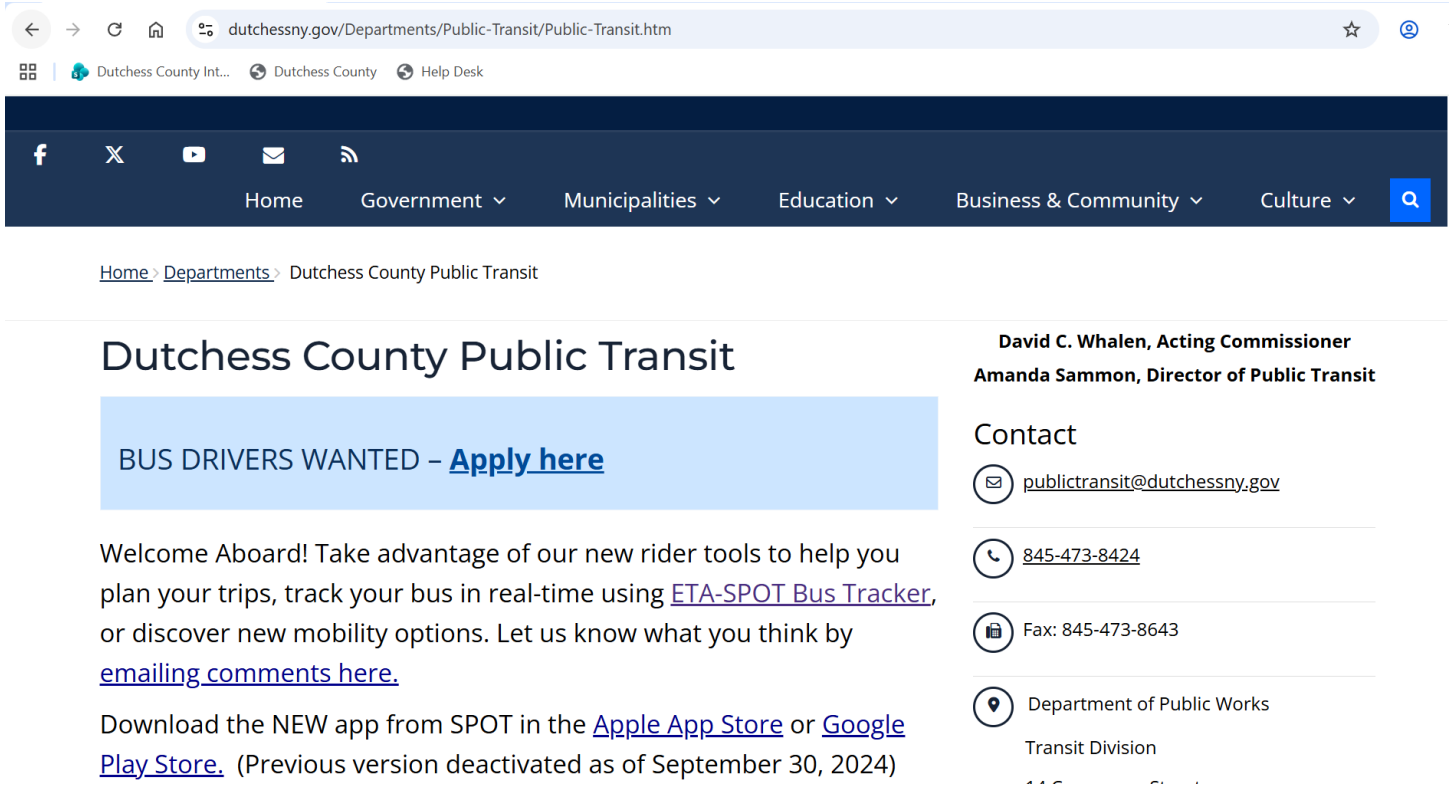
Want to learn more?

