

Planning Committee Meeting

July 30, 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

2a. [Funding Opportunities](#)

2b. Federal Updates

- [USDOT memo on SAFE ROADS program](#) (July 1st)
- USDOT memo to funding recipients (July 2nd)

2c. State Updates

- [Draft NYSDOT Transportation Master Plan](#)
 - Public comment period extended through August 11th
- [NYS Rail Plan RFP](#)

Partner Updates

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

Old Business

4.a. Policy Board Meeting (June 25, 2025)

- ✓ Approved FFY 2026-2030 TIP
- ✓ Approved Air Quality Conformity Determination Statement
- ✓ Approved FFY 2023-2027 TIP Amendment #25-05

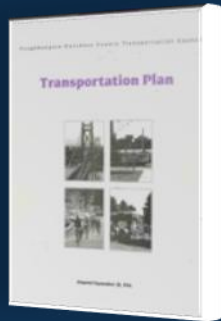


New Business

5.a. 2026 Transportation Plan Update

- Plan Schedule
- Public Engagement
 - Working with Highland Planning
 - Ambassador Program (two paid positions)
 - Pre-engagement interviews with 7-8 focus groups
- Content Updates: LEARN section
 - Review trends from previous plan and update data

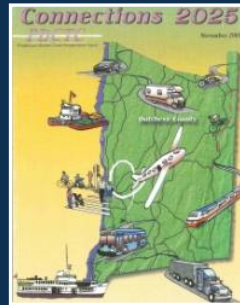
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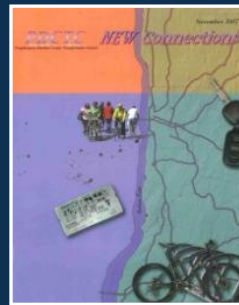
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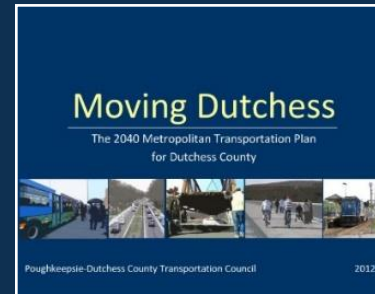
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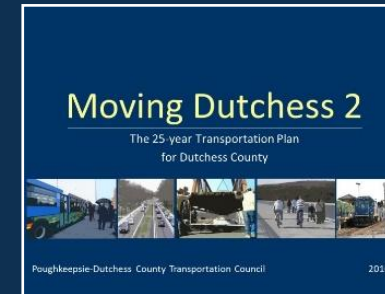
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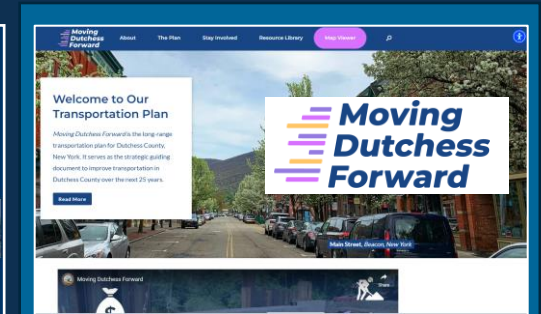
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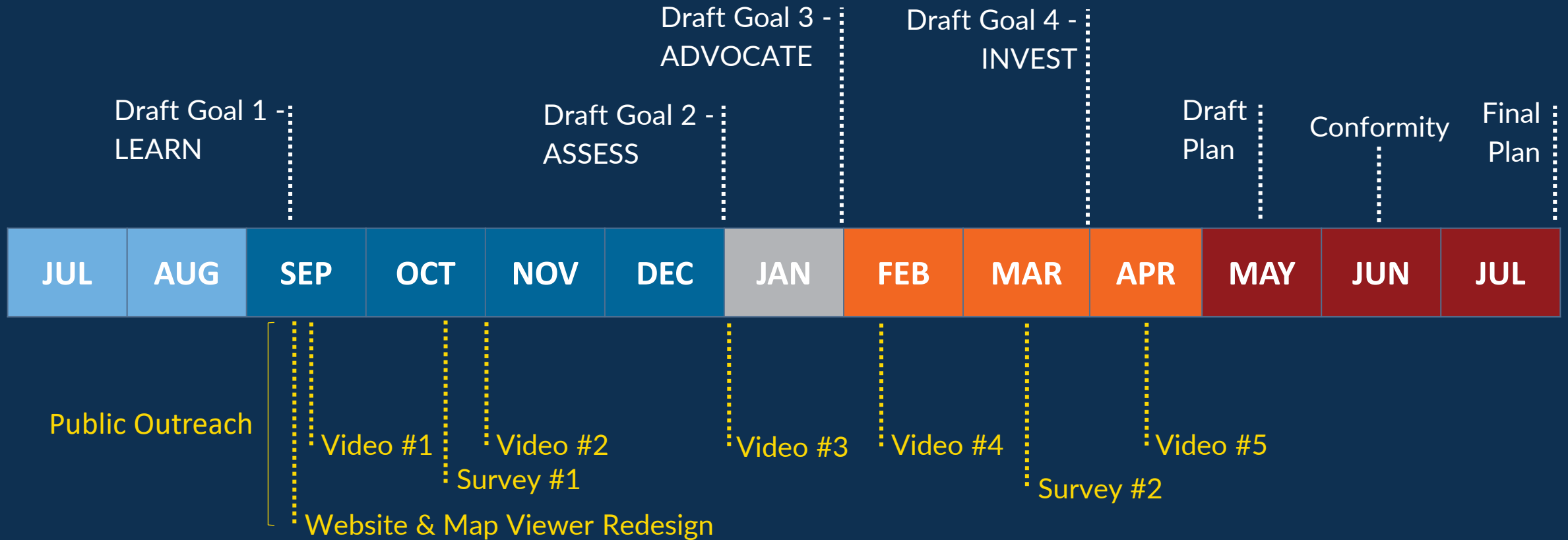


