

Planning Committee Meeting

November 25, 2025



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 Opportunities

- Section 5310 Program: Funding to improve transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities
 - About \$600,000 available across region
 - Application deadline extended to December 5th
 - If applying, please reach out for support letters
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): Funding for active transportation-related projects and programs
 - Mandatory pre-review applications due January 15, 2026
 - Final applications due March 12, 2026

Announcements

2.b Draft FFY 2026-2029 STIP

- Available for comment through December 10th

2.c DCTC Voting Membership

- Non-urban appointments (Clinton & Red Hook) end December 31st
- Village of Fishkill starts January 1st
- New Beekman & LaGrange Supervisors on January 1st

Announcements

2.d Federal Reauthorization Update

- [IIJA \(aka BIL\)](#) expires September 30, 2026
- Interest in **consolidating or sunseting certain discretionary programs while shifting more funding toward formulas**
- Greater flexibility and authority for states
- Permitting reform and faster project delivery
- Strong interest in innovation and performance-based decision-making
- A “traditional highway bill” with a **primary focus on roads and bridges**
 - Impacts on TAP, CMAQ, CRP, etc.?

Partner Updates

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

New Business

5.a 2026 Transportation Plan Update

- Website, web viewer, survey, video, & fact sheets launched!
- New LEARN section also posted
- Public outreach events:
 - In person pop-ups (Dec 14th & 20th)
 - **Virtual public meeting (Dec 17th)**
 - [Registration Link](#)

Moving Dutchess Forward Update // Community Survey 1



The [Dutchess County Transportation Council \(DCTC\)](#), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County, is excited to announce the start of our long range transportation plan update! Our Transportation Plan, [Moving Dutchess Forward](#), serves as our guiding vision for improving transportation in Dutchess County over the next 25 years. For more information, please visit <https://movingdutchessforward.com/>.

We need your input! This brief survey only takes 10 minutes to complete and will help us better understand how you move around the county, the transportation challenges you face in your daily life, and your priorities for improving our county's transportation system. All responses are completely anonymous (unless you choose otherwise at the end), and the survey will close on December 12, 2025.

Thank you in advance for your valuable time and insights. To express our gratitude, you will have the chance to enter our random drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card upon completion of the survey.

If you require any assistive technologies to aid you in completing this survey, please contact us at dctc@dutchessny.gov or (845) 486-3600, preferably three business days prior to December 12, 2025.

Si desea realizar esta encuesta en español, haga clic en "English-U.S." arriba y seleccione "Español-México" de la lista desplegable.

* Indicates that the question is required.

What do you like most about the transportation options in your community?

*Online Survey (also available
in Spanish & print)*



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](#)



Poughkeepsie, New York



Map Viewer

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Planning for our transportation future.

