

# Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council

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## Draft 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Council has begun work on the 2011-2012 UPWP, which covers the period from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012: the 2011-2012 State Fiscal Year. The UPWP serves as the official statement of work identifying the federally funded planning activities to be carried out by the Council. The UPWP includes descriptions of planning tasks and resulting products, a schedule for completing tasks, the cost of the work, sources of funds, and identifies which organization will perform each task. The UPWP includes a variety of planning activities that address on-going and emerging issues related to maintaining and improving the region's transportation system and overall quality of life. The Council updates the UPWP annually.

Funds used to support UPWP tasks come from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), with Dutchess County and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) providing matching funds. For the 2011-2012 program year, over \$743,000 in federal planning funds will be programmed by the Council.

The 2011-2012 UPWP will continue a number of planning programs from the 2010-2011 UPWP, to include completing the CR 93 (Myers Corners Road/Middlebush Road) Corridor Management Plan (CMP), analyzing data from the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) Travel Time Survey, continuing the annual traffic count program, updating the travel demand model, and continuing the new county pavement condition monitoring program.

In the previous program year, the Council completed a number of key tasks including the adoption of the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), completion of a sidewalk feasibility study for CR 71 (West Road) in the Town of Pleasant Valley, and in conjunction with the Orange and Ulster County Transportation Councils, a Travel Time Survey for the TMA Congestion Management Process (CMP).

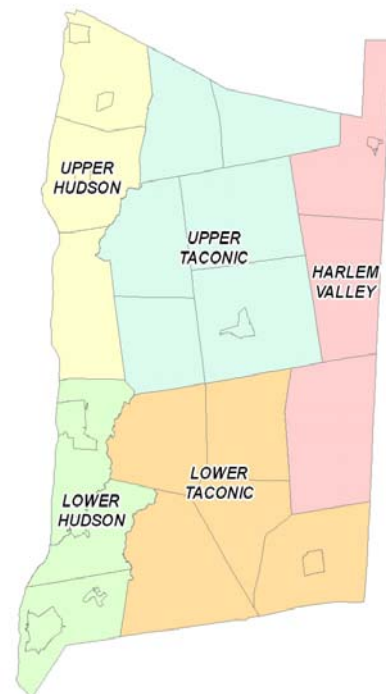
The Council will hold a thirty-day public comment period for the UPWP in February 2011. Updates on the UPWP process will also be posted on the Council's website: [www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm](http://www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm)

## Moving Dutchess: the New Long-Range Plan

The Council has initiated work a new long-range, Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for Dutchess County. Titled *Moving Dutchess*, the MTP will identify policies and projects to prepare the existing and future transportation system to meet our mobility challenges through 2040.

To help achieve this goal, *Moving Dutchess* will be organized around five sub-planning areas: the Upper and Lower Hudson, Upper and Lower Taconic, and the Harlem Valley. This planning strategy seeks to identify the varied transportation needs of different parts of the County, which sometimes get lost when viewed from a "one size fits all" standpoint; for example, the transportation needs of a heavily urbanized area are often different from the needs of a less dense rural area. Zeroing in on sub-areas will allow the Council to better understand local nuances and in turn increase the Plan's value to local communities. The sub-areas were established through an assessment of development patterns, travel characteristics, and demographic profiles. In addition to sub-area planning, the new MTP will include the use of performance measures to assess progress in meeting the Council's goals for the Plan, expanded public engagement activities, and land use and funding scenarios. Data from the 2010 Census will also be incorporated as much as possible.

The Council updates the MTP every four years and must approve the new MTP by November 2011. MTP updates will be posted on the Council's website at [www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm](http://www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm). We encourage the public to let us know what transportation issues, short and long-range, should be addressed by the MTP.



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### Our Organization

Established in 1982, the **Poughkeepsie - Dutchess County Transportation Council** serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County. Federal regulations require that all 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.

### Voting Members

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### Upcoming Meetings

**Jan 26 (10 a.m.):** Technical Committee  
**Jan 27 (7 p.m.):** CR 93 CMP Public Mtg  
**Feb 23 (10 a.m.):** Technical Committee

## CR 93 Corridor Management Plan

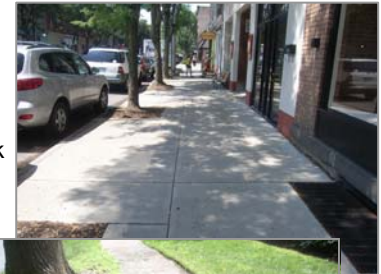
The Town of Wappinger requested that the Council and the Dutchess County Department of Public Works assist with the development of a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for CR 93 (Myers Corners/Middlebush Road). The objective of the plan is to identify and recommend policies and projects that will improve vehicular and non-vehicular travel along CR 93. The study area covers the entire length of CR 93 between NYS Routes 9D and 376.

The project's Advisory Committee met on December 14th to review improvement strategies for the study intersections. These include turn pockets, signal timing/phasing changes, turn restrictions, possible roundabouts, intersection realignments, and new sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as land use and other access management strategies. Staff also met separately with the Town of Wappinger Supervisor and Town Engineer, Wappinger Central School District, and Randolph School officials for feedback. The team is currently refining the strategies and analyzing results from a micro-simulation model of the corridor. A public meeting and open house will be held on **January 27, 2011 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at Wappinger Town Hall to present and get feedback on the strategies. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on January 31st (same location). For more information, see <http://www.townofwappinger.us/CR93/index.html>.

## Rhinebeck Village Sidewalks

The Village of Rhinebeck requested assistance from the Council and Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development to inventory and evaluate the Village's sidewalk system. The first part of the project, a sidewalk inventory, was conducted in August. The data collected on sidewalk conditions formed the basis of the second part of the project: developing a sidewalk improvement strategy that prioritizes locations for new sidewalks, repair and replacement of existing sidewalks, new crosswalks, and associated projects.

A preliminary set of recommendations was presented to the Village Board on November 10th and included suggestions to improve the sidewalk system within the Village center, better connect public facilities to the Village center, and improve connections to the northern and southern parts of the Village. The study is expected to be completed by February 2011.



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