

Planning Committee Meeting

September 24, 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

- Section 5310 Program: Funding to improve transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities
 - About \$600,000 available in region
 - Applications due Nov. 3rd

2b. State Updates

- FFY 2026-2029 STIP comment period soon

Partner Updates

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

New Business

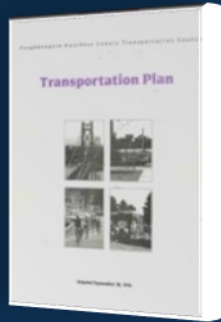
5.a. Mid-Hudson Valley TMA Federal Certification Review

- Sept. 25th – FHWA/FTA meeting with DCTC, OCTC & UCTC
- Oct. 2nd – FHWA/FTA meeting with DCTC
- FHWA & FTA want your feedback on how we carryout the planning process
 - Public comments requested by Oct. 31st; see the [online survey](#) or [pdf document](#).

Mid-Hudson Valley TMA Federal Certification Review

1. From your perspective, and knowing the extent of its authority, how well do you understand DCTC's role in the Region's transportation planning process?
2. From your perspective, how well is the DCTC transportation planning process working to effectively improve transportation in the Region?
3. Were you aware of, and if so, did you take advantage of opportunities for you to provide input on transportation issues and plans, such as the long-range transportation plan and other studies and issues?
4. Are there opportunities for all users of the transportation network throughout the region to provide input on the transportation planning process?
5. What are some things that work well with the transportation planning process in the DCTC area?
6. What aspects of the transportation planning process in the DCTC area do you think can be improved?
7. Where or how would you expect to find news and provide input about transportation issues and the planning process in Dutchess County?

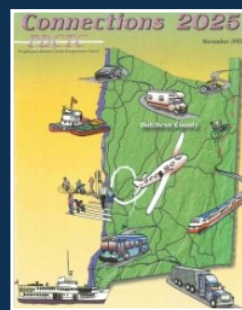
Transportation Plan - Recap



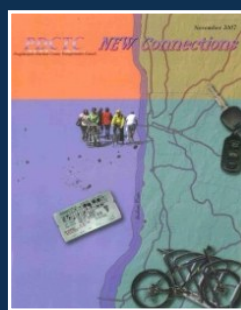
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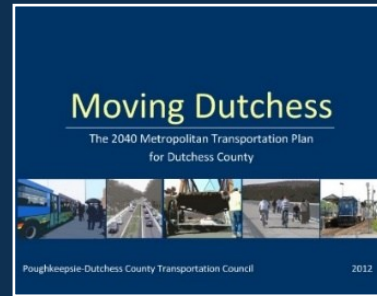
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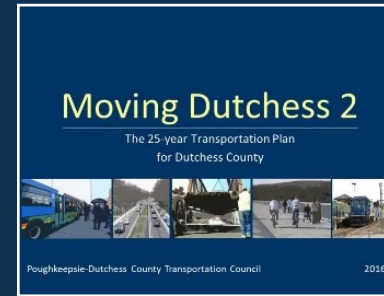
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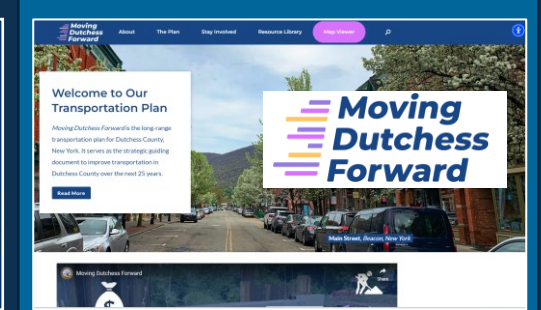
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2012



2016



2021

<https://movingdutchessforward.com>

- Strategic vision & plan: 20+ year horizon (i.e., 2050)
- Sets transportation policies and priorities
- Forms basis for federal transportation funding
- Updated every 5 years – due in 2026

