

Dutchess County Transportation Council
Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

January 27, 2022, 2:30 p.m.
(via Microsoft Teams)

Summary

- 1) Introductions:** Emily Dozier (DCTC) welcomed everyone to the meeting (see attached list).
- 2) Presentation:** *City of Kingston's [Broadway Streetscape Project](#) – Kristen Wilson, RUPCO (former City of Kingston Director of Grants Management)*

Kristen described the history, planning, funding, design, and construction challenges of Kingston's Broadway Streetscape Project. The project includes a two-way parking-protected bike lane on the north side of Broadway between St James St and Grand St, as well as improved signal timing, green infrastructure, sidewalks, lighting, and street furniture.

Kristen explained that removable posts were considered for the buffer between the bike lane and the parking, but ultimately not included, to make it easier for the City to sweep the street regularly. The posts could be removed for snow plowing but it was deemed too much of a hassle for street sweeping. Also, the tree guards were changed due to cost to extend only on the sidewalk-side, rather than fully around the planting areas. The community was concerned about losing on-street parking, but Kristen noted that some parking spaces were added, so there was not a net loss.

Kristen stated that the traffic signals and bike signals have been delayed due to supply chain issues. Otherwise, construction is complete. The design includes green painted stripes across the bike lanes at conflict points including driveways and unsignalized intersections, as well as green 'cross-bikes' (crosswalks for bicycles) and bicycle boxes (to assist with left turns) at intersections.

Kristen noted that NYSDOT was hesitant to approve the design in 2017, as this was the first protected bike lane in the area. Steve MacAvery (NYSDOT) added that FHWA and NYSDOT have since approved the [NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide](#), and are now more comfortable with this type of design (also known as a two-way cycle track). Kristen acknowledged that the design is not totally standard: the two-lane cycle track width is 8 ft with a 2 ft buffer. [[Per NACTO](#), 8 ft is a minimum width for a two-way cycle track in constrained locations, and 3 feet is a desired width for a parking buffer]. She added that the City could have widened the buffer by narrowing the travel lanes to 10 ft, but there was pressure from NYSDOT to maintain 11 ft lanes.

Kristen acknowledged that the conflict points (at driveways and unsignalized intersections) were a concern which the City will be monitoring. In terms of use, the City will be taking ped and bike counts to compare with pre-construction counts once the project is complete and the weather is warmer. An extension of the project further south (from Grand St to Delaware Ave) could be pursued in the future.

3) DCTC Updates/Announcements

- a. [Bike Parking application](#) – planned updates: Emily noted that DCTC is working with the County's OCIS (IT Department) to improve this application to focus more broadly on bicycle routes and amenities, and will be adding public parking and restrooms, route elevations, scenic and historic points, bike fix-it stations, the Urban Trail, rail trail access points, and other features. It will also be renamed, likely to 'Bike Dutchess'. Emily asked the group for any suggestions.
- b. 2022 Planning projects: Emily explained that DCTC will be working on three local planning projects in 2022-23. These are listed in DCTC's [draft 2022-23 Planning Program](#) and include:
 - Rhinebeck Route 9 Complete Streets evaluation – looking at walking and bicycling improvements north and south of the Village core.
 - Dover Plains pedestrian study - similar to [DCTC's previous pedestrian plans](#), looking at improvements to sidewalks, crossings, signage, and access to key destinations.
 - Spackenkill Rd sidewalk feasibility analysis – working with the Town of Poughkeepsie, NYSDOT, and local stakeholders to evaluate the feasibility of a sidewalk along Spackenkill Rd from Croft Rd to Cedar Ave.
- c. [Poughkeepsie 9.44.55](#): Emily stated that the team is finalizing the arterials redesign concept. The Advisory Committee is meeting in early February and the planning study should be done in March.

