



Town of Fishkill

Office of the Town Supervisor

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Mr. Mark Debald, Transportation Program Administrator
Dutchess County Transportation Council
85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Mr. Debald,

I am writing in support of the request made by my friend and colleague, Town of Wappinger Supervisor Dr. Richard L. Thurston, for a traffic study on the Route 9D corridor through the corridor municipalities.

You and I have spoken on several occasions about the self-evident need to address a growing number of challenges arising from increased auto and truck traffic along the Route 9D corridor and the affect these are having on the residents of Fishkill and our neighboring municipalities.

As with Supervisor Thurston, I am requesting that you conduct a traffic study along the Route 9D corridor from the intersection of U.S. Route 9 and Vassar Road through the entire Village of Wappingers Falls, continuing through the Towns of Wappinger and Fishkill to the Newburgh-Beacon bridge intersection.

As my colleague so eloquently expressed, the volume of traffic impacting the roads in our communities has increased dramatically over the last six years, and the number of heavy trucks using our thoroughfares has caused damage to these roads which necessitates frequent and costly repair. These factors negatively affect our residents, many of whom walk or bicycle to their destinations.

I hope that such a study will help the Towns of Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Wappinger, and the Village of Wappingers Falls to better plan for the future of transportation in our post-COVID environment.

Best Regards,

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cc: NYS Senator Robert Rolison, NYS Assemblyman Anil Beephan
Town Supervisors Thurston, Baisley, Mayor Huber