

# DCTC's Safety Action Plan

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

October 31, 2024



DUTCHESS COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Better ways from here to there

# Agenda

- » Project Overview
- » Outreach Plan
- » Key Questions / Discussion
- » Next Steps

# Consultant Team



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# Background and Purpose

## One Year of Crashes in Dutchess County

**8,100** crashes



Resulting in:

22

Deaths

225

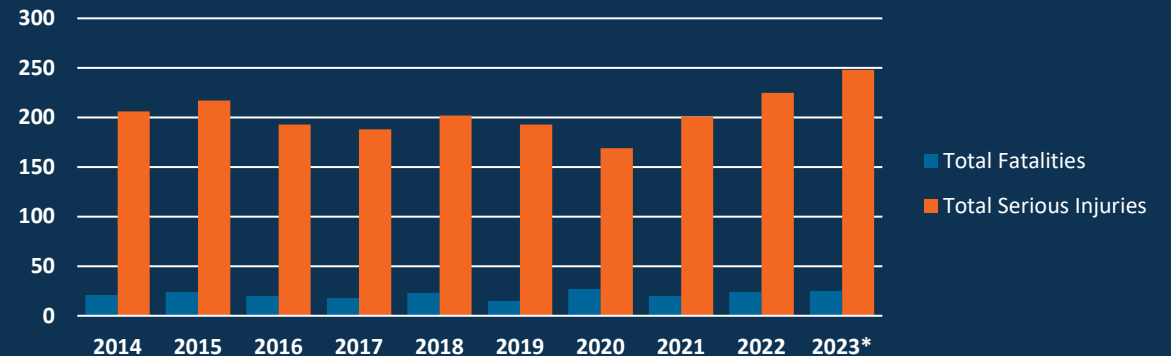
Serious Injuries

2,400

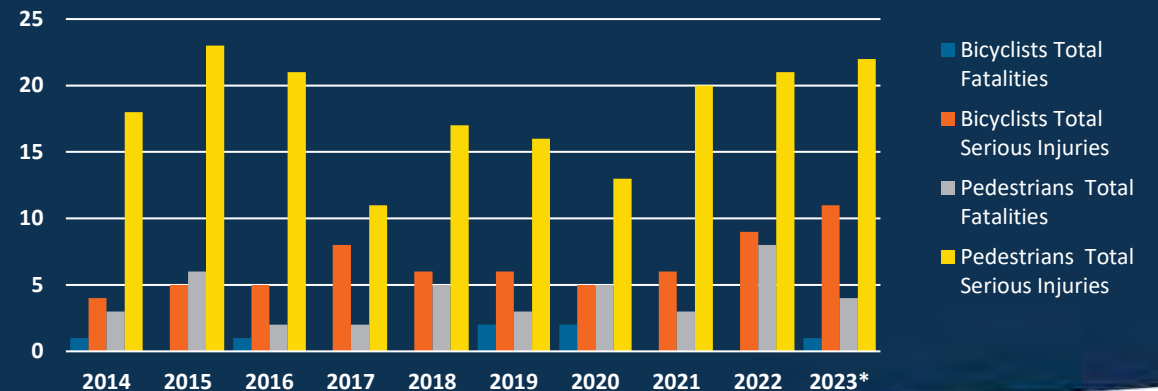
Injuries

Source: NYSDOT crash data (2015-2019)

Total Fatalities and Serious Injuries  
2014 - 2023



Total Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries  
2014-2023




# DCTC's Ongoing Safety Work

## Local Plans and Safety Assessments

FINAL REPORT

March 2022



**Poughkeepsie 9.44.55**  
Rethinking the Arterials & Interchange

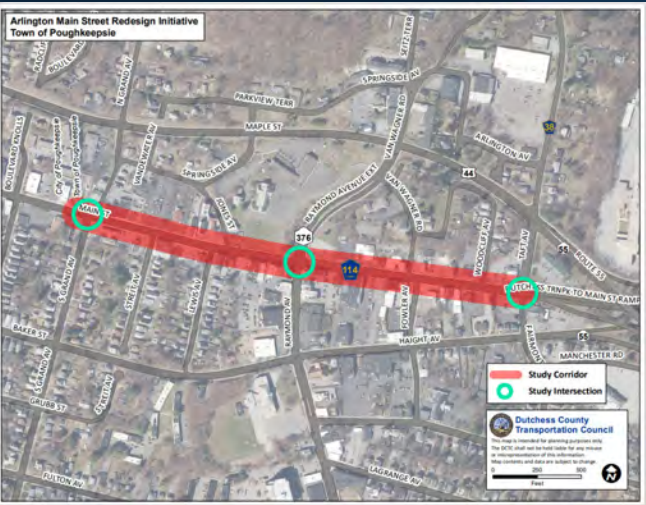
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## CR 14 (Hollow Rd) Safety Assessment

5 Creek Rd – W Cookingham Rd, Town of Clinton  
December 2021

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## Moving Dutchess Forward

**HIGH CRASH SEGMENTS**

State Roads

County Roads

Local Roads

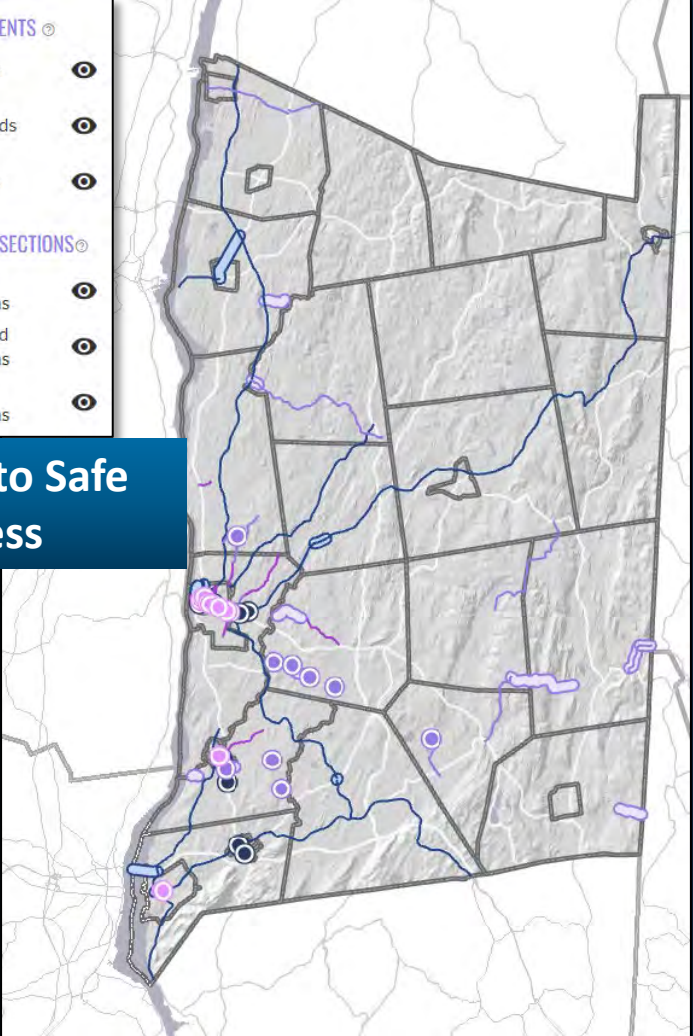
**HIGH CRASH INTERSECTIONS**

State Road Intersections

County Road Intersections

Local Road Intersections

## Barriers to Safe Access





# Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program

## » Safety Action Plan Required Components

- ✓ Leadership Commitment & Goal Setting
- ✓ Planning Structure (Steering Committee)
- ✓ Safety Analysis
- ✓ Engagement & Collaboration (Outreach Plan)
- ✓ Equity Consideration
- ✓ Policy & Process Changes
- ✓ Strategy & Project Selections
- ✓ Progress & Transparency



# Study Scope

## **Task 1**

Project Management, Communication, Scope and Schedule, and Public Outreach

## **Task 5**

Countermeasure Selection and Stakeholder Workshop

## **Task 2**

Dutchess County Context and Document Review

## **Task 6**

Project Identification, Goal Setting, and Performance Measures

## **Task 3**

Data Collection

## **Task 7**

Study Finalization and Stakeholder Outreach

## **Task 4**

Crash and Roadway Data Analysis

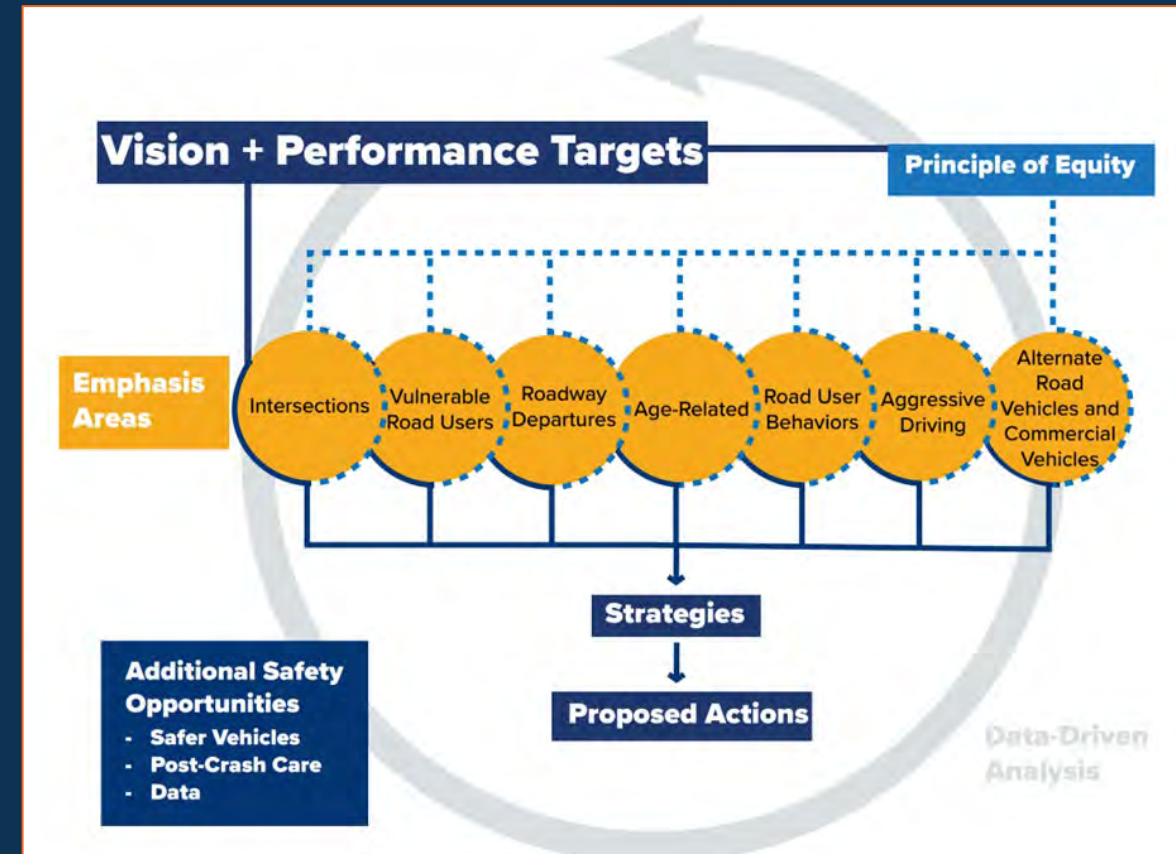
## **Task 8**

Final Transportation Safety Action Plan (SAP) and Executive Summary

# Final Outcomes

- » **A Performance Plan, Action Plan, and Progress Monitoring** to measure progress toward established targets and performance measures
- » Actions in alignment with Safe Systems Approach and National Roadway Safety Strategy
- » **Countermeasure Toolkit** based on the capital countermeasures and safety programs
- » **Priority Projects List**, including capital projects and programs with timeframes, costs, and funding sources
- » Lay the groundwork to successfully procure **SS4A Implementation Grants**

## *2023 NYS Strategic Highway Safety Plan Framework*





# Public Outreach & Engagement

Outreach activities (mix of in-person and virtual)

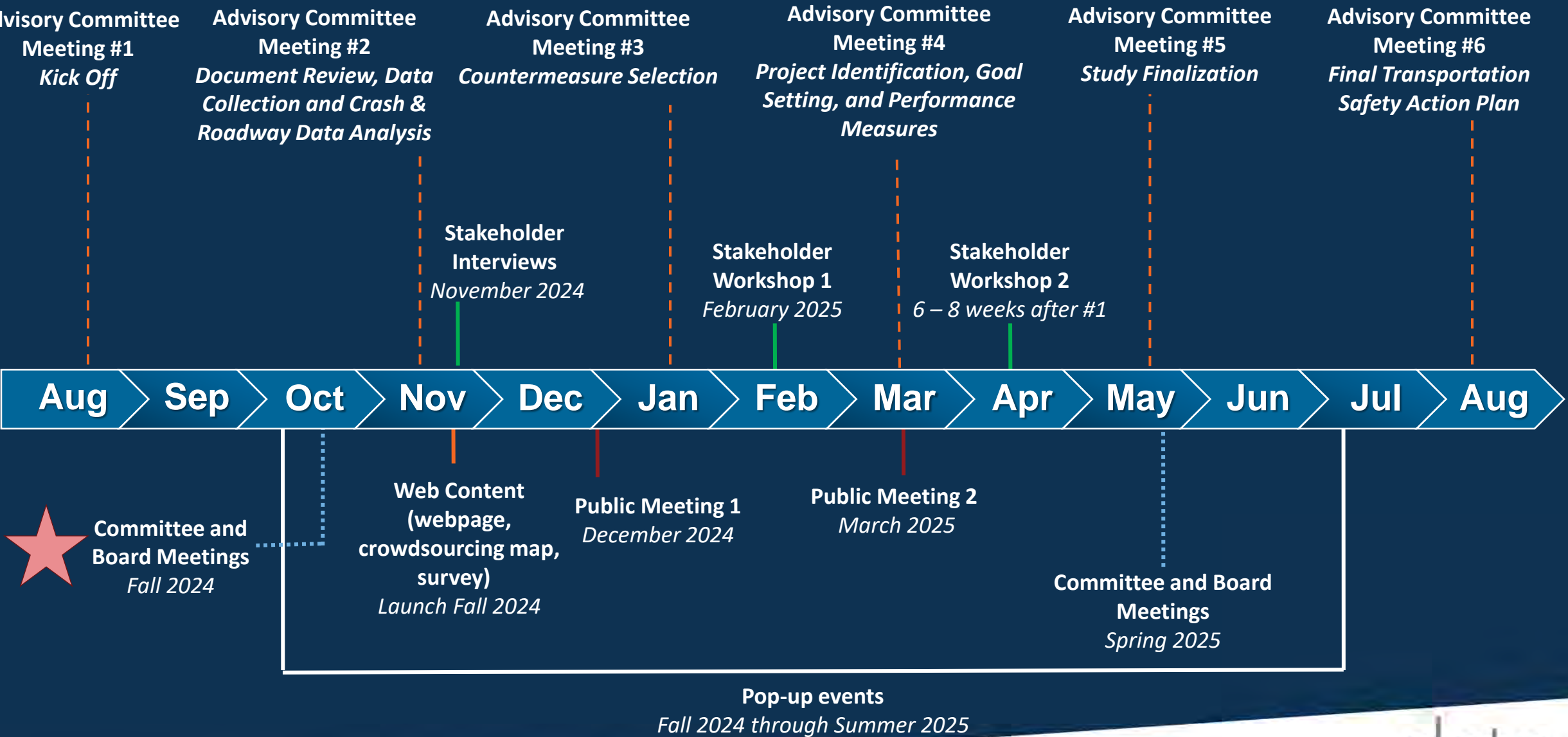
- Stakeholder interviews & workshops
- Advisory Committee meetings
- Committee & Board meetings
- Public meetings & pop-ups
- Digital communications
  - Email/social media
  - Web content
  - Crowdsourcing map
  - Online survey



# Advisory Committee

Safety Action Plan - Advisory Committee	Representative
Dutchess County Dept of Public Works (DPW)	Steve Gill, Traffic Engineer
Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board (TSB)	Bill Johnson, Traffic Safety Administrator
Dutchess County Dept of Emergency Response (ER)	Shawn Castano, Acting Commissioner
Dutchess County Dept of Health (DBCH)	Hisieni Sacasa, Biostatistician
Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO)	Mike Dampf, Lieutenant
NYS Police	Sgt. Howard Dorner, Troop K Traffic Supervisor
NYSDOT Region 8	Mo Islam, Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator
Town of Pleasant Valley Highway Dept	John Baxter, Highway Superintendent
Town of Fishkill Highway Dept	Carmine Istvan, Highway Superintendent
City of Poughkeepsie	Rich DuPilka, City Engineer
Village of Red Hook	Karen Smythe, Mayor
Bard College	Jeffery Smith, Manager of Transportation Services
Wappingers Central School District	Dr. Dwight Bonk, Superintendent

# Engagement Timeline





# Key Questions

**What is your biggest transportation safety concern?**

**What are some existing or proposed projects in your area to improve transportation safety?**

**What has been/can be done to protect bicyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users?**

# Key Questions

**What are the most common causes of traffic crashes/near misses in your area?**

**What policies/laws have been put in place in your area to improve safety?  
What policies or laws need to be put in place?**

**What additional resources would be most helpful for you to better address traffic safety?**

# Stakeholders (draft list)

- » The 30 Municipalities in Dutchess County
- » Pedestrian and Bicycle Groups:  
Mid-Hudson Road Runners, Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club, Fats in the Cats Bicycle Club, and Beacon Bicycle Coalition
- » DCTC's Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- » School Districts and Educational Institutions; Safe Routes to Schools Groups
- » Senior Citizen Organizations or Centers, including the County's Office for the Aging
- » Disability Advocacy Groups, such as Taconic Resources for Independence and ThinkDIFFERENTLY
- » Cultural and Ethnic Organizations
- » Local Business Associations
- » Youth Organizations and Clubs
- » Public Health Agencies and Organizations
- » Emergency Services (Police, Fire, EMS) and the County's Department of Emergency Response
- » Community Service Providers and Nonprofits, such as the North East Community Center, United Way, Family Services, and Hudson River Housing
- » Faith-Based Organizations
- » Dutchess County Public Transit



# Potential Pop-Up Events

- » Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival (*Sept*)
- » Spirit of Beacon Day (*Sept*)
- » Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival (*Oct*)
- » TSB bike rodeos and other outreach events
- » Health Department outreach events
- » Office for the Aging senior picnics
- » Poughkeepsie National Night Out (*August*)
- » Dutchess County Fair (*August*)

## » Farmers Markets

- Arlington
- Beacon
- Bear Creek (Town of Stanford)
- Eastdale Village
- Fishkill
- Garden Street
- Millbrook
- Millerton
- Hyde Park
- Pawling
- Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market
- Rhinebeck
- Taste NY at Todd Hill

# Communication Channels

## » Email lists:

- DCTC public information email list
- BPAC email list
- Office for the Aging's "Aging News"
- Dutchess County Planning Federation email list
- Dutchess County Mayors and Supervisors (ask to post on municipal websites and at municipal facilities)

## • Websites and Social Media:

- County YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter feed
- DCTC website and Safety Action Plan webpage
- Websites of Advisory Committee organizations and engaged stakeholder groups

## » E-Newsletters:

- Dutchess County Planning Federation Plan-On-It e-newsletter
- Hudson Valley River Greenway e-newsletter

## » Paper flyers with QR code in locations such as:

- County Transit buses, local libraries, bike shops, stakeholder offices, Walkway Over the Hudson, and posted on rail trails.

## » Press Releases via County Executive's office (at the start and finish of the SAP)

# Open Discussion

What are your first impressions about the Plan and process? Any questions or comments?

What more can we do to better engage the public?

What are some traffic safety opportunities in Dutchess County?

Would you like to host a local pop-event, community event, or share email updates with your network?



Thank you!

Stay engaged & sign up for email updates:  
[DutchessNY.gov/SafetyActionPlan](https://DutchessNY.gov/SafetyActionPlan)