

DCTC's Safety Action Plan

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

October 31, 2024



DUTCHES 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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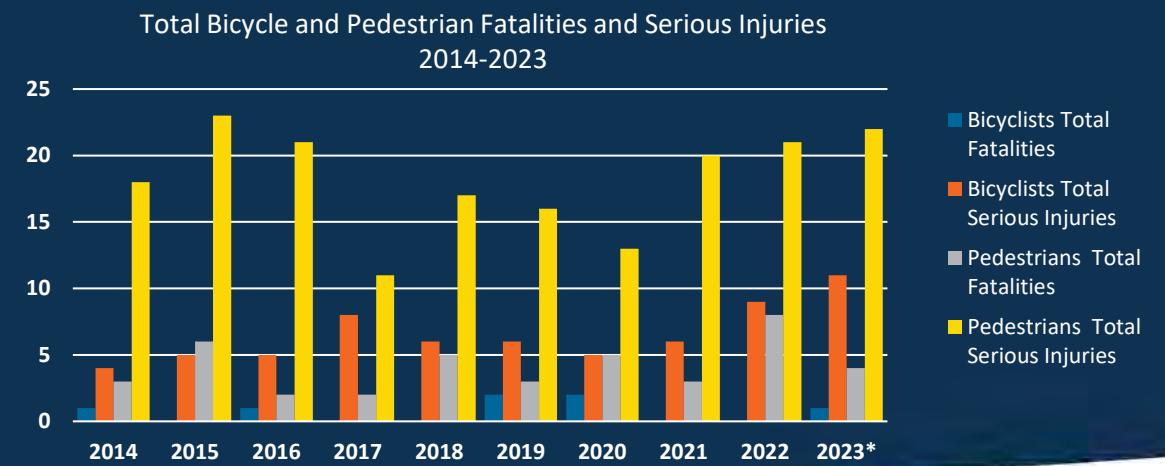
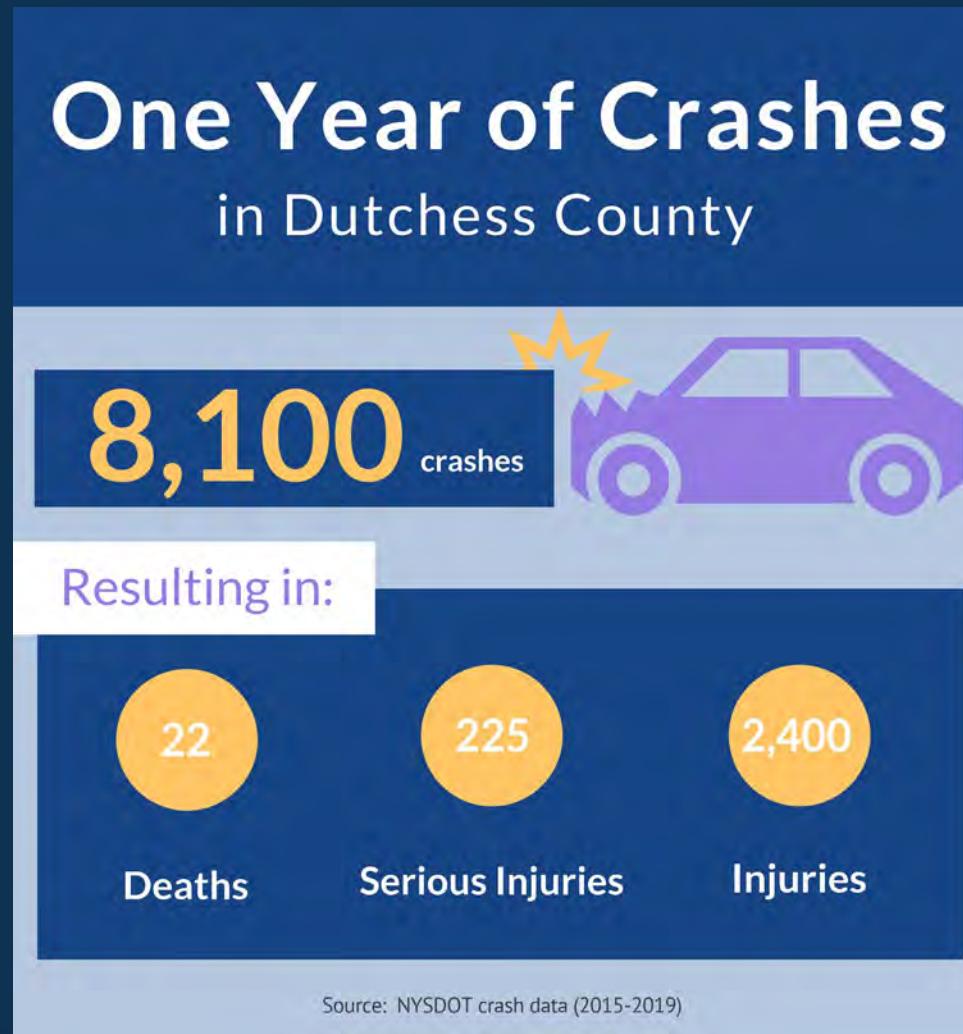
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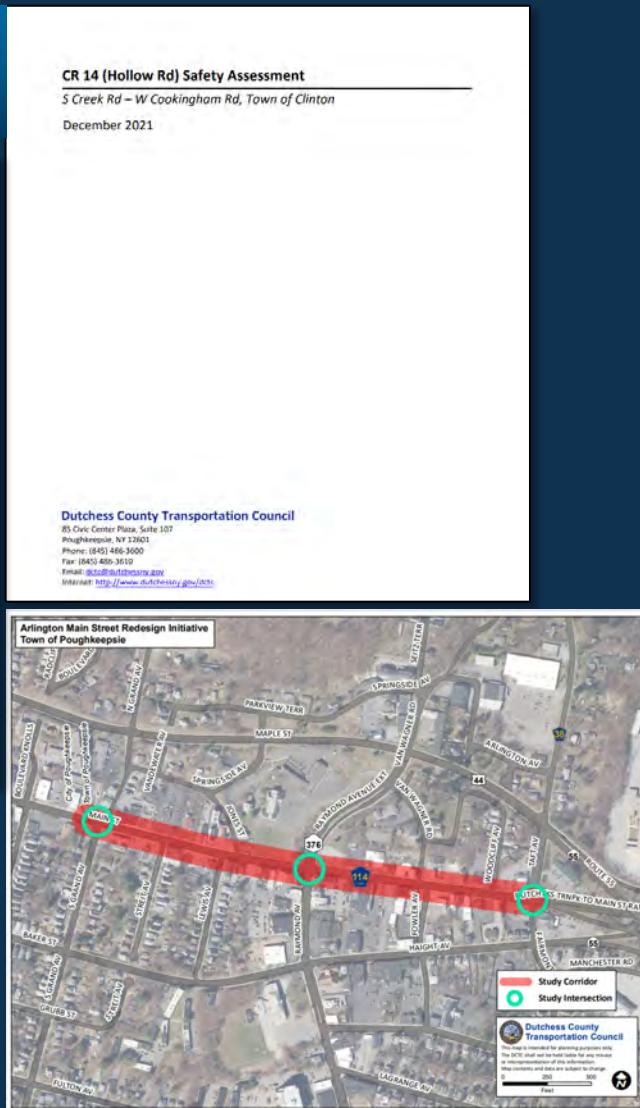
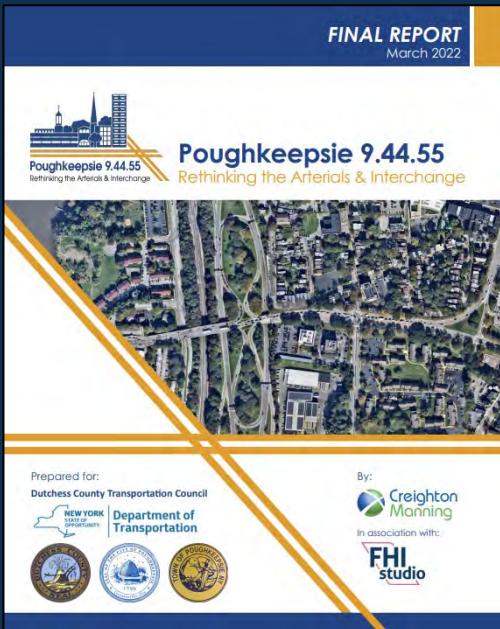


