

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council

Transportation Newsletter: October - December 2009

2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The PDCTC has initiated work on the 2011-2015 TIP: Dutchess County's five year program of federally funded transportation projects for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2011-2015 (October 1, 2010-September 30, 2015). The new TIP will focus on the completion of previously programmed projects from the current 2008-2012 TIP. Preliminary estimates of future funding indicate that overall federal funding for the region will remain flat, while State funding will be reduced by about 35 percent on an annual basis, compared to the 2008-2012 TIP. This will negatively impact projects wholly funded by State funds. These preliminary estimates may change due to the recent rescission of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds and impacts from the Continuing Resolutions being used to maintain funding under the federal transportation act SAFETEA, which expired on September 30, 2009; in addition, the next federal transportation bill will almost certainly influence funding estimates. The PDCTC must demonstrate that projects in the 2011-2015 TIP can be carried out with reasonably expected resources.

Current guidance from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) calls for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to approve their TIP in May 2010. For the PDCTC, this schedule will require a public comment period to be held in March-April 2010 and at least one public meeting. As part of the Poughkeepsie Ozone Non-attainment Area, the PDCTC, in conjunction with the Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) and the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), will also need to demonstrate air quality conformity for the new TIP.

Once approved by the PDCTC, the 2011-2015 TIP will be incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which will then be sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval by September 30, 2010.

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

Municipalities in Dutchess County continue their efforts to secure transportation funding from the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#) ("ARRA"). Through the fall, seven more ARRA projects in Dutchess County were certified by the Governor: 1) Pavement and shoulder rehabilitation work on CR 27, CR 35, CR 77, CR 93, and CR 114, 2) New pedestrian facilities along Route 9D in the Village of Wappingers Falls, 3) New sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic control devices in the Village of Red Hook, 4) Creek Rd. pavement rehabilitation in the Town of Poughkeepsie, 5) Sheafe Rd. pavement rehabilitation also in the Town of Poughkeepsie, 6) Hoffman St. bridge replacement over the Metro-North Railroad Hudson Line in the City of Poughkeepsie, and 7) Preventive maintenance work on US 44/NY 55 and NY 9G in Northern Dutchess. Combined, these projects total over \$22 million in local infrastructure investment. A total of 18 highway and 15 transit projects in Dutchess County will receive ARRA funding. More information about local ARRA projects is available on the PDCTC's website: www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm.

Regional Transit Funding

The PDCTC approved the apportionment of over \$1.8 million in unallocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds to support three regional transit projects in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA): 1) Newburgh-Beacon Ferry - \$500,000 to support ferry operations in 2010 and 2011; 2) Adirondack Trailways Intercity Commuter Bus Service - \$932,000 to purchase two transit coach buses for a daily commuter shuttle between Ulster County and New York City; and 3) Poughkeepsie Station Building Rehabilitation - \$459,000 to fund building improvements at the Poughkeepsie Metro-North Railroad Station. The unallocated funds stem from unused balances from FFY 2007, 2008, and 2009. After these apportionments, the TMA will have \$508,000 available for future regional transit projects.

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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.

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Upcoming Meetings

January 13 - TIP Sub-committee
January 27 - Technical Committee

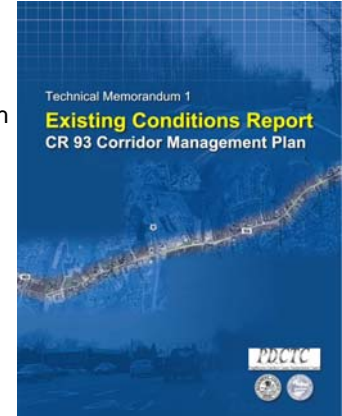
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CR 93 Corridor Management Plan

The CR 93 (Middlebush Road/Myers Corners Road) Corridor Management Plan (CMP) team recently completed the first phase of the project—an Existing Conditions Report, which details land use and transportation characteristics along the corridor. The analysis of land use conditions reveals that 27 percent of the land in the study area is vacant and 85 percent of the vacant land is zoned residential. Of particular significance is that 70 percent of this vacant land is located between Route 9 and CR 94, increasing its potential for future development.

Looking at transportation conditions, 7 of the 20 study intersections operate poorly during peak hours. Ten locations exceed the statewide crash rate for similar roads and the corridor experiences a high percentage of rear-end crashes. The report notes that there is limited infrastructure for transportation alternatives such as bicycling, walking, or public transit.

These and other issues were presented to the public at a well attended meeting on November 18th at Wappinger Town Hall. The presentation is available on the project website at: <http://www.townofwappinger.us/CR93/index.html> Two more public meetings are scheduled for the project in the summer of 2010.



If you would like to be added to the project's mailing list or have other questions, please contact Emily Dozier at edozier@co.dutchess.ny.us.

Operating Procedures

The PDCTC is reviewing its operating procedures—or how it conducts business—as requested by Council members and in light of recommendations from the recent federal certification review. Council staff have identified a number of administrative changes that will streamline membership and clarify roles and responsibilities for agencies and committees.

Membership Update

Results from the November 3rd elections will bring new faces to the PDCTC, including three municipalities that are currently voting members: the Towns of Hyde Park, Pleasant Valley, and Stanford. We welcome Supervisors Martino, McNair, and Stern to the Council, and thank Supervisors Delafield, Susczynski, and Tetor for their support through the years.

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