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Population

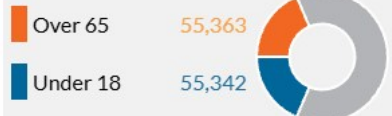
Dutchess County

 **Total Population**
297,144

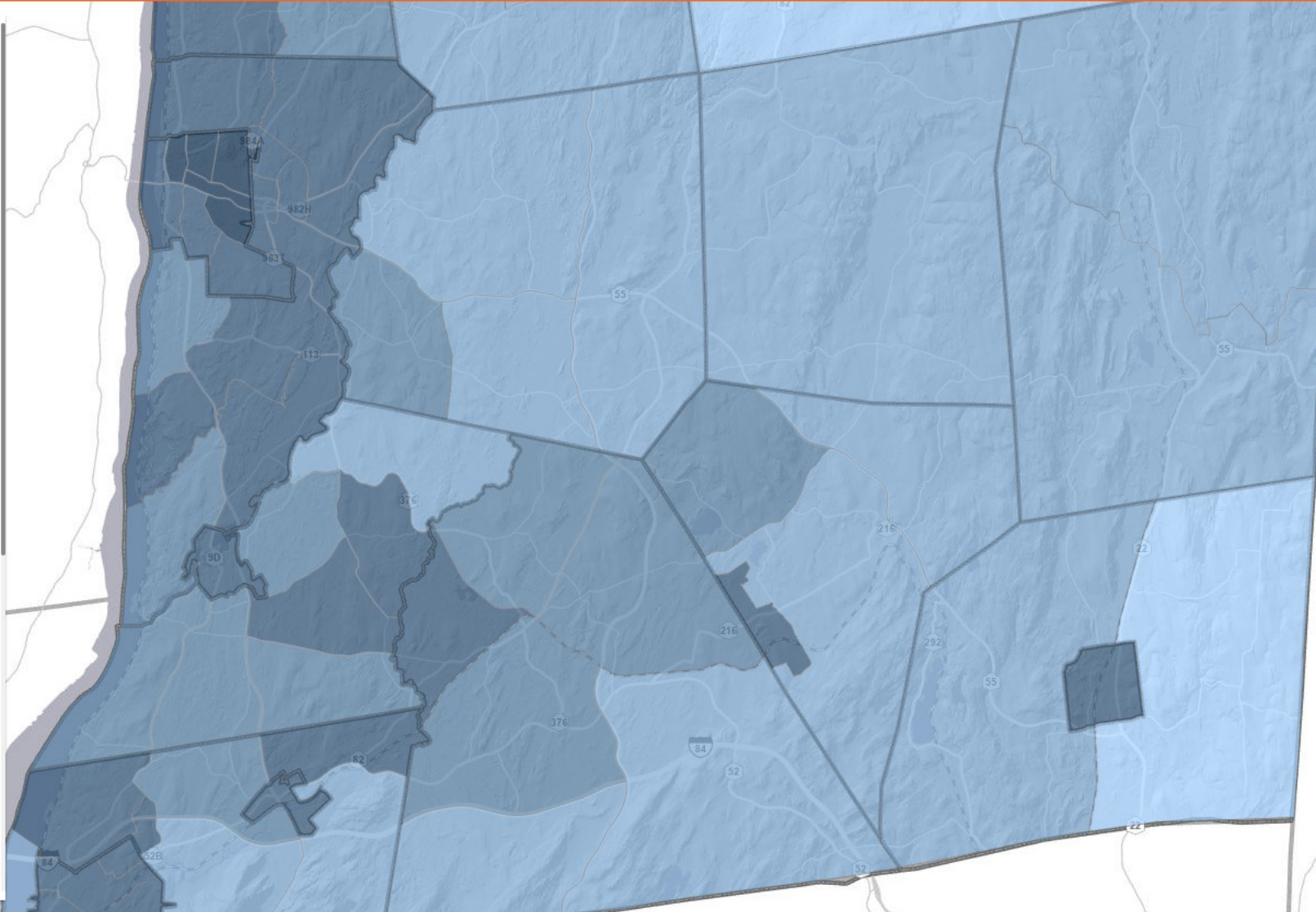
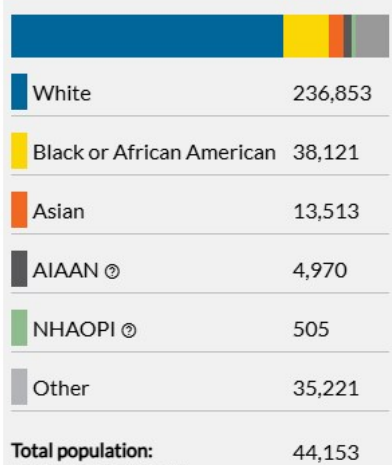
 **Population Density**
360 per sq. mi.

 **Total Households**
115,184

AGE DISTRIBUTION



RACE & ETHNICITY

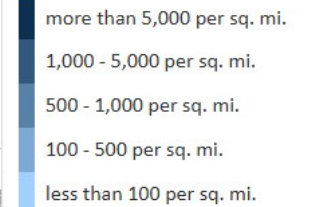


 Transportation

 Demographics

POPULATION SOCIO-ECONOMICS

POPULATION DENSITY BY CENSUS TRACT



Select an area on the map to explore its demographics.

Click the **Population** or **Socio-Economics** button to switch between the population demographics of official census tracts and the economic demographics of Dutchess County municipalities.

To return to county-wide

 Barriers to Safe Access

 Barriers to Reliable Access

 Barriers to Basic Needs

 Transportation Equity

 Flood Vulnerability

 Transformative Investments

Launch the Traffic Data Application 

Fact Sheets



#1

MOVING DUTCHESS FORWARD

Introduction

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) is updating its county-wide transportation plan, *Moving Dutchess Forward*.

