

Town of Rhinebeck Highway Department

Newsletter

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Each year the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council releases a report of traffic count information on state, county and local (town and village) roads within Dutchess County. The report contains information gathered in the year preceding the published year.

2007 is the ninth year of the PDCTC program. There are approximately 830 count stations within Dutchess County and counts are taken on a rotating basis, usually every three years. Traffic counts were gathered by the New York State Department of Transportation and Lochner Engineering P.C., which was under contract to the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council during 2007. The data is used for to help project and model traffic patterns and congestion management.

The second page of this newsletter is devoted to the information pertaining to roads within the Town of Rhinebeck that were included in the report.

The data includes the estimated number of vehicles that travel on a given road on a typical day, and the number of cars on that road during the hours of 4-5 PM. (That may or may not be peak travel time for that road.) Counts represent the combined total of all lanes of traffic on each road. Therefore, both directions of travel are combined on two-way roads.

I thought this information might be of interest to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at rhinebeckroads@hvc.rr.com or 876-6263.

Kathy Kinsella

POTHOLES

Potholes form when excess moisture is trapped under the pavement. The moisture compromises the strength of the supporting (base) layers allowing the surface to weaken and break down. The winter cycle of freezing and thawing increases pavement instability. Heavier traffic loads also result in more vulnerable pavement.

The Town of Rhinebeck Highway Department tries to address winter potholes as quickly as we can. We use an eco-friendly cold patch product that is a blend of recycled ingredients and renewable sources. The cold patch is placed in the cavity and then compacted to stabilize the material. It is an effective way of addressing the condition.

If you observe potholes on our town roads this winter, please let us know. Call us at 876-6263 or send an e-mail to rhinebeckroads@hvc.rr.com. Thank you and have a safe winter.



DID YOU KNOW?

- The average American spends 38 hours a year stuck in traffic
- On average, drivers adjust their car radio 7.4 times per hour
- Driver distraction is a contributing factor in almost 80% of driving accidents

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Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
2007 Traffic Volumes

Town of Rhinebeck

Road Name	From	To	Month	AADT*	4-5PM Volume**
NY 308	Rhinecliff	US 9	June	2,538	202
CR 19 (Slate Quarry Rd.)	NY 9G	White Schoolhouse Rd.	Oct	3,720	349
CR 84 (Primrose Hill Rd.)	US 9	Old Route 9	Oct	260	23
CR 84 (Primrose Hill Rd.)	Old Route 9	Kipp Rd.	Oct	425	31
CR 84 (Primrose Hill Rd.)	Kipp Rd.	Haggerty Hill Rd.	Oct	210	19
CR 84 (Primrose Hill Rd.)	Haggerