

Dutchess County Transportation Council
Planning Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – noon

Dutchess County Planning Department (Main Conference Room)
27 High Street (2nd Floor), Poughkeepsie, NY

1. Introductions – See attached list.

2. Announcements

Mark Debald (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mark began by mentioning that everyone should have received the meeting materials with the meeting notice. Mark noted the revised agenda, which removed the item concerning the new website.

Mark reviewed the rotational changes to the 2019 roster of voting members for the DCTC. These changes are an annual occurrence for the partially Urbanized Towns and Urbanized Villages. For CY 2019, the following members will rotate on/off effective January 1, 2019:

- Partially Urbanized Towns: the Town of Pleasant Valley will replace the Town of Pawling as a voting member for a one-year term.
- Urbanized Villages: the Village of Pawling will replace the Village of Fishkill as a voting member for a one-year term.

Mark also noted that Fernando Ferrer is the Acting MTA Chairman and now a voting member, and Michael Grattini has started as the Dutchess County Transit Administrator and is a non-voting member.

Mark also reviewed the DCTC's proposed 2019 meeting schedule.

Mark noted that the statewide BRIDGE NY award announcements were made last week. Two culvert projects in Dutchess County were awarded funds totaling \$494,000, both of which are located in the Town of Pawling:

- \$343,000 for Dewey Lane over Hiller Brook.
- \$151,000 for West Main Street over an unnamed tributary to the Swamp River.

The two projects will eventually need to be added to the TIP. Mark asked Sandra Jobson (NYSDOT) if this will require an amendment or if it's being done as a region-wide block PIN. Sandra stated that the projects were 100% state funded and would not require an amendment.

Mark indicated that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) applications were still under review by NYSDOT. No date

has been established for the award announcements.

Mark also mentioned that NYSDOT intends to renumber the exits on I-84 from the PA to CT borders, following the national system of using the miles between exits as the exit number (the sequential numbering such as 11-12-13, etc. will be phased out).

Mark reviewed the meeting schedule for 2019 and reminded the Committee that the Planning Dept. is moving its offices to 85 Civic Center Plaza (Poughkeepsie Journal Building), Suite 107, effective December 10th. Though we're still assessing the space, it currently seems unlikely that we will hold future Planning Committee meetings in the new office. Our phone numbers and emails will remain the same. We will send a notice to everyone when we get situated.

3. **Public Participation** – Mark opened the meeting for public comment and general announcements. None were received.
4. **Draft SFY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
 - a. Preliminary Task Codes: Mark reviewed the preliminary list of task codes and projects that will be included in the Draft 2019-2020 UPWP. Mark reminded the Committee that we are being urged to spend down our savings backlog, so as to avoid the potential loss of funds. To that end, we intend to pursue two consultant projects in 2019-2020 that would use some of these backlog funds: 1) the Route 9/44/55 Interchange and Arterials Alternatives Analysis, and 2) Arlington Main Street Redesign. Both projects have their own new time codes in the 2019-2020 UPWP. We are drafting the scopes of work for both projects. We are also on track to pursue three in-house planning projects – Pleasant Valley Hamlet Pedestrian Study, and the CR 14 (Hollow Rd.) and CR 17 (Salt Point Turnpike) safety assessments in Clinton – will be completed by staff. Actual work on these would not occur until after the UPWP goes into effect on April 1, 2019.
 - b. Planning Budget Estimates: Mark noted that we received our federal planning estimates from NYSDOT, which total \$670,986 for the 2019-2020 program year. This represent an increase of \$5,079 or less than one percent from the current 2018-2019 program. For perspective, the DCTC receives about two percent of the statewide planning allocation of \$32 million. Our 2019-2020 estimate includes \$543,314 from the FHWA PL program and \$127,671 from the FTA MPP program. We also have approximately \$536,000 in backlog funds that are available for programming; this may be higher, but we should know more by year's end, when we receive our current backlog number. We are proposing to use \$225,000 from our backlog to support the 2019-2020 UPWP. Mark mentioned to the Committee that the DCTC did spend down over \$134,608 during the 2017-2018 program year.
 - c. Agency/Public Review: Mark stated that our federal and State partners will require a 30-day review period for the Draft UPWP, prior to adoption by the Transportation Council. They will also require a 30-day review period for the approved UPWP. NYSDOT has requested that MPOs approve their UPWPs by March 1, 2019. We will therefore need to approve our UPWP prior to

then; we have a Feb. 26, 2019 meeting scheduled. We also need to hold a 30-day public comment period, which will likely start on or about Jan. 23, 2019-Feb. 22, 2019. A draft UPWP will be included in the meeting packet for the Jan. 30, 2019 Planning Committee meeting. Mark noted that this is a slightly accelerated schedule for us, but that we should be able meet the various deadlines.

5. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- a. Highway Planning Targets: Mark indicated that the MPOs have been told to assume flat highway funding targets for the upcoming FFY 2020-2024 TIP. We are scheduled to approve a new TIP by June 2019. We are still awaiting final targets from NYSDOT-Region 8, but for planning purposes, we should aim for an annual, local target of approx. \$3.5 million in core Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-Large Urban and STP-Flex). We will likely reserve any un-programmed funds as a block PIN in the TIP and then issue a call for projects.
- b. Local Federal-aid highway project review for FFY 2020-2024: Mark reviewed an updated project listing of the local federal-aid highway projects in the upcoming TIP. As mentioned last month, the hard work of sponsors to progress projects, coupled with flat funding over the years, will likely produce a relatively small TIP with only 13 local federal-aid projects. Two of these are long-standing High Priority Projects (HPP) (i.e. federal earmarks) that are under review by NYSDOT. This leaves us with 11 active highway projects: four bridge replacements, five road reconstructions, an intersection reconstruction, and a pedestrian safety project. As of now, the new TIP will have four local project sponsors: Dutchess County DPW, the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie, and the Town of East Fishkill. The amounts shown on the table do not include cost increases, notably for the DCDPW CR 28 (Old Hopewell Rd) projects, the City of Beacon Fishkill/Teller Ave. projects, and the City of Poughkeepsie Garden St. Bridge project.

Mark reiterated that the proposed local project list was subject to change, and a work in progress. It might be necessary to shift some from 2020 to 2021 so we can meet our annual planning target. Mark also noted that the two City of Poughkeepsie linear projects (Academy St. and Grand Ave. reconstruction) will need to be evaluated for their viability, given our funding limitations.

Bob LaColla (Town of Fishkill) expressed concern about our ability to fund projects with large cost increases. Mark and Sandra Jobson discussed strategies for shifting the timing and funding of the work to meet annual targets. Randy Casale (City of Beacon) and the group discussed the history of the Fishkill/Teller project and the need to move the project along as quickly as feasible. Mayor Casale stated that Fishkill and Teller should be considered separate projects and would likely need to be funded in different years. Mark noted that doing so would help to reduce the cost burden in 2020. The DCTC, NYSDOT Local Projects Unit, and project sponsors will meet in the coming months to discuss the status of projects. The group then discussed the vetting process for future additions to the TIP.

6. Program/Project Updates

Mid-Hudson Valley Regional Transit Plan: Mark noted that the [project website](#) is live and that it includes [an online survey](#). We encourage municipalities to post it on municipal websites and encourage constituents to complete. Mark acknowledged the work done by Orange County staff, who managed the RFP and contract. News releases have been issued by the three counties over the past few days. Mark also noted that the Connect Mid-Hudson study team will be visiting Dutchess County on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the following times and locations:

- 5:00 AM - 8:00 AM Poughkeepsie Train Station
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Bard College – Bertelsmann Campus Center
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Taconic State Parkway/Route 52 Park-and-Ride
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Poughkeepsie Galleria Food Court

- a. Village of Pawling Pedestrian Plan: The DCTC will hold a public open house tonight, on Nov. 28, to present our findings on existing conditions and preliminary recommendations.
- b. Safety Planning:
 - We completed field work for the Safety Assessment of CR 9 (Beekman Rd) from CR 29 (Carpenter Rd) to the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of East Fishkill.
 - Mark asked Bob LaColla if anything had changed on the Route 52 corridor pedestrian safety issue; Bob stated that he spoke to Ed Goff at NYSDOT Region 8, and that they are holding off on any changes until a nearby signal project is complete. Sandra noted that Mr. Goff is no longer interim, and has been named the permanent Region 8 Engineer.
- c. Highway Project Database/Calendar: At previous meetings, the Committee inquired about the DCTC's ability to improve the flow of project information between agencies and local municipalities. Mark indicated that for now, we should pursue this through the 511NY system.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **Planning Committee:** Wed., Jan. 30, 2019 at 10 a.m. (*Location TBD-likely Poughkeepsie Town Hall*)
- b. **Transportation Council:** Tue., Feb. 26, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at Locust Grove Estate, Poughkeepsie, NY

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