



ADOPTION OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (DCTC) LONG-RANGE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN: MOVING DUTCHESS FORWARD

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Dutchess County portion of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the DCTC are authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or 'Infrastructure Act') (PL 117-58, November 15, 2021); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration issued a Final Rule (Federal Register Vol. 81, No. 103) on May 27, 2016 that implements the provisions of Title 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and Title 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR Parts 450 (Planning Assistance and Standards) and 500 (Management and Monitoring Systems), and 49 CFR Part 613 (Metropolitan and Statewide Planning) set forth the national policy on the metropolitan transportation planning process, including the development of a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Act sets the requirements for metropolitan transportation planning in 23 U.S.C. 134, and the national policy on metropolitan statewide planning in 49 U.S.C. 5303; and

WHEREAS, said Metropolitan Transportation Plan will serve as the official multimodal transportation plan of the MPO, addressing no less than a 20-year planning horizon and developed through the metropolitan transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Transportation Council has developed a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan titled, Moving Dutchess Forward, with a focus on promoting safety, reliability, and access to basic needs; and

WHEREAS, Moving Dutchess Forward was developed in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.322 (Development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan) and includes the following:

1. The current and projected transportation demands of persons and goods in the planning area over the period of the plan.
2. A description of existing and proposed transportation facilities in the planning area.

3. A description of the performance measures and performance targets used in assessing the performance of the transportation system.
4. A system performance report.
5. Operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation facilities to relieve vehicle congestion and maximize the safety and mobility of people and goods.
6. Consideration of the results of the Congestion Management Process.
7. An assessment of the capital investment and transportation/land use strategies needed to preserve the existing and projected transportation system.
8. Consideration of transportation and transit enhancement activities.
9. Sufficient project level information to demonstrate air quality conformity.
10. A discussion of potential environmental mitigation strategies to maintain or restore environmental conditions affected by the plan.
11. Consideration of pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities.
12. A Financial Plan that demonstrates how the plan will be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Transportation Council consulted with federal, state, and local agencies when it developed Moving Dutchess Forward; and

WHEREAS, Moving Dutchess Forward has as one of its goals improving the safety of the transportation system, and recommends actions consistent with the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan and the DCTC's Transportation Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Transportation Council afforded the public, public agencies, and representatives of transportation providers with a reasonable opportunity to comment on Moving Dutchess Forward, in accordance with its Public Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Transportation Council held a 30-day public comment period for Moving Dutchess Forward, ending July 31, 2026; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Transportation Council adopts Moving Dutchess Forward as the new Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dutchess County portion of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Urban Area; and,

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Transportation Council hereby authorizes the acting Secretary of the Dutchess County Transportation Council to transmit Moving Dutchess Forward to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

DUTCHESS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL



CERTIFICATE, the undersigned, duly qualified and Secretary of the Dutchess County Transportation Council, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting on August 6, 2026.

8/6/2026

Date

By Julianne Fuda

Julianne Fuda, P.E., Secretary
Dutchess County Transportation Council