

Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

1:30 p.m.

— Meeting Summary —

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Gregg Pulver, Assistant Dutchess County Executive, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order, noting that he was representing the Dutchess County Executive and Chairperson of the Dutchess County Transportation Council, Ms. Sue Serino. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached list).
2. **Public Participation:** Mr. Pulver invited public comments, but none were provided.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Pulver presented the meeting minutes from September 25, 2024, for approval, inviting any discussion or proposed corrections. There were none.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting on September 25, 2024 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

4. **New Business:**

a. Resolution #25-07: Amendment #23-05 to the DCTC FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program-TIP

Mr. Mark Debald, Transportation Program Administrator, reviewed the Resolution as follows:

The DCTC proposes an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the five-year capital program that assigns federal funds to transportation projects in Dutchess County. The DCTC periodically updates the TIP to add new projects, remove existing projects, or change a project's cost, schedule, or scope. We classify significant TIP changes as amendments that require Council approval.

Amendment #25-07 makes the following changes to the TIP:

- Adds federal funding for Route 9 Repaving from West Dorsey Ln to Spackenkill Rd (PIN 801083)
- Adds federal funding for the purchase of 15 heavy duty buses for Dutchess County Public Transit (PIN 8TD031)
- Adds federal funding for the purchase of scheduling software, AVL equipment, etc. for DCPT (PIN 8TD038)

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #25-07 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

b. Resolution #25-08: Adoption of the DCTC FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program-TIP

Mr. Debald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

The DCTC proposes adoption of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the five-year capital program that assigns federal funds to transportation projects in Dutchess County. Developed as part of our metropolitan transportation planning process, the TIP is one of our core products, where agencies and municipalities commit to carrying out federally funded projects. The TIP provides details such as the sponsor, scope, schedule, and cost for each project, and we update it every three years. The Draft FFY 2026-2030 TIP covers the period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

The Draft TIP programs about \$175 million in federal transportation funding across Dutchess County, with \$151 million for highway related projects and \$24 million for local transit projects.

The DCTC held a call for projects from December 4, 2024 to January 24, 2025 and received 11 proposals. Proposals were evaluated using the DCTC's Project Selection Framework to help identify higher priority projects. Project highlights include the following:

- Repaving Route 9 from Route 113 (Spackenkill Rd) in the Town of Poughkeepsie to West Dorsey Ln in the Town of Hyde Park
- Making pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Beekman St in the City of Beacon
- Improving the Main St/Grand Ave intersection in the Town of Poughkeepsie
- Improving the Route 82/376 intersection in the Town of East Fishkill (Hopewell Junction)
- Replacing the Parsonage St bridge in the Town of Rhinebeck

The Poughkeepsie, Beacon, and East Fishkill projects flow from previous studies or plans done by the DCTC. All proposed TIP projects were also found to have no negative impact on regional air quality. The projects' locations and details are available for review on the TIP viewer – our user-friendly online platform developed by OCIS.

In addition to projects located solely in Dutchess County, the Draft TIP programs federal funding for systemwide maintenance projects across the seven-county region of NYSDOT-Region 8, which includes Dutchess County. These projects cover work such as bridge and culvert repairs, road paving, and traffic signal and sign improvements on State highways.

The Draft TIP addresses requirements in the current federal transportation law – the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – which authorizes the funding for projects in the TIP. Projects must also be consistent with recommendations in our long-range transportation plan: Moving Dutchess Forward.

A 15-day public comment period was held from June 9 - June 23, 2025. Seven comments were received during the comment period, and three were received after the comment period closed. The comments generally supported the TIP and/or recommended improvements to additional roads; none were received regarding the proposed projects. Staff presented a summary of the public comments received, as well as a letter from the Town of Amenia to be entered into the record.

