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Ulster County Transportation Council

# Long Range Transportation Plan

***SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT***

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The credit, savings, and convenience of this country all require great roads, leading from one place to another, and should be straightened and established by law. To me, these things seem indispensably necessary.

*George Washington*

# What Is UCTC?

The Ulster County Transportation Council is responsible for developing transportation plans and making decisions about how Federal transportation funds will be spent.

The UCTC Policy Committee is the decision making body.

# What's the Purpose of This Plan?



A Long Range Transportation Plan...

- Helps establish a **community vision**
- Shows how transportation investments can help achieve that vision by looking at:

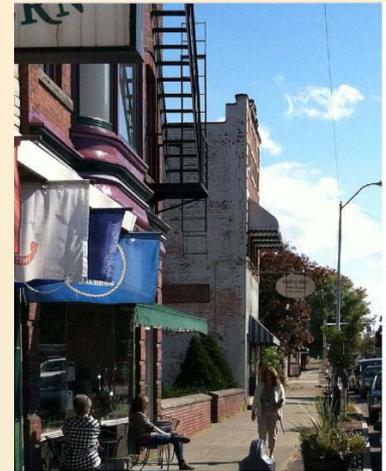


# Important Considerations

- This is 25 year plan! Only a portion of the recommendations will be accomplished in the next 5 years.
- The plan is “fiscally constrained.” UCTC can include only projects for which they can pay.
- The plan is updated every 5 years to account for unexpected changes and trends.

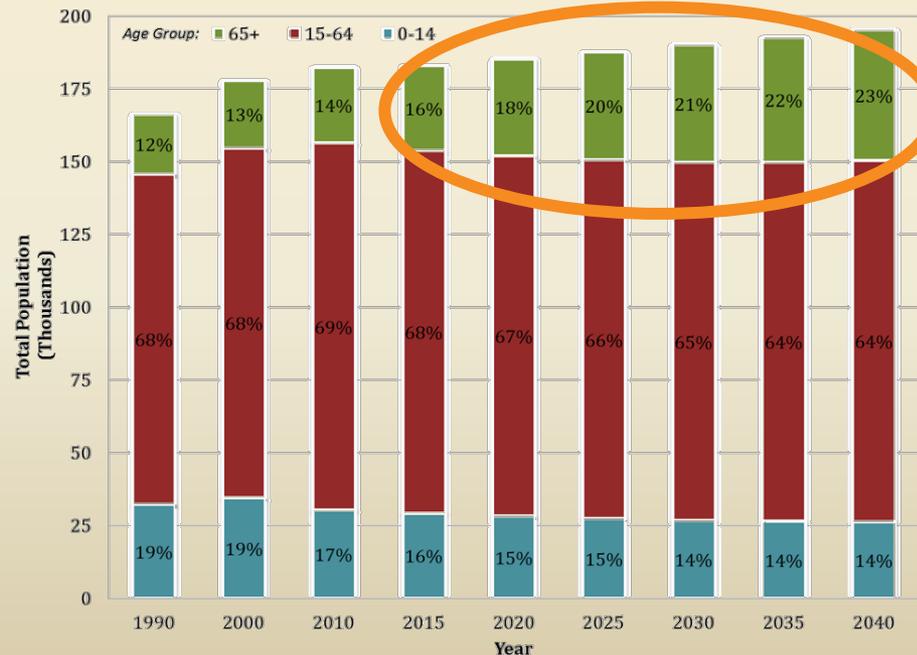
# We Are Not Starting from Scratch: Studies **Underway** and **Completed**

- Building a Better Broadway
- Finding Rosendale
- New Paltz Intermodal Facility Plan
- Ulster County Transit System Coordination and Development Plan (2012)
- Town of Ulster Boices Lane Rail Crossing Study (2013)
- Ulster County Travel Time Survey (2011)
- City of Kingston - I-587 at Albany Avenue/Broadway Intersection Study (2011)
- City of Kingston - Uptown Stockade Area Transportation Plan (2009)
- Saugerties Mobility Analysis



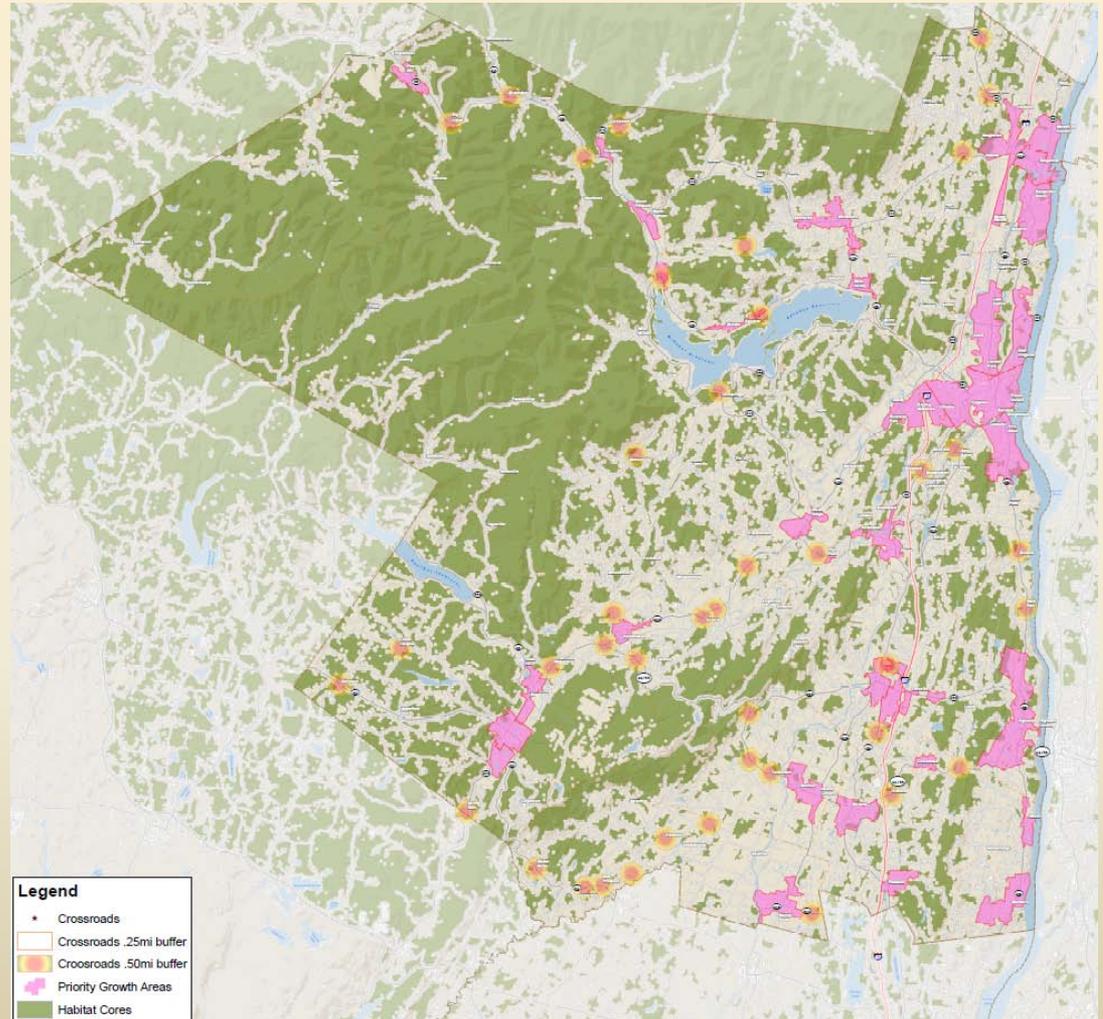
# Where Do We Begin?

- Transportation demand is based on travel patterns - where people live and places they go (work, school, shopping, health care...)
- Population growth is:
  - Gradual
  - Older
  - Southern



# Activity Centers & Sensitive Lands

Land use patterns both now and into the future play an important role in our transportation needs and investment decisions



# Where Do We Work?

- Employment
  - Recovering from recession
  - Kingston is the predominant employment location
  - New Paltz is also important
  - People commute out of the county for work
  - Primary industries for employment include:

HEALTHCARE



RETAIL TRADE



PUBLIC ADMIN



EDUCATION



SERVICE IND



MANUFACTURING

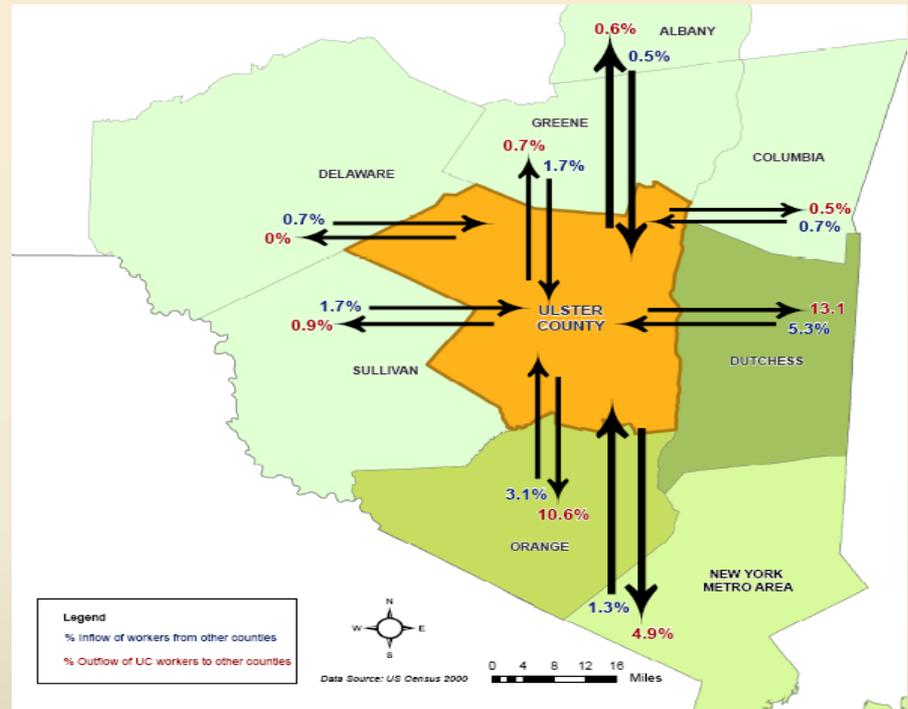
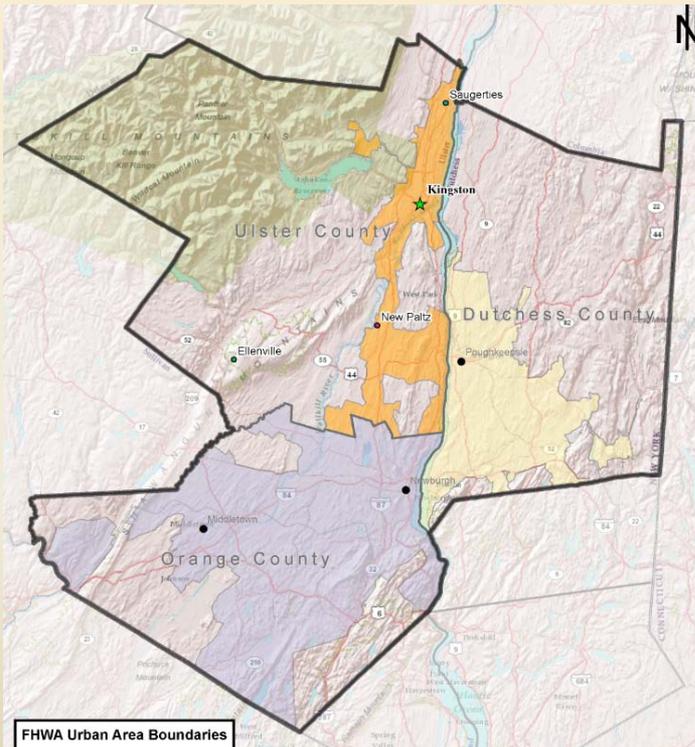


# How Do We Travel?

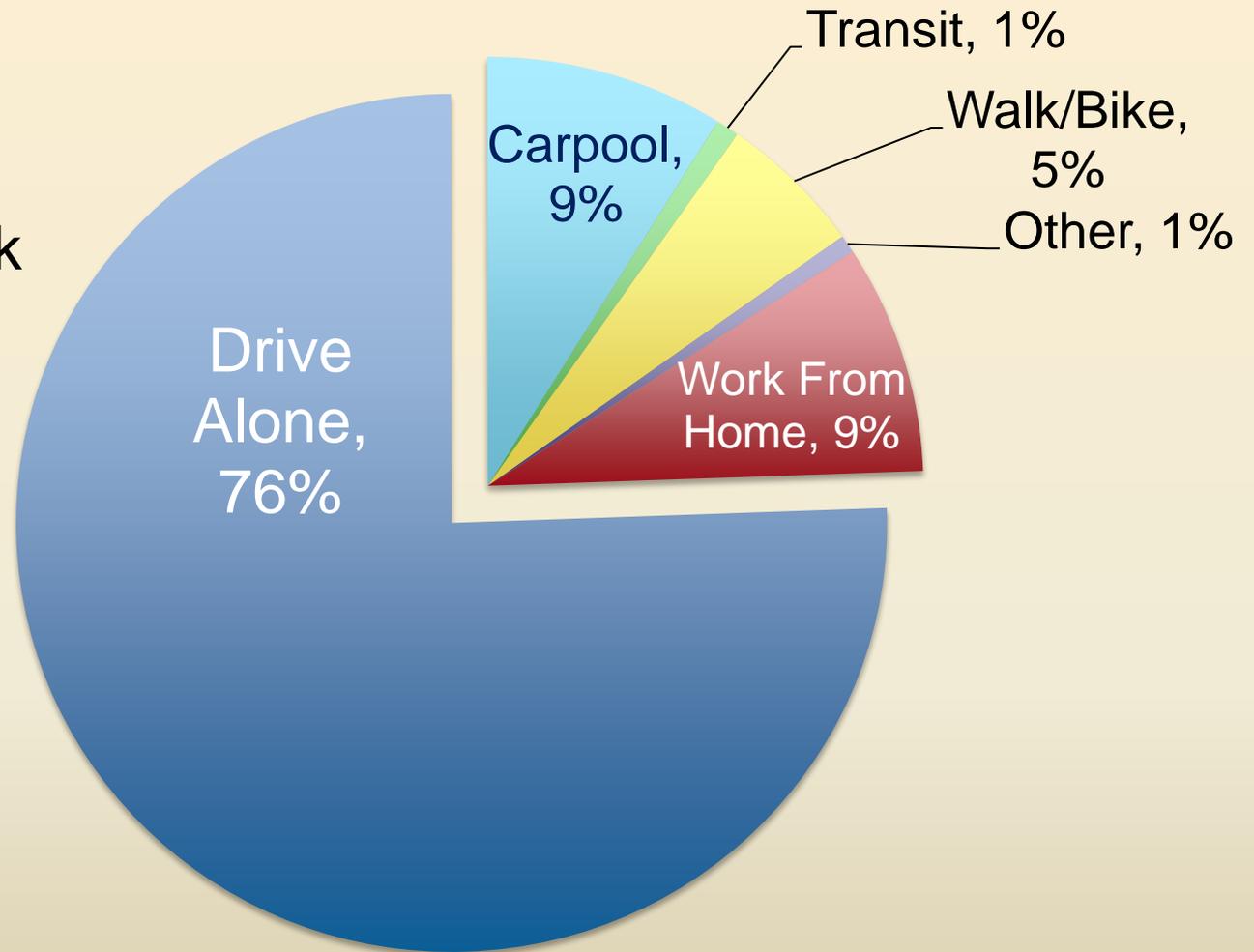
- By **car** on roads that are only occasionally congested
- By **bus** on UCAT, New Paltz LOOP, Trailways
- By **bike** on streets and trails
- By **foot** on sidewalks and trails
- By **rail and plane** on Metro North and from regional airports



# We Live and Work in a Region



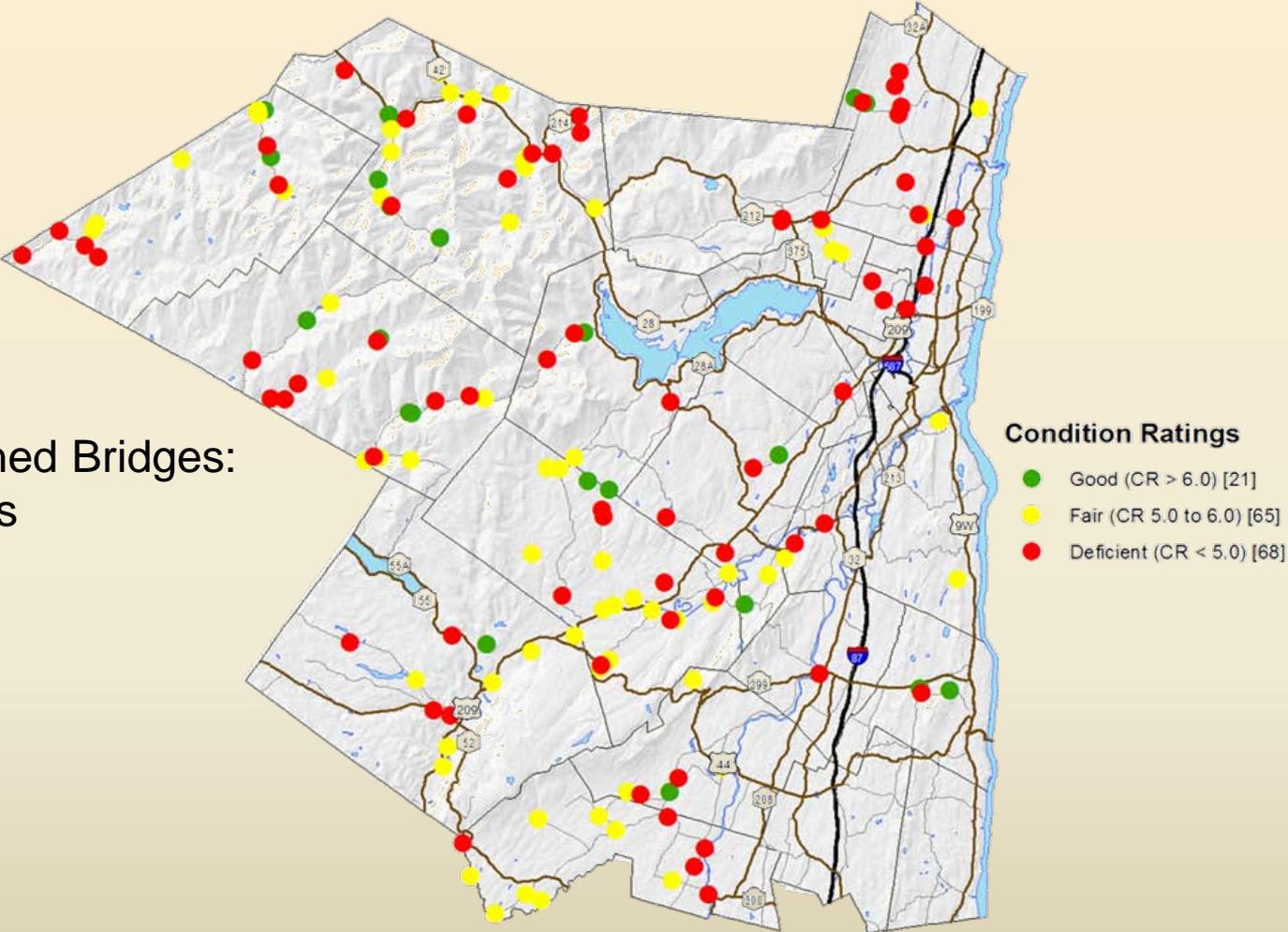
Ulster County  
Commuter to Work  
by Mode, 2012



Source: CTPP 2010 ACS 5 Year

# We Travel on Aging Infrastructure

Ulster County Owned Bridges:  
Current Conditions



# Other Modes of Transportation

- Provide Goods & Services



# Other Modes of Transportation

- Create quality of Life



# Non-Motorized Transportation System



# Other Modes of Transportation

- Create Safety and Security Challenges



# Goals for the Future

- Invest in transportation system infrastructure to bring all facilities and modes into a **state of good repair**.
- Invest in transportation system **improvements** that are necessary to support the current regional economy and future proposals for economic development.
- Improve the **safety** of all users of the transportation system by responding to identified safety deficiencies and proactively addressing future safety needs.
- Ensure that transportation system users have a **secure** environment and that the transportation system provides residents of Ulster County with adequate service in the context of severe weather events.

# Goals for the Future

- Provide for **efficient and reliable** travel by all modes by investing in strategies that mitigate both recurring and non-recurring congestion.
- Create and maintain a **well-connected** transportation system that provides access throughout Ulster County for people and goods travelling by all modes.
- Contribute to making Ulster County a **sustainable** place by protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment, reducing greenhouse gas and other motor vehicle emissions, supporting sustainable construction and maintenance practices, and coordinating land use and transportation plans.

# Turning Goals into Strategies and Projects

- Need to balance priorities and decide what is most important
- What must be accomplished in the near term, and what can wait for more than five years?
- What is affordable, and how do we get the “most bang for the buck”?



**ALTERNATIVES**

**PRIORITIES**



# There Will Be Unanticipated Changes

- Impact of climate change on the community and infrastructure
- New technology, including self-driving cars and trucks
- Shifts in activities, including where and how we work
- New ways to pay for transportation projects

**How can we make the best investments?**

# ***We Plan Best When We Plan WITH the Community, Not FOR the Community***

What are the most important transportation issues facing Ulster County today?



Look to the future...where do you see Ulster County in 25 years?

What are the strategic transportation investments that contribute to achieving that vision?

# More Ways to Provide Input

UCTC Long Range Plan website

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/active-studies/year-2040-long-range-transportation-plan-lrtp>

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