The Plan serves as our guiding vision for improving transportation in Dutchess County over the next 25 years. It looks at all the ways we get around—by car, foot, bike, or transit—for work, school, shopping, recreation, and more. It also looks at the policies and infrastructure needed to provide safe and reliable access to basic 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, and your input 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, housing, education, and other basic needs.



STEP 3: ADVOCATE

What policies and actions will make a difference?

Review and recommend best practices to create a safer, more reliable and resilient transportation system.



STEP 4: INVEST

How should we invest?

Estimate future funding available to maintain the transportation system, while recommending transformative projects and packages.

We'll gather stakeholder and public input during each step of the process, up and through adoption of the Plan in 2026.



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Learn More

Watch the Introduction Video
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Planning for our transportation future.

#2

MOVING DUTCHESS FORWARD

STEP 1. LEARN: What are the trends?

The Dutchess County Transportation Council is updating its countywide transportation plan, *Moving Dutchess Forward*.

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STEP 1. LEARN

First, we analyze big-picture trends in the transportation system to help us prepare for the shifting nature of and demand for transportation in our county and region.

STEP 2. ASSESS

What are the barriers to safe and reliable transportation?

STEP 3. ADVOCATE

What policies and actions will make a difference?

STEP 4. INVEST

How should we invest?

WHAT TRENDS ARE SHAPING OUR FUTURE?



DEMOGRAPHIC: Changes in population and demographics greatly affect how our transportation system is used, both in terms of demand and the types of services people need.



FREIGHT: Freight, whether moved by road, rail, air, or water, provides the goods we need for communities, businesses, and institutions to function.



TRAVEL: Knowing how, why, and where people travel is essential in helping us shape a transportation system that meets our future needs.



CLIMATE CHANGE: Climate hazards like flooding and extreme weather events damage infrastructure and disrupt services. Identifying climate trends and risks helps us build a more resilient transportation system.



HOUSING: Trends in housing—such as affordability and availability—influence how our communities thrive or don't, and understanding housing is essential to meeting our future needs.



ECONOMIC: Our economy—jobs, workers, and commerce—drives transportation activity. Assessing economic trends informs our understanding of future needs.



TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY: Technological innovations—such as electric vehicles, e-bikes, and connected vehicles—have accelerated in recent years and will influence our transportation future.

Visit [MovingDutchessForward.com](https://www.dutchessny.gov/movingdutchessforward) to find out more about these trends, what they might mean for the future of our transportation system, and how we might address them.



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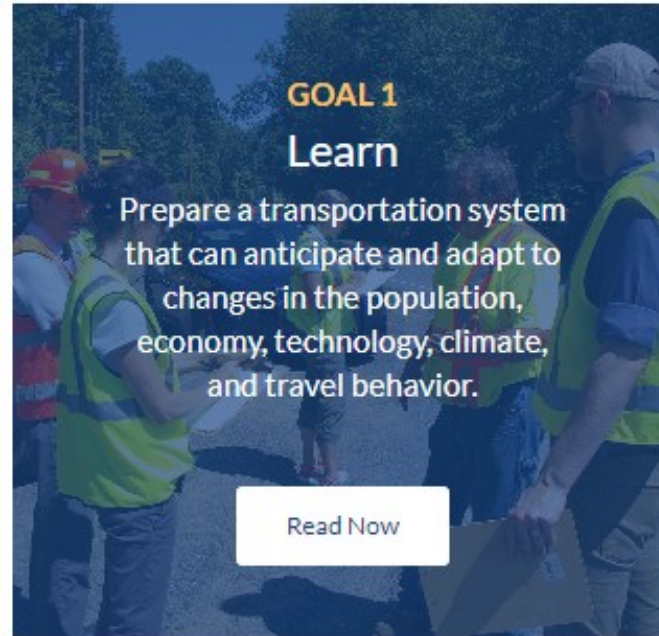
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Plan Overview

