ENVIRONMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026162

RE: AUTHORIZING UPDATES TO THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY

Legislators VALDÉS SMITH, ATKINS, MUNN, ARNOFF, BRENDLI, KAUL, KEARNEY, LAWLER, REDL, SHAH and WINSBY offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, in 2014 the County established a Complete Streets Committee including staff from the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning & Development, Department of Health, Office for the Aging, Traffic Safety Board, and Division of Public Transit, which has continued to meet regularly since 2014, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2016244, this Legislature adopted a Complete Streets Policy (hereinafter the "Policy"), which directs the County to plan, design, construct, operate and maintain its streets, bridges, bus system (including buses, stops, shelters, etc.) parks, trails, and buildings to promote safe, comfortable, efficient and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities and for all types of transportation, to the greatest extent possible, and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Complete Streets Committee developed a Complete Streets Checklist, as directed by the Policy, and

WHEREAS, the Committee, Policy and Checklist have been successful at fostering collaboration between County Departments and establishing a more holistic approach to transportation projects, and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Policy included specific performance measures and goals to be achieved by 2026, and

WHEREAS, the County has achieved most of the goals and published a 2026 report outlining that progress and establishing new goals, and

WHEREAS, the County's Complete Streets Committee now wishes to update the Complete Streets Policy to make minor updates and provide flexibility to establish future performance measure goals, and

WHEREAS, the County's Complete Streets Committee hereby recommends and offers the attached updated policy to be implemented, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Departments of Public Works and Planning & Development, on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized to amend the Complete Streets Policy and the Complete Streets Checklist, as necessary, within the intent of this policy, and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves and adopts the updated Complete Streets Policy to be implemented by the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning & Development, and other relevant County Departments and Divisions.

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09/09/26
Fiscal Impact: See Attached Statement

APPROVED
Susan J Serino
SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Oct. 23, 2026

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original Resolution now on file in the office of said Clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 13th day of October 2026, and the same a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 14th day of October 2026.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SEAL

JULIE SHIROISHI, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

COORDINATION

Initialing indicates information only:


____ County Executive


____ County Attorney (as to form)


____ Planning & Development


____ Public Works

**SUE SERINO**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**EOIN WRAFTER, AICP**
COMMISSIONER

# DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

To: Gregg Pulver, Assistant County Executive

From: Eoin Wrafter, Commissioner

Date: 9/2/2026

Re: Resolution Request – Updating Dutchess County Complete Streets Policy

Please find attached a Resolution Request for updating Dutchess County's Complete Streets Policy. The original Policy was passed by the County Legislature in 2016 and has proven successful at fostering collaboration between County Departments, particularly Planning and Public Works, and establishing a more holistic approach to County transportation projects.

This spring, County Planning published a report on progress since the 2016 policy. Planning staff also discussed desired updates to the Policy with Public Works' Engineering Director and Traffic Engineer. Based on those discussions, we propose minor changes to the policy to provide flexibility moving forward. In particular, the proposed policy update removes specific performance measure goals—while still establishing performance measures and requiring that specific goals and progress towards them be publicly reported. The Resolution also allows the Executive branch to make updates to the Policy and Complete Streets checklist within the intent of the Policy.

There is no fiscal impact to this request.

Please contact me, Mark Debald, Emily Dozier, or Matt Dutcavich if you have any questions or need additional information.

c: Mark Debald, DCTC
Emily Dozier, DCTC
David Whalen, DPW
Mathew Dutcavich, DPW

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☑ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

## APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

*(To be completed by requesting department)*

Total Current Year Cost $ _____

Total Current Year Revenue and Source $ _____

Source of County Funds *(check one)*: ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency, ☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other *(explain).*

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount $ _____

Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____

Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

Prepared by: Emily Dozier, Senior Planner Prepared On: 8/31/26

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## Dutchess County Complete Streets Policy (2026 update)

### Policy

Dutchess County shall strive to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain its streets, bridges, bus system (buses, stops, shelters, etc.), parks, trails, and buildings (herein after referred to as Facilities) to promote safe, comfortable, efficient, and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities, and for all types of transportation, including walking, bicycling, riding the bus, and driving, to the greatest extent possible.

Over time, these Facilities will be integrated into a countywide network that promotes the health, safety, environment, and economic vitality of Dutchess County and makes it a more desirable place to live, work, and visit.

### Jurisdiction

This policy shall apply to all transportation-related elements of projects involving County property, including County roads, parks and buildings, as well as public and private projects over which the County Department of Public Works has permitting authority (see **Exceptions** below).

The County shall foster partnerships with the State of New York, neighboring counties, municipalities, and school districts and other property owners to develop facilities that further the County's Complete Streets Policy.

### Projects and Phases

Dutchess County shall approach every transportation-related improvement and project phase as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible Facilities for all people. However, this policy will be most effective when considered as part of ~~P~~project ~~phases include but are not limited to~~ planning and~~,~~ design.~~, construction, operation, and maintenance.~~

### Design

Dutchess County will generally follow accepted or adopted design standards and use the latest design standards available, including but not limited to design guidance from the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO), the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the US Access Board's Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).

Dutchess County shall implement this Complete Streets policy in a manner that is sensitive to the local context and character, aligns transportation and land use goals, and recognizes that needs may vary by case or community.

In recognition of these various contexts, public input and a variety of transportation needs, a flexible, innovative and balanced approach that follows other appropriate design standards may be considered, provided that a comparable level of safety for all people is present.

### Performance Measures

Dutchess County shall measure the success of this Complete Streets policy using the following performance measures:

1. Countywide Walking & Bicycling Network:
    - ~~1.~~a. Total miles of sidewalk (countywide)
    - ~~2.~~b. Total miles of on-street bicycle facilities (countywide)
2. County Roads:
    - ~~—~~Total miles of County road~~way~~s with shoulder widths of four (4) feet or more
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3. County Transit:
    - ~~3.~~a. Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters
    - ~~4.~~b. Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters accessible via sidewalks and curb ramps

Benchmarks for each ~~of the~~ performance measure~~s, as listed below,~~ will be used to track the performance of the policy. Performance measure reports shall be developed at least every five years and posted online.

| | ~~**Performance Measure**~~ | ~~**Current Status (2016)**~~ | ~~**5 Year Goal***~~ | ~~**10 Year Goal***~~ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ~~1~~ | ~~Total miles of sidewalk (countywide)~~ | ~~523~~ | ~~528~~ | ~~533~~ |
| ~~2~~ | ~~Total miles of on-street bicycle facilities (countywide)~~ | ~~1.5~~ | ~~3~~ | ~~5~~ |
| ~~3~~ | ~~Total miles of County roadways with shoulder widths of four (4) feet or more~~ | ~~18.5 (5% of total centerline mileage)~~ | ~~23.5~~ | ~~26.0~~ |
| ~~4~~ | ~~Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters~~ | ~~9~~ | ~~13~~ | ~~20~~ |
| ~~5~~ | ~~Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters accessible via sidewalks and curb ramps~~ | ~~5~~ | ~~9~~ | ~~16~~ |

~~**Goals are intended to be reached within 5 and 10 years of policy implementation.*~~

**Implementation**

1. A project's compliance with this policy shall be determined based on completion of a Dutchess County Complete Streets checklist, unless it receives an exception (see **Exceptions** below).

2. The Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Development, and other relevant County Departments and Divisions will incorporate Complete Streets principles into existing procedures, programs, plans, manuals, checklists, regulations, and other processes as appropriate.

3. The Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Development, and other relevant County Departments and Divisions will review current design standards, guides, and policies, and develop new design standards/guides/policies or revise existing standards/guides/policies as needed to reflect current best practices.

4. The County shall support staff professional development and training on Complete Streets principles and best practices for implementing this Complete Streets policy.

5. The County shall promote inter-departmental coordination to ensure the consistent application of this Complete Streets policy.

**Exceptions**

Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Dutchess County Department of Public Works in consultation with the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development and other relevant County Departments and Divisions. Exceptions must be documented with supporting data that indicates the basis for the decision. Such documentation shall be publicly available if requested.

Exceptions may be considered when:

1. A Facility under consideration prohibits, by law, specified types of transportation, in which case greater effort shall be made to accommodate those transportation types nearby the Facility under consideration;
2. The costs of providing accommodation are excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use;
3. The existing and planned population, employment densities, traffic volumes, or level of bus or train service around a particular Facility is so low as to demonstrate an absence of current and future need;
4. The activities are routine maintenance that do not change the Facility's operations, such as mowing, sweeping, and spot pavement repair;
5. There is a reasonable and equivalent project near the Facility under consideration that is already programmed to provide the accommodations promoted by this policy.

Capital road maintenance projects ~~(e.g. resurfacing, pavement markings, overlays, etc.)~~ are not exempted, as they may provide opportunities for improvements to shoulder widths and/or conditions, pavement markings, and signage.

This policy was adopted by the Dutchess County Legislature on _____, 20__.

This policy becomes effective on _____, 20 __.

# *Environment Committee Roll Call*

| *District* | *Name* | *Yes* | *No* |
|---|---|---|---|
| District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon | Valdés Smith* | X | |
| District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie | Atkins* | X | |
| District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck | Munn* | X | |
| District 3 - LaGrange | Polasek* | X | |
| District 12 - East Fishkill | Metzger* | X | |
| District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Redl | X | |
| District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Shah | X | |
| District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Kaul (C) | X | |
| District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger | Giles | X | |
| District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie | Winsby (VC) | X | |
| District 21 - East Fishkill | Caswell | X | |
| District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook | Alexander | X | |

**Present:** 12 **Resolution:** ____ **Total :** 12 _____

**Absent:** ____ **Motion:** ____ **Yes** **No**

**Vacant:** ____ **Abstentions:** _____

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# Roll Call Sheets

| District | Last Name | YES | NO |
|---|---|---|---|
| District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon | Valdés Smith | X | |
| District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie | Atkins | X | |
| District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck | Munn | X | |
| District 3 - LaGrange | Polasek | X | |
| District 12 - East Fishkill | Metzger | X | |
| District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Redl | X | |
| District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie | Arnoff | X | |
| District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie | Lawler | X | |
| District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Shah | | ABSENT |
| District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Kaul | X | |
| District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley | Darrow | X | |
| District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie | Brendli | X | |
| District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie | Johnson | | ABSENT |
| District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck | Kearney | X | |
| District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger | Giles | X | |
| District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie | Winsby | X | |
| District 15 - Wappinger | Faust | X | |
| District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill | McHoul | X | |
| District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill | Rhodes | X | |
| District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook | Drago | X | |
| District 21 - East Fishkill | Caswell | X | |
| District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale | Tresca | X | |
| District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill | Rolison | X | |
| District 24 - Dover and Pawling | House | X | |
| District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook | Alexander | X | |

**Present:** 23 **Resolution:** ____ **Total :** 23 _____

**Absent:** 2 **Motion:** ____ **Yes** **No**

**Vacant:** ____ **Abstentions:** ____

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