2021

<https://movingdutchessforward.com>

- Updated every 5 years
- Strategic vision & plan
- 20+ year horizon (i.e., 2050)
- Sets policy and forms the basis for future federal funding

Working Update Schedule



Plan Overview

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

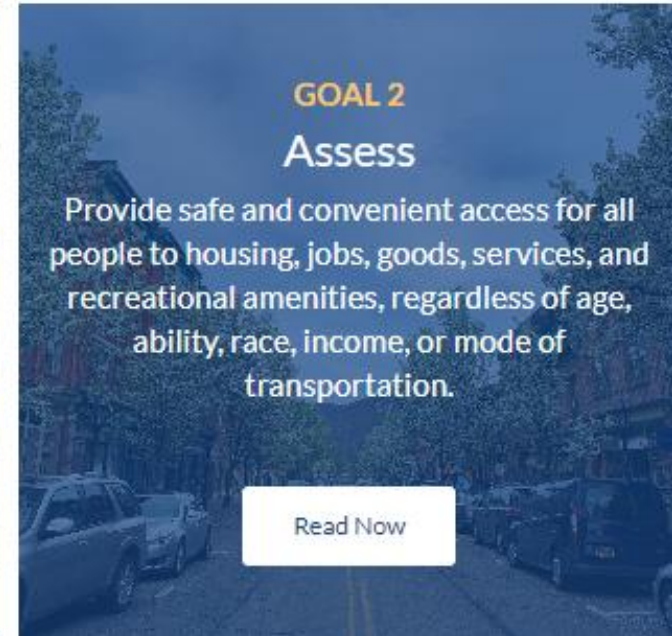
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GOAL 1
Learn