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

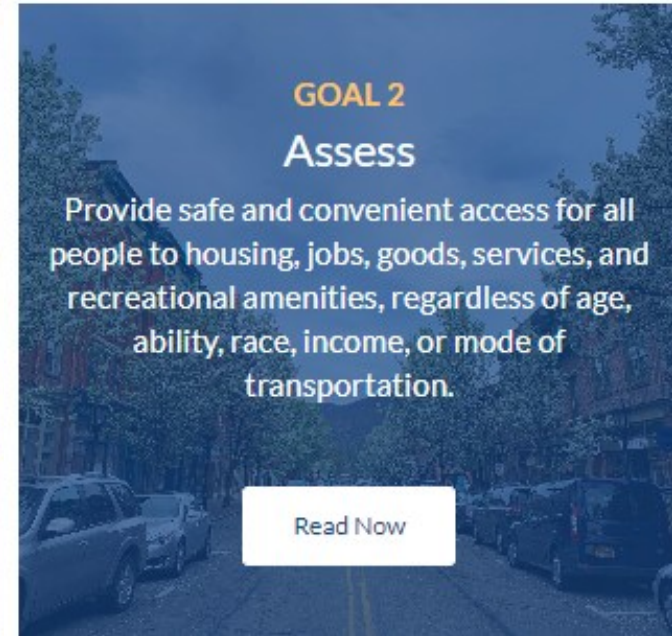
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GOAL 1
Learn

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

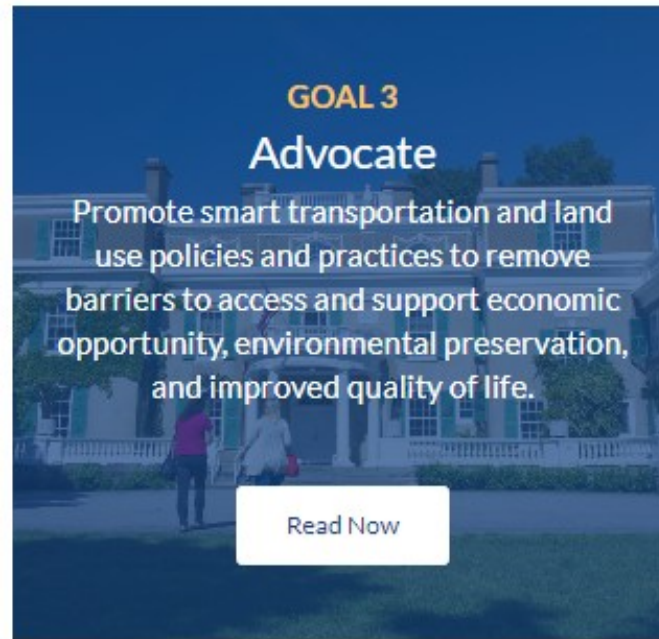
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GOAL 2
Assess

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.

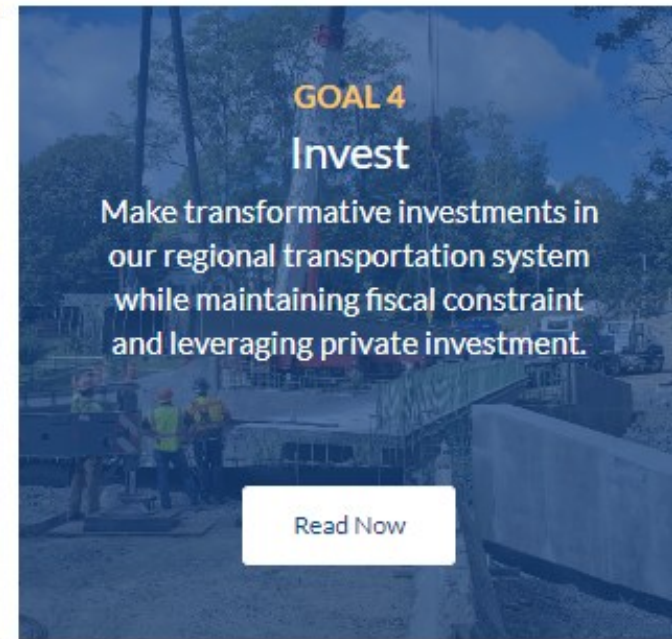
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GOAL 3
Advocate

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](#)

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, location, or mode of transportation.