4) Partner Reports/Roundtable

- a. County DPW: DPW staff were not on the call, but Emily noted that the Urban Trail [website](#) includes a map of the project. Phase I (from Hudson Heritage to Parker Ave) should start construction in May. The County Legislature approved an \$11 million bond for this phase in December. The other phases will follow, with construction continuing through 2024.
- b. Traffic Safety Board - [Watch Out For Me campaign](#): Emily noted that the safety videos developed by Forge Media (a Poughkeepsie youth arts program) are almost complete; let her know if you have ideas for distributing them. Also, the County's Complete Streets Committee is still looking for locations for the [former bus ads](#); suggestions are welcome. Bill Johnson added that the Board has bike helmets to distribute at safety events and hopes to do some events in the spring. Contact Bill if you need helmets for an event.
- c. [County Transit](#): Emily noted that the Transit study is nearing completion.
- d. NYSDOT - [local projects](#); [State Bike Route map](#): Steve MacAvery stated that NYSDOT's Main Office is developing a map-based ADA database that will show the accessibility status of all the curb ramps and crosswalks on State roads, to help with tracking improvements. He is not sure if it will be available to the public.
- e. City of Poughkeepsie [PSAP project](#): Paul noted that the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project is paused for the winter, but improvements were made at several intersections along Main St, including Worrall Ave and S Clinton St. Signals are delayed, but should be installed this spring. Additional intersections and crossings will be improved in the spring/summer.
- f. Roundtable: projects/updates:

- Michael O'Brien noted that the NYS Bridge Authority is likely to increase the hours of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge walkway but are still debating the best approach.
- Ross Ritter asked about bicycle access at the Route 376/All Angels Hill Rd roundabout, which is under construction. Steve MacAvery stated that construction is on pause for the winter, but bicycle and pedestrian access was incorporated into the design. He will check with the project engineer for more details. Emily noted that project information is available on [NYSDOT's Projects website](#). She asked Steve if the project engineer could present on the project at the April meeting.

5) Funding, Events & Announcements

- a. [Hudson Valley Greenway: Planning and Trail Grant Applications](#) – due Feb 4th
- b. Empire State Trail: printed maps [available by request](#)
- c. [MTA Bike/Ped Access Bill](#) signed: Emily noted that this could be a model for other agencies. It requires the MTA to develop a plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on its bridges and at its stations (including bike parking).
- d. [Winnakee Land Trust Trails Roundtable](#): This was held on 1/18; a recording is posted on the website. Karl asked the group for presentation topics or ideas for the quarterly roundtables.
- e. Winnakee Trails Committee: The Committee is looking for members, particularly neighbors of its parks (including Vlei Marsh in Rhinebeck, Dutchess Gables in Stanford, and the Nature Preserve in Hyde Park). Contact [Kathleen](#) for more information.
- f. Other announcements/events:
 - i. Ross noted that Noah's ride, to support Type 1 diabetes, will be held on May 22 in LaGrange. See the [Bikeway website](#) for information [not currently posted].

6) Follow-up Items

- a. Let Emily know if you have a use for our [pedestrian safety signs](#).
- b. [County bicycle parking/bike routes app](#): send suggestions for improvements, as well as bike rack & fix-it station locations (photo and description) to Emily.
- c. Contact Bill Johnson if you need bike helmets for an event.
- d. Steve MacAvery will check with the project engineer for more details on the Route 376 roundabout.
- e. Contact [Kathleen](#) if you are interested in joining the Winnakee Trails Committee or have presentation ideas for the Winnakee Trails Roundtable.
- f. Send Emily ideas for future BPAC presentations.

7) Next Meeting: April 28th, 2:30 pm

Meeting schedule: January, April, July, October; last Thursday, 2:30 – 4:00 pm (typically)

Emily noted that moving forward, meetings will start at 2:30 pm. She also noted that the Transportation Council is transferring its email lists to a new Dutchess Delivery platform. The current BPAC email list has been added to the new platform; anyone else who is interested can [sign up to receive news and announcements about the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#).

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