Dutchessny.gov > Government/All Departments > Public Transit

Demand Response Service Application

Routes & Schedules

Purchase Passes



ETA TRANSIT App

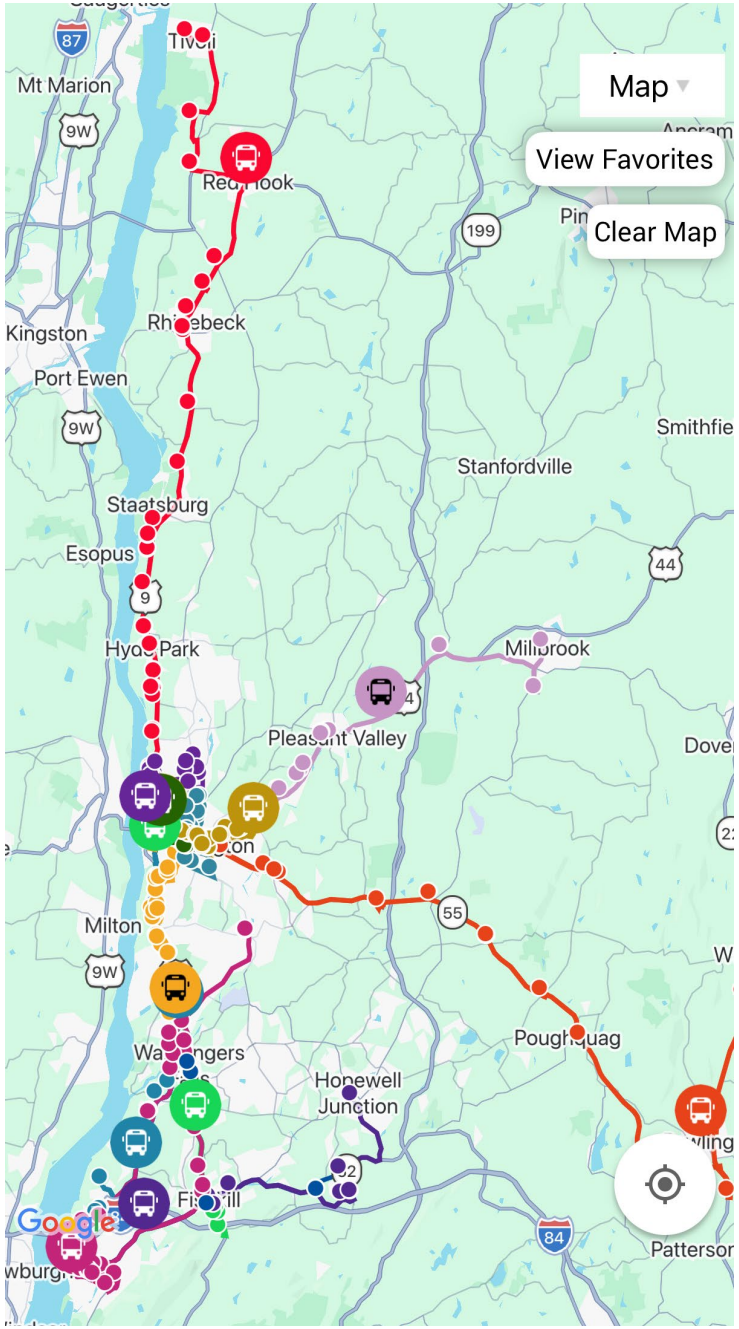
ETA TRANSIT Real-Time Bus Tracker

Free Phone App or Web Browser

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD

App Store

Google Play

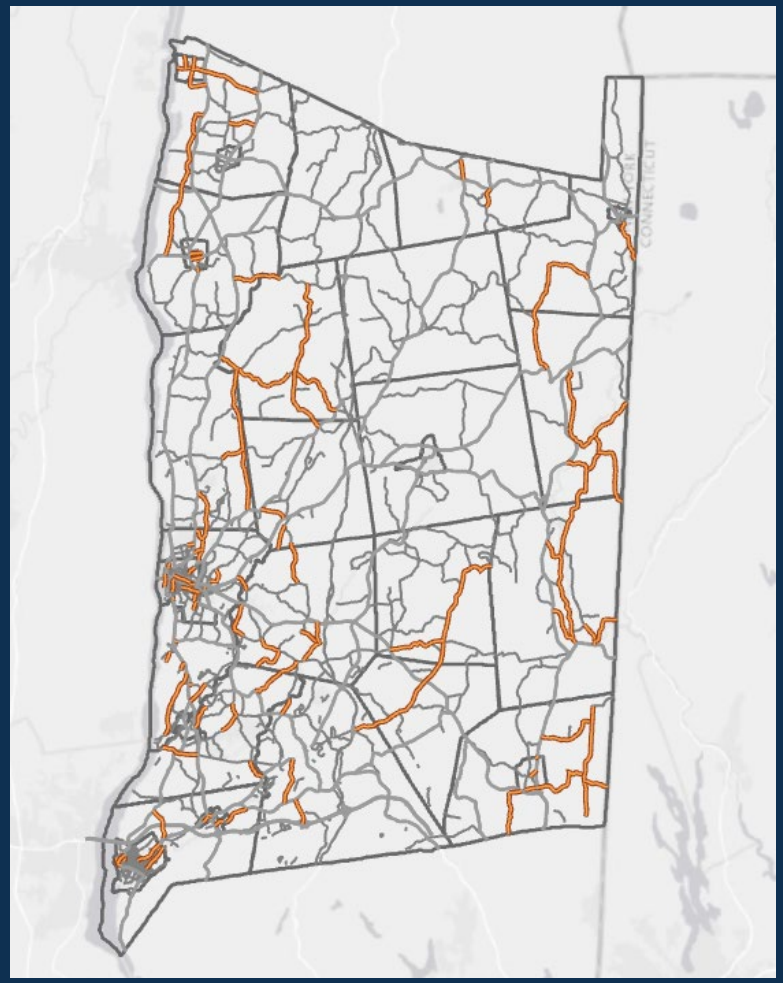


Dutchess County Public Transit

Planning Updates

6.a. Traffic Count Program

- A few final recounts before season concludes
- Data to be added to our Traffic Data app by Nov/Dec
- Traffic Camera 1-page handout posted on website



Planning Updates

6.b. Planning Studies

- On-call consultant contracts in progress
- 4 studies for 2027+
  - V/Red Hook Pedestrian Plan
  - T/Stanford Hamlet Transportation Plan
  - V/Pawling Parking Study
  - T/Poughkeepsie Zack's Way Path Feasibility Study

Partner Updates/Announcements

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

Discussion

Future Presentation Ideas

- Capital Program: local project updates (by sponsor)
- Congestion Management Process: current update
- Federal Aid 101
- How to use our online data applications
- Office for the Aging & Veterans Services' transportation programs
- Others?

Meeting Review

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Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Pedestrian-Bicycle Advisory Committee (Virtual)**
  Thurs., October 29th, 2:30 pm
- **Planning Committee (Virtual)**
  Wed., November 18th, 10 am

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