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

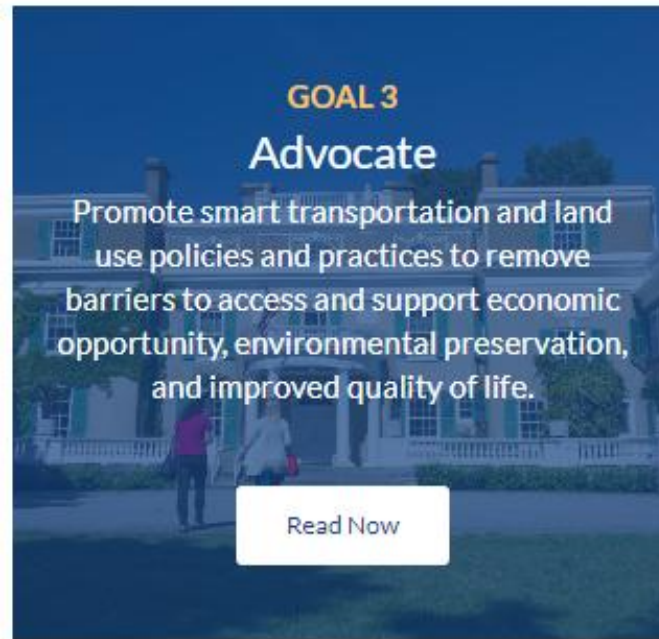
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GOAL 2
Assess

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.

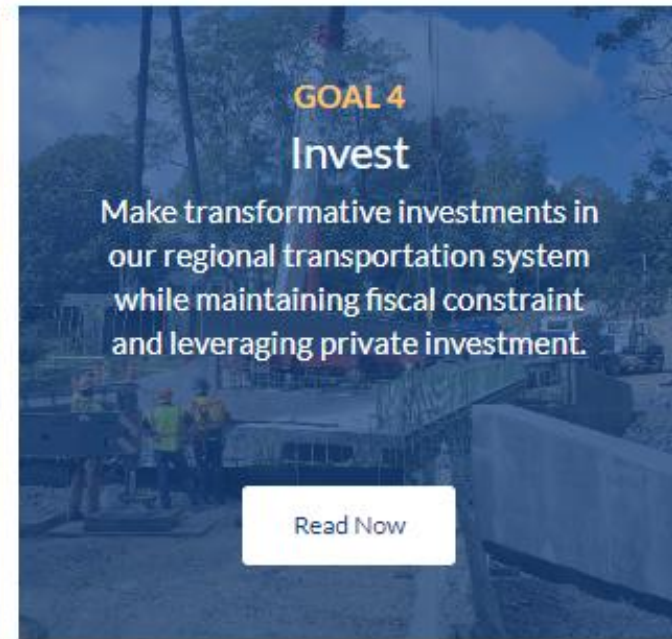
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GOAL 3
Advocate

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.

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GOAL 4
Invest

Make transformative investments in our regional transportation system while maintaining fiscal constraint and leveraging private investment.

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5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

LEARN – What are the trends?

1. Demographics
2. Travel
3. Housing
4. Economic
5. Freight
6. Climate Change
7. Transportation Technology

OUR GOAL

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

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Demographic Trends (2021)

1. Flat or extremely low population growth
2. Uneven population changes across the county
3. More older residents and fewer younger residents
4. Increasing racial and ethnic diversity at the county level; uneven at the local level
5. Flat or declining household incomes

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Travel Trends (2021)

1. Continued preference for personal vehicles
2. More people working from home
3. People will still travel for many reasons, and not only for work
4. Growth in ride-hailing services
5. Slowing growth in Vehicles Miles Traveled

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Housing Trends (2021)

1. The detached single-family home will continue to make up much of our housing stock
2. For new housing, more multi-family and fewer single-family
3. Declining inventory, rising prices
4. Lack of housing options for low- and moderate-income renters and buyers

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Economic Trends (2021)

1. Aging labor force and slow labor force growth
2. Growth in non-traditional employment
3. More people working multiple and/or part-time jobs
4. Continued growth in e-commerce
5. Companies retrofitting existing spaces and relocating into infill sites

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Freight Trends (2021)

1. Continued preference for and growth in trucking
2. Growth in local, small-scale, on-demand deliveries
3. Expansion of air cargo at New York Stewart International Airport
4. Potential for autonomous freight and unmanned delivery vehicles