- Barriers to Safe Access
- Barriers to Reliable Access
- Barriers to Basic Needs

New Business

5.b On-Call Consultant Task

- Beacon Sidewalks
 - Inventory and assess sidewalk conditions
 - Includes curb ramps, crosswalks, & pedestrian signals
 - Identify sidewalk gaps & priority improvements
 - Create GIS database for capital programming



Planning Updates

6.a Transportation Safety Action Plan



- Finalizing:
 - Desktop reviews (1 per muni & 1 County road)
 - Field Investigation Concept Renderings
 - Behavioral Countermeasure Report
 - Systemic Countermeasure Report
 - Final Plan
- Held final Advisory Committee meeting

Planning Updates

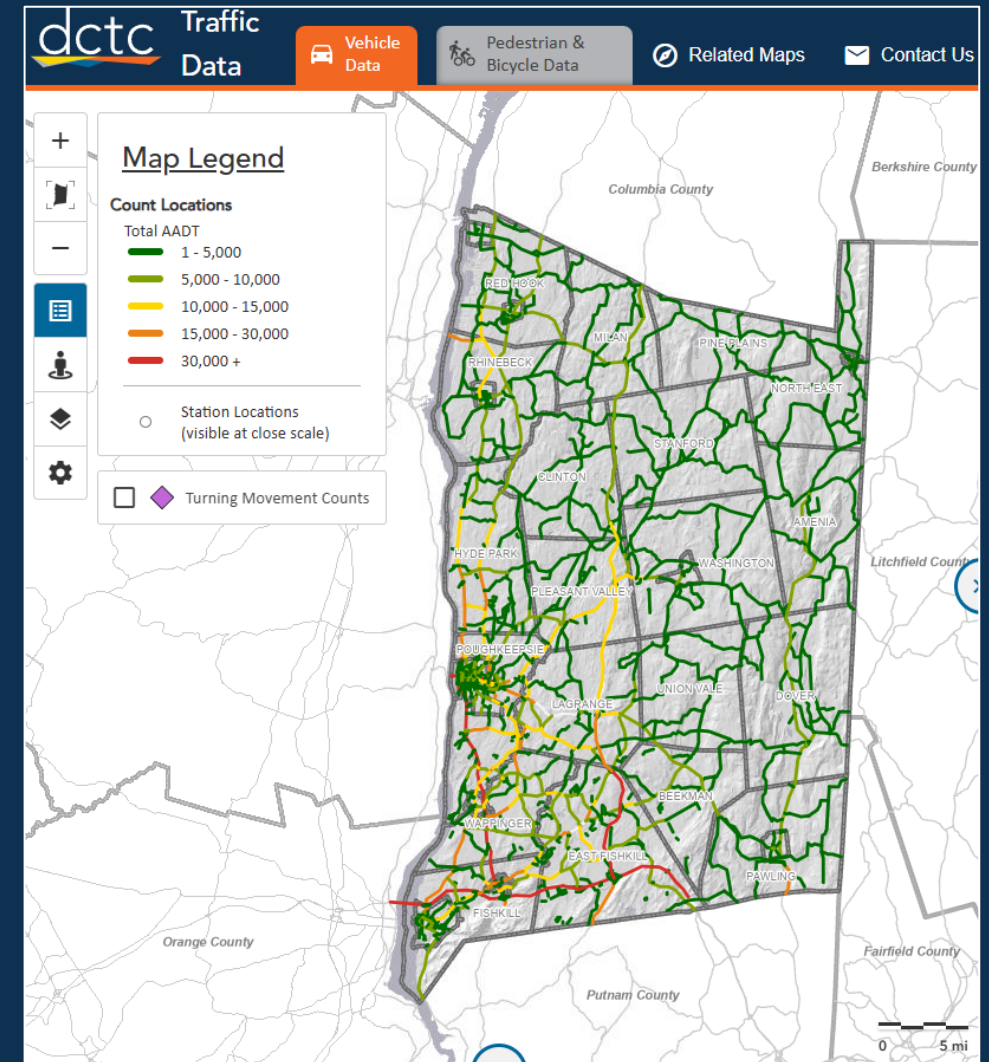
6.b Coordinated Plan

- Advisory Committee to assess Gaps & Needs on Dec 11th
- Existing Conditions Report to be posted
- Public Engagement - Spring 2026

Planning Updates

6.c Traffic Count Program

- 2025 vehicle counts complete!
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Counts
 - Counts to be posted soon
 - Summary available



Meeting Review

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Upcoming Meeting:

- **Planning Committee**
Wed., January 28th, 10 am