Mr. Pulver asked if there were any comments. None were noted.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #25-08 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

c. Resolution #25-09: Adoption of the Summer 2025 Air Quality Conformity Determination Statement for the 1997 Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area

Mr. DeBald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

The DCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) recently completed a joint transportation conformity process for the three MPO's TIPs. The Clean Air Act requires that federally funded or approved highway and transit activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations or worsen regional air quality. The MPOs followed a template developed by FHWA and endorsed by NYSDOT. A 15-day public comment period was held from June 9-June 23, 2025. No comments were received.

Mr. Pulver asked if there were any comments. None were noted. Ms. Karen Smythe, Mayor of Red Hook, asked for clarification about the timeline for passing the resolution vs conducting the analysis; Mr. DeBald clarified that the analysis is complete.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #25-09 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

d. Resolution #25-10: Endorsement of Safety Targets for Dutchess County Public Transit-DCPT

Mr. DeBald reviewed the Resolution as follows:

This resolution seeks the Council's support of safety targets for Dutchess County Public Transit.

Mr. Pulver asked if there were any comments. Ms. Smythe asked about the origin of the safety targets; Mr. DeBald stated that the targets were developed as part of DCPT's Safety Plan.

Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to approve. MOTION: To adopt Resolution #25-10 was moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution approved.

5. **Communications and Reports:** A summary of recent and ongoing DCTC activities was included in the meeting packet (see attached). Ms. Emily Dozier, Senior Planner, and Ms. Nina Leonard, Planner, provided a brief overview of these activities, which include: the Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Feasibility Study, the Transportation Safety Action Plan, the City of Poughkeepsie Speed Limit Reduction Study, DCTC's Complete Streets work, the 2026 Coordinated Plan update, the Route 9/9D Signal Optimization Study, the Traffic Count Program, and the 2026 update of Moving Dutchess Forward, our long-range plan. Mr. Joe Donat, City of Poughkeepsie, noted that the City has budgeted for a citywide speed limit reduction and plans to implement it in 2026.

Mr. Debald opened the floor for discussion about the upcoming Moving Dutchess Forward update and asked about transportation issues and trends being seen at the local level.

Mr. Joseph Cavaccini, Town of Wappinger, expressed an interest in roundabouts, possibly including the Route 9D/Chelsea Rd intersection. Mr. Ozzy Albra, Town of Wappinger, is eager to see improvements made at the I-84/Route 9D interchange/overpass, including the addition of turning lanes for eastbound and westbound traffic. Mr. Debald noted that that improving the I-84/9D interchange is included in Moving Dutchess Forward, as a transformative investment and remains a high priority for the DCTC.

Ms. Smythe encouraged an investigation of alternative vehicles, especially e-bikes, electric vehicles, and other microtransit modes, particularly as they can provide independence for the aging population. She also noted the need for guidance on how to make roads safer for a variety of vehicles and travel types.

Mr. Nick D'Alessandro, Town of East Fishkill, shared that the Town is interested in creating consolidated public parking.

Mr. Cavaccini noted the need for additional work on Middlebush Rd/Myers Corners Rd (County Road 93), such as the sidewalks and other improvements recommended in DCTC's CR 93 Corridor Management Plan. He acknowledged the County's work to improve two signals along the corridor.

Mr. Albra, Mr. Eoin Wrafter (Dutchess County Planning & Development), Mr. Alan Bell (Town of LaGrange), Ms. Smythe, Mr. D'Allesandro, and Mr. Debald discussed the need for a diversity of housing types, shrinking household sizes, the cost of building, and the impacts of working from home. Ms. Smythe added that the housing stock is also impacted by declining school enrollment; Mr. D'Allesandro shared that the Town of East Fishkill is seeing increases in school enrollment. [NL1]

6. **Call for Announcements:** Mr. Pulver asked for any announcements from members.

Ms. Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT - Region 8, thanked DCTC staff for their hard work compiling the TIP. Mr. Ben Swanson, City of Beacon, also expressed thanks to the DCTC on behalf of Beacon.

Mr. Debald announced that in September 2025, the DCTC will undergo a Federal Certification by FHWA and FTA. More information will be provided.

7. **Adjourn:** Mr. Pulver asked for a motion to adjourn. MOTION: To adjourn was moved and seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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