New Business

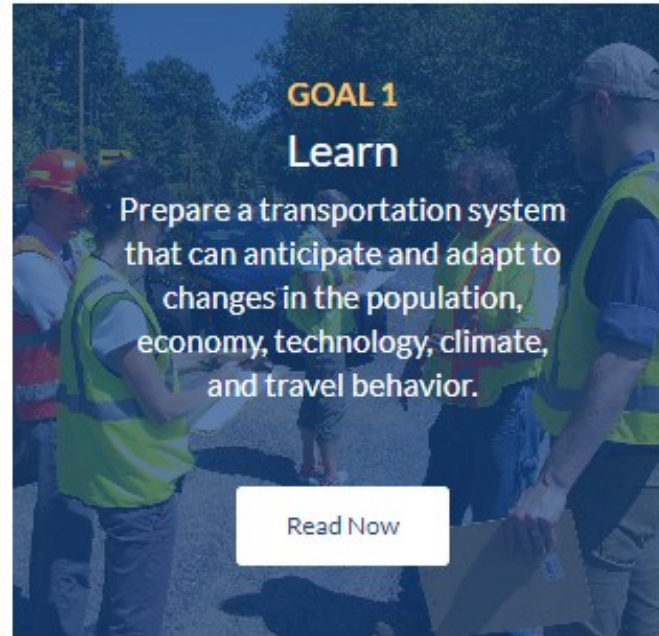
5.b. 2026 Transportation Plan Update

- Public Engagement (with Highland Planning)
 - Pre-engagement interviews (5 done to date)
 - Ambassador Program (two paid positions)
 - [Fillable pdf](#) and [online form](#)
 - Applications due Sept. 19th
 - Video, fact sheet, & survey in development

Plan Overview

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

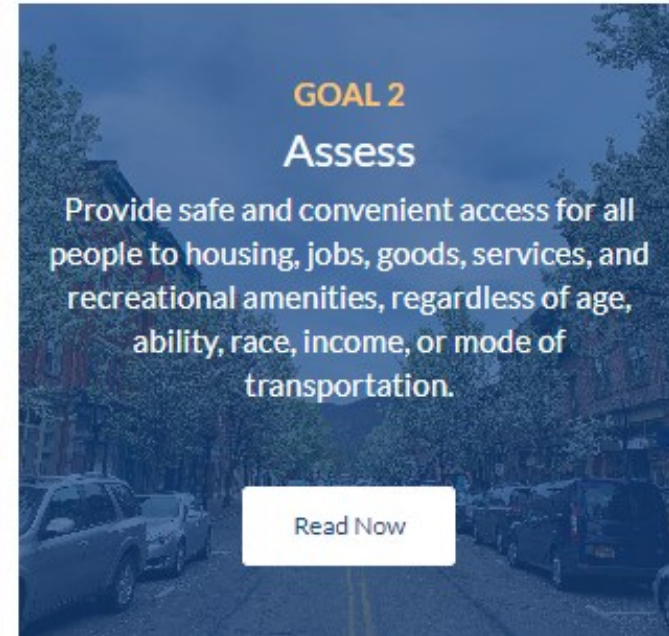
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GOAL 1
Learn

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

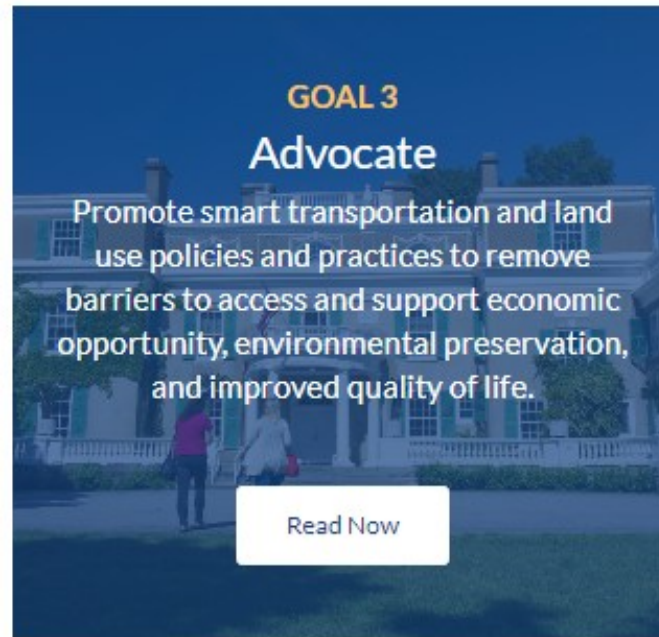
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GOAL 2
Assess

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.

