

## STEP 2. ASSESS: What are the barriers?

The Dutchess County Transportation Council is updating its countywide transportation plan, *Moving Dutchess Forward*.

The Plan serves as our guiding vision for improving transportation in the county over the next 25 years.



### WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS IN OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM?



**SAFE ACCESS:** To ensure safe access on our roads, we look at where crashes occur and why they happen. We examine crash hot spots as well as system-wide high-risk locations to identify opportunities to prevent future crashes, especially those involving fatalities and serious injuries.



**ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS:** Our transportation system exists to connect people to everyday destinations. We examine how well that system provides access to five basic components of life: housing, jobs, goods and services, education, and recreation.



**RELIABLE ACCESS:** A reliable transportation system allows people to reach their destinations consistently and predictably. We assess four areas of reliability that can make it hard to get where people need to go: bus access, train access, walking and bicycling infrastructure, and traffic congestion. This includes looking at factors such as vehicle travel times, bus service coverage, and sidewalk/bikeway connections.



**TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL:** Creating access for everyone—regardless of race, ability, age, income, or other characteristics—is at the core of transportation planning. We look at how access differs across population groups and identify locations where investments (or the lack of them) may have negative impacts, ensuring that future improvements advance transportation opportunities for all.

Visit [Moving Dutchess Forward: Assess](#) to find out more about the barriers we've identified, what they might mean for the future of our transportation system, and how we can address them.



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