

Dutchess County

2000 Urbanized Area Boundary

Permanent Members

- Dutchess County Executive, Permanent Chairperson
- NYS DOT Commissioner
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority Executive Director
- City of Beacon Mayor
- City of Poughkeepsie Mayor
- Town of East Fishkill Supervisor
- Town of Fishkill Supervisor
- Town of Hyde Park Supervisor
- Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor
- Town of Wappinger Supervisor

Two Members from the Partially Urbanized Towns (rotating basis)

- Town of Beekman Supervisor
- Town of LaGrange Supervisor
- Town of Pleasant Valley Supervisor

One Member from the Urbanized Villages (rotating basis)

- Village of Fishkill Mayor
- Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor

Two Members from the Non-Urban Towns (selected by Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association)

- Town of Amenia
- Town of Pine Plains
- Town of Clinton
- Town of Red Hook
- Town of Dover
- Town of Rhinebeck
- Town of Milan
- Town of Stanford
- Town of North East
- Town of Union Vale
- Town of Pawling
- Town of Washington

Non-Voting (Ex-Officio) Members

- NYS Bridge Authority Director
- NYS Thruway Authority Director
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- NYS DOT Regional Director, Permanent Secretary

PDCTC
Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council

A Citizen's Guide to Transportation Planning

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Introducing the PDCTC

Established in 1982, the **Poughkeepsie - Dutchess County Transportation Council** serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County. Federal regulations require that Urbanized Areas (U.S. Census defined metropolitan areas with over 50,000 people) be represented by a MPO, which is responsible for ensuring that Federal transportation dollars are committed through a locally driven, comprehensive planning process.

The mission of the PDCTC is to provide a forum for cooperative decision-making by local and state officials, planning and implementing agencies, transit providers, and the general public. The Council meets regularly to discuss issues that affect how people and goods move through our region.

The PDCTC is one of thirteen Metropolitan Planning Organizations located in New York State.

Transportation Management Area

The Urbanized Area that the PDCTC is located in also includes parts of Orange and Ulster Counties, each served by their own MPO: the Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) and the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC). With a total population of 352,000, the area is classified as a Transportation Management Area (TMA), which carries additional MPO requirements for congestion and transit planning.

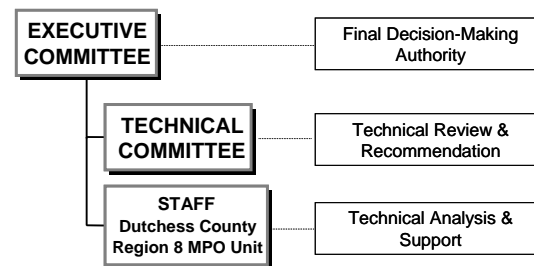
Organization

The PDCTC is comprised of three major components

Executive Committee: Makes policy decisions on transportation planning issues and projects. All local, regional, and state members must be in agreement, before a final decision is made.

Technical Committee: Identifies specific issues, reviews on-going work, and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Staff: Performs the everyday tasks of preparing materials for the Council and implements decisions. The staff is located at the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development and NYSDOT Region-8 offices.



Core Products

The PDCTC develops and approves transportation plans and programs for the Dutchess County portion of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Urbanized Area; specifically, the Council produces three core products:

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The Plan serves as the central guiding document for the Council. It seeks to improve transportation services within the region, by establishing strategic policies and goals. It is a long-range plan, looking at transportation challenges and opportunities facing the region

over the next 25 years. The Plan's recommendations are the product of public outreach and consultation with public and non-profit agencies. The Plan also addresses future demographic changes, available funding, and attainment of national air quality standards. It is updated every four years.



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a multi-modal capital program outlining highway, bridge, bikeway, pedestrian, transit, and demand management projects that will be undertaken over the next five years. It shows both federally and non-federally funded projects, so as to provide a comprehensive view of transportation capital and operating projects in the region. The TIP implements the policy goal recommendations of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

This annual document describes the work of the PDCTC and outlines specific products and studies to be completed in the upcoming fiscal year. Preparation of the UPWP is required by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and forms the basis for all federal funding assistance.

Local Transportation Planning

The PDCTC works extensively with communities to address local transportation issues. Much of this work is accomplished through planning studies managed by the PDCTC, which has the ability to leverage Federal funding to support local planning efforts. PDCTC studies focus on a range of topics, including traditional corridor management plans or traffic analyses, to mode specific studies such as bicycle/pedestrian or transit planning.

How to get involved

We encourage those interested in transportation planning to participate in PDCTC activities by sending us their contact information, which will be added to our public mailing list. This list is used to send quarterly transportation updates, and notices of upcoming events and products.



We also encourage the public to attend the various public information meetings associated with the completion of our major products. PDCTC products are also mailed to all municipal libraries for reference. In addition, the Council maintains an informative internet website with notices of upcoming meetings and downloadable versions of our major documents.

PDCTC staff can be reached by mail, phone, or email.

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