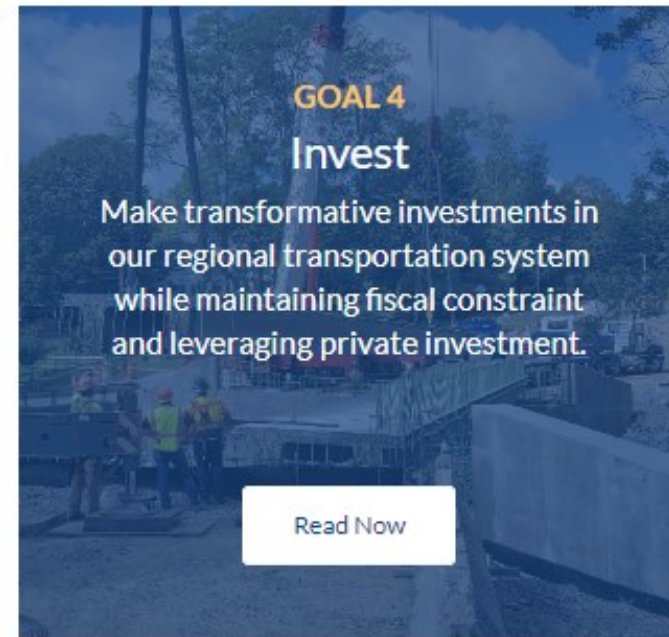
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GOAL 3
Advocate

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. Economy
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.b. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Freight Trends (2026)

1. Continued growth in trucking (slight change)
2. Growth in local on-demand deliveries (slight change)
3. Expansion of air cargo at New York Stewart International Airport
4. Potential for autonomous freight (slight change)

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Freight Trends (2026)

Highlights:

- Trucks carry almost 70% of freight in NYS (by tonnage)
 - NYS estimates a 37% increase in truck freight volume by 2050
- E-commerce's share of retail across the US has grown by 48% since 2019
 - In NYS, e-commerce is forecasted to grow from 25% to 62% of retail by 2050
- Freight traffic at Stewart Airport is increasing
- Potential for autonomous trucks, drone delivery

5.b. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Climate Trends (2026)

1. Rising Temperatures
2. More flooding events (moved up/consolidated)
3. More extreme weather

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Climate Trends (2026)

Highlights:

- From 1981-2010, Dutchess County saw an average of *8 days* per year with a temperature of 90°F or above. This could increase to *27-35 days* per year by 2050 and *34-61 days* by 2080.
- About 71 of our bridges and 150 miles of our roads are in a FEMA flood zone, which means they have a chance of flooding each year.

5.b. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Technology Trends (2026)

1. Technology outpacing infrastructure and institutions (new)
2. Technology improving transportation safety (new)
3. Technology improving transportation operations (new)

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Technology Trends (2026)

Highlights:

- As of early 2025, there were just over 3,000 EVs in Dutchess County, accounting for less than 1% of all vehicles on the road.
- A 2024 automated enforcement pilot program in the City of Kingston, resulted in a 12-15% reduction in average speeds at two pilot locations, spurring them to expand the program in 2025.

Planning Updates

6.a. Transportation Safety Action Plan



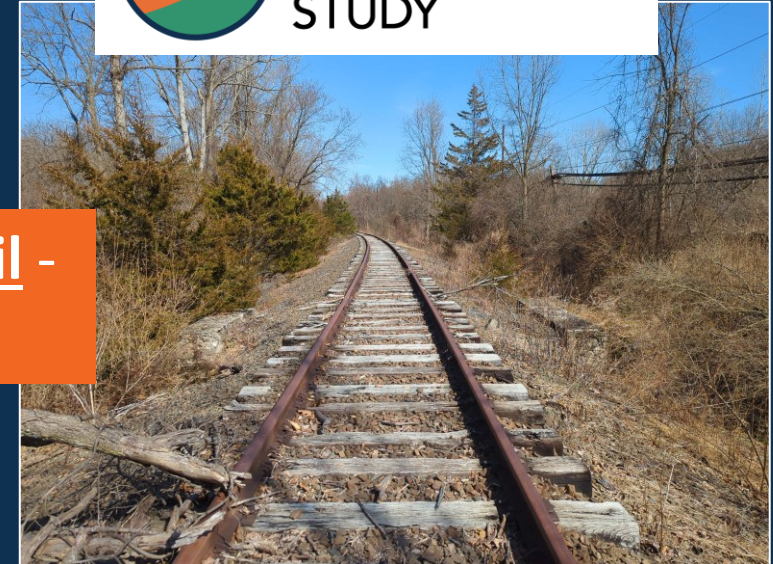
- Data Report Part 2 – published on webpage
- Countermeasure Toolkit
- Field investigations: Concept renderings to be developed for each
 - Main & Corlies, C/Poughkeepsie
 - Pinewoods Rd, T/Hyde Park
 - Rossway Rd, T/Pleasant Valley
 - East Main St, V/Wappingers Falls
 - Mechanic St, T/Amenia
 - Lake Walton Rd, T/East Fishkill
 - Merritt Blvd, T&V/Fishkill
- Desktop reviews in process (1 per municipality & 1 County road)

Planning Updates

6.b. Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Feasibility Study

- Final Report to be posted soon
- Fact Sheet completed

The most feasible option for this corridor is: Rail To Trail - converting the existing rail bed to a multi-use trail.