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Climate Change Trends (2021)

1. Rising Temperatures
2. More extreme weather
3. Greater, but uneven precipitation
4. More flooding events
5. Impact from sea-level rise and storm surge
6. Potential population increase from migration

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Transportation Technology Trends (2021)

1. Exponential growth of electric vehicles
2. Slow and uneven introduction of autonomous vehicles
3. Increasingly smarter transportation systems

New Business

5.a. Mid-Hudson Valley TMA Federal Certification Review

- Week of September 22nd
- Done with OCTC & UCTC
- Joint response sent to FHWA & FTA addressing recommendations from 2021 certification
- Public outreach component

Planning Updates

6.a. Transportation Safety Action Plan

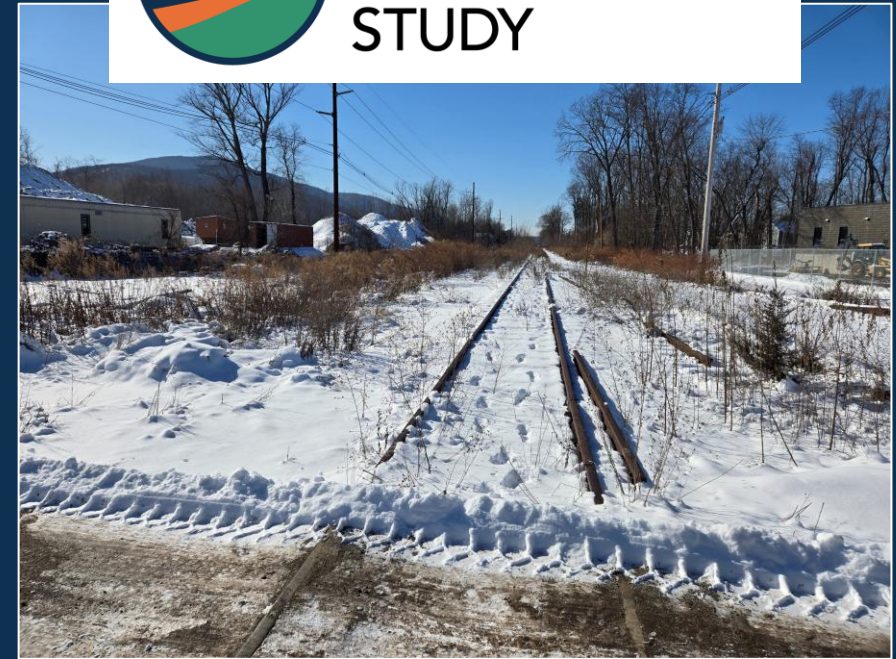
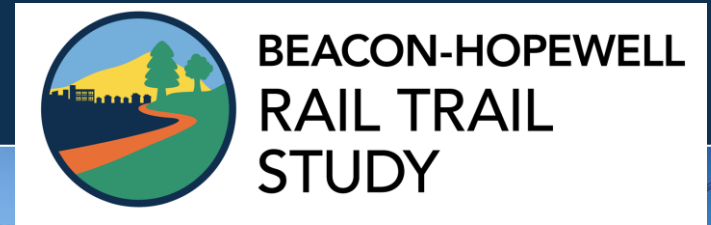


- Priority locations
 - State List – provided by NYSDOT
 - County List – based on crash analysis
 - Local List – based on crash analysis; vetted by municipalities
- Countermeasure toolkit & report - finalizing
- Desktop reviews: 1 per municipality; 1 County; 1 State
- Field investigations & renderings: 7 locations; August 28-29
- Virtual Public Meetings – Tues, August 19 (3-4:30 pm Stakeholders; 5-6 pm Public)

Planning Updates

6.b. Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Feasibility Study

- Advisory Committee meeting on August 14th
- Draft Final Report – shared with AC;
post to study website soon
- Virtual public meeting on
August 20th, 12-1 pm



Meeting Review

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Upcoming Meeting:

- **Planning Committee (Tentative)**
Wed., August 27th, 10 am