

- Orange County Planning Department (project manager)
- NYSDOT Region 8
- NYS Thruway Authority
- MTA Metro-North Railroad
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- City of Newburgh
- Town of Newburgh
- Town of Cornwall
- Town of Montgomery
- Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson
- Village of Walden
- Village of Maybrook
- Village of Montgomery

**Study Team**

The Orange County Planning Department and the Consultant Team will work collaboratively to achieve the study objectives.

**Consultant Team:**

- AKRF, Inc. (lead firm)
- Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
- Eng-Wong Taub & Associates
- Lochner Engineering
- Abrams-Cherwony Group of Gannett Fleming
- Arch Street Communications
- Regional Plan Association
- Pattern for Progress

Broadway is wider than necessary to accommodate existing traffic volumes and that it is in need of a "road diet"-a means of limiting the amount of space dedicated to vehicular traffic without affecting the roadway capacity. Narrower lanes and a more channelized traffic flow could help prevent dangerous turning movements and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The resulting extra space within the right-of-way could be used to increase the amount of landscaping along the corridor by introducing a wide median with shade trees and seating areas.

Other considerations are to include improved transit service and physical improvements to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. Recommended physical improvements include bumpouts, crosswalks, and dedicated bike lanes.

**Public Design Workshop:**

At the June Public Design Workshop, which focused on residential and commercial development trends, approximately 25 participants discussed the potential impacts of different growth scenarios, and identified concerns, additional goals and ideas for improvements. Maps, portraying residential and commercial growth, illustrated population growth, traffic congestion and new development under each scenario.

Participants discussed the prevailing pattern of low density automobile-dominated development and its effect on land use and traffic congestion. While many who attended expressed their preference for a suburban lifestyle, they acknowledged that some higher-density centers were necessary to provide opportunities for increased mobility and affordability, while also allowing for open space preservation.

Most participants agreed that development should be channeled into existing town centers such as the City of Newburgh and study area villages in order to provide for transit and pedestrian opportunities. However, recognizing that the existing centers could not reasonably accommodate all of the region's forecast growth, participants also identified locations for new development at major crossroads and existing hamlet centers. Following the design exercise, each table presented and discussed their ideas with the larger group. All design suggestions were noted for consultant reference and consideration.



**Update: Transit Report in Review**

One of the tasks of the Newburgh Area Study is to identify short-term improvements to the Newburgh Area transit system. After a comprehensive review of the existing transit system, the consultant team drafted a report that identifies new and modified routes and provides

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recommendations for various capital improvements including information kiosks and bus shelters. The recommended transit routing was developed in coordination with the County's purchase of a new fleet of hybrid (diesel-electric) city transit buses for the Newburgh local service and the Newburgh-Beacon shuttle (using Federal transit stimulus funding). The draft report is available on the project [Web site Events page](#) along with proposed route maps for Newburgh local service. A Public Information Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 PM at the Newburgh Activity Center at 401 Washington Street.



## Transportation Models Aid Planning Process

The consultant team is currently collecting existing traffic volume data and incorporating results of the build-out analysis to develop transportation models that will help demonstrate the benefits achieved with potential land use changes or infrastructure investments.

The models will consider growth in the study area and a range of potential roadway improvements such as road widening and new turning lanes, in order to identify future traffic conditions at key intersections throughout the study area and along Route 300 between Route 207 and Route 52.



## Planning Process: Opportunities for Input

As traffic modeling work progresses, the consultant team will hold roundtable meetings with key stakeholders in October, November, and December. These technical discussions will focus on the Town of Cornwall and Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, the western study area villages, and study area towns respectively. A third Public Design



Workshop, planned for January 2011, will focus on establishing an appropriate balance of land use policy changes and transportation improvements and investments to accommodate future growth in the study area. In mid-February, a final public informational meeting will share the study team's recommendations. ◆◆

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## Study Products: Available Online and In Print



Interested stakeholders will find handouts and meeting materials on the [Library page](#) of the project Web site Documents from the June workshop include the Presentation, Build Out Scenario Summaries, Newburgh Area Demographics and Principles of Liveable Communities.

All study documents are available in print at study area municipal offices and the Orange County Planning Department.



### Next up

- October 20: Public Meeting - Newburgh Transit Service ( 7 pm, Newburgh Activity Center)
- October 28: Cornwall Roundtable ( 7pm, Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Village Hall)
- November/December: Roundtables to discuss Land Use Build-out and Traffic Modeling Results
- January: Public Design Workshop #3
- February: Final Public Information Meeting

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