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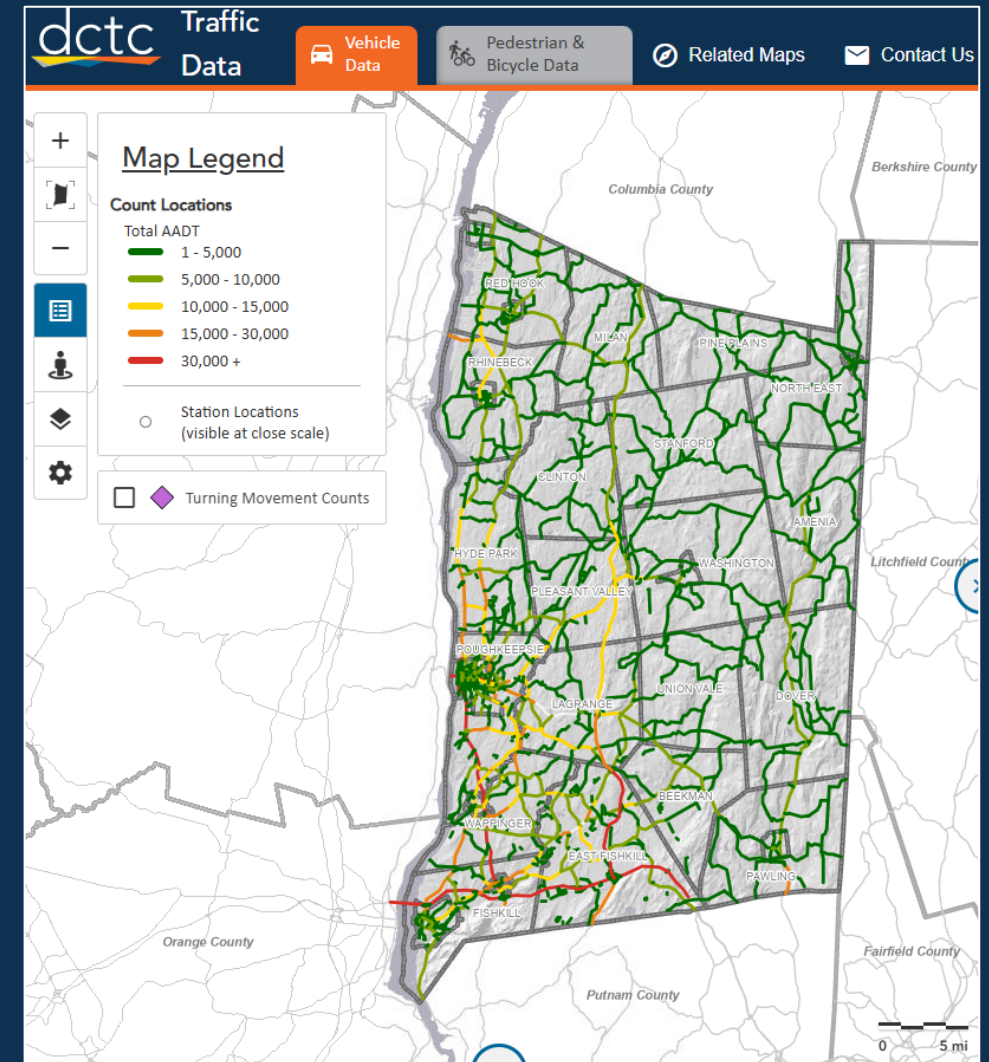
6.c. Coordinated Plan

- Existing Conditions Report underway
- Continuing outreach:
 - Listening Sessions (in-person)
 - Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center – Sept. 30th
 - North East-Millerton Library – Oct. 14th
 - Red Hook Friendship Center – Oct. 15th
 - Stakeholder meetings with agencies/providers (virtual - 6 total)

Planning Updates

6.d. Traffic Count Program

- 2025 vehicle counts in-progress
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Counts
 - Sept. 20-27th
 - Volunteer counts: 21 locations
 - Video counts: 28 locations



Meeting Review

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Upcoming Meeting:

- **Planning Committee**
Wed., October 29th, 10 am