

Public Notice

October 28, 2022

— Public Participation Plan —

The [Dutchess County Transportation Council \(DCTC\)](#) has initiated a 45-day public comment period for our draft [Public Participation Plan \(PPP\)](#): our outreach strategy to better connect with the public and encourage their involvement in the transportation planning process.

Transportation planning works best when the public is empowered to participate in the process and influence decisions that affect their lives. The PPP will help guide our actions and operations, ensuring we encourage public involvement at all stages of the planning process. It offers a menu of virtual, in-person, and hybrid tools to engage people with our work, which includes regional and countywide transportation plans, corridor-based studies, and local projects such as pedestrian plans and safety analyses. The PPP also outlines ways that we will engage populations that have historically been excluded from the planning process.

Public Comments

This 45-day comment period provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the draft [Public Participation Plan](#). Comments may be submitted by mail, email, or phone, using the contact information below, by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022**. All public comments will be summarized and presented to the Council prior to action.

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About the DCTC: Established in 1982, the DCTC serves as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County. Federal law requires 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 (highway and transit) are committed through a locally driven, comprehensive planning process. The DCTC includes representatives from local municipalities, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.