Background and Purpose



DCTC's Ongoing Safety Work

Local Plans and Safety Assessments



Moving Dutchess Forward

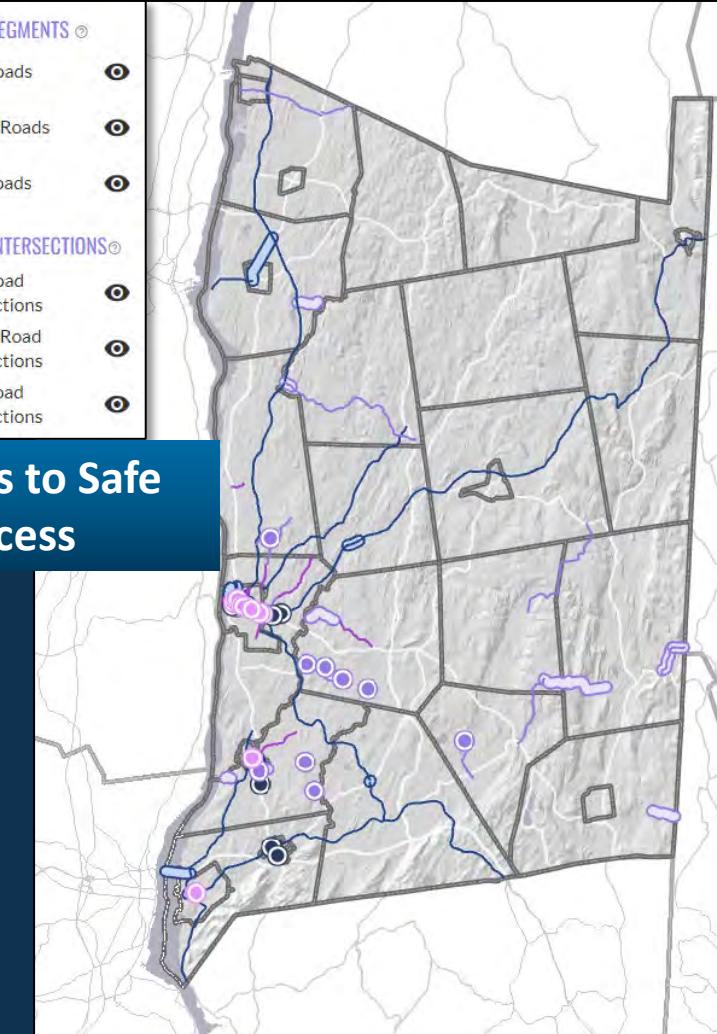
HIGH CRASH SEGMENTS

- 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 2

Dutchess County Context and Document Review

Task 3

Data Collection

Task 4

Crash and Roadway Data Analysis

Task 5

Countermeasure Selection and Stakeholder Workshop

Task 6

Project Identification, Goal Setting, and Performance Measures

Task 7

Study Finalization and Stakeholder Outreach

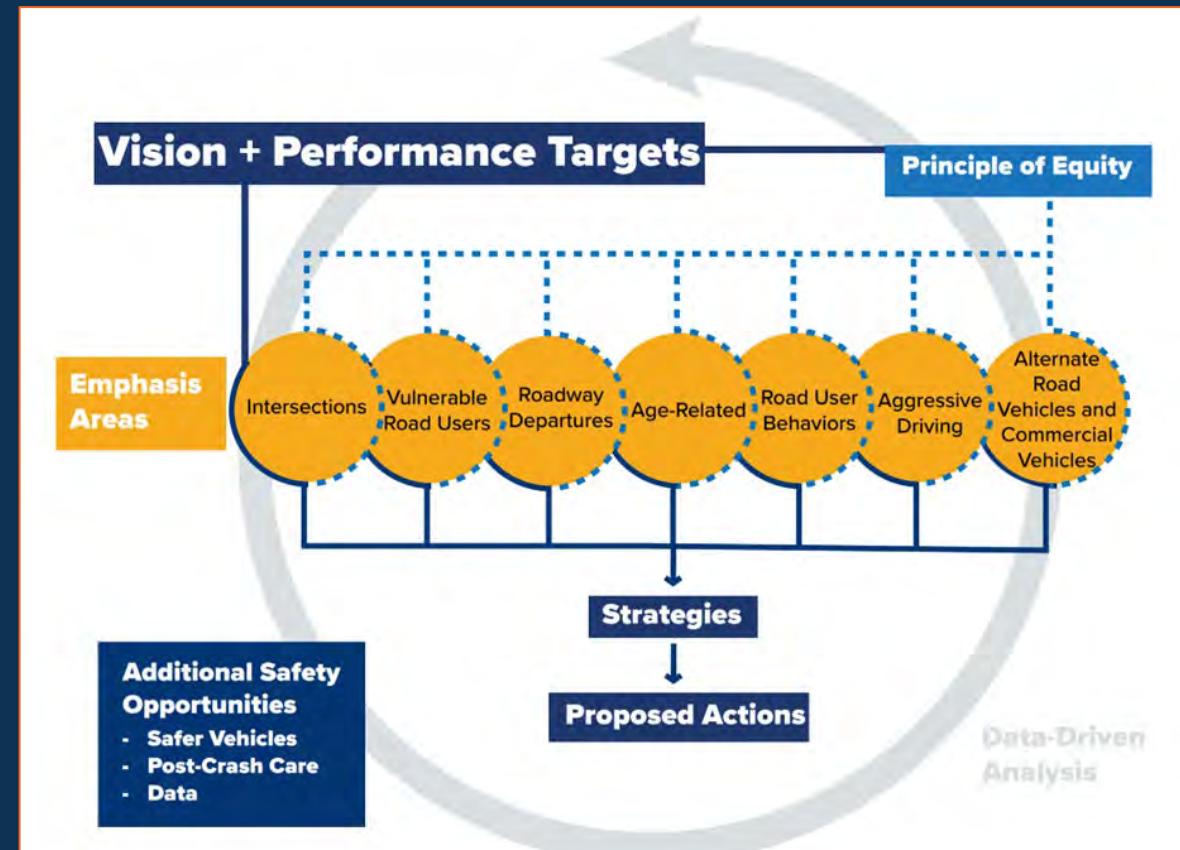
Task 8

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)

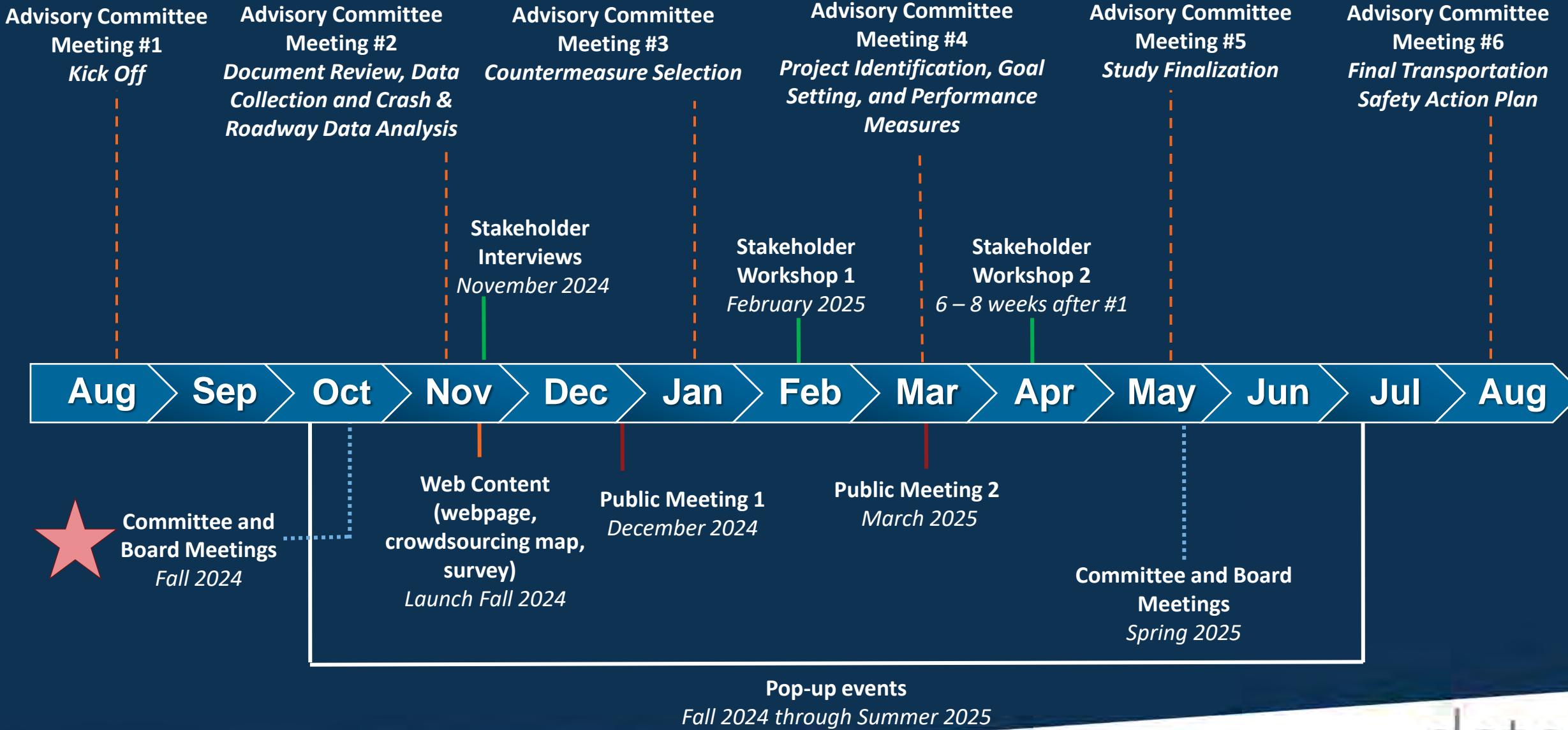
- Stakeholder interviews & workshops
- Advisory Committee meetings
- Committee & Board meetings
- Public meetings & pop-ups
- Digital communications
 - Email/social media
 - Web content
 - Crowdsourcing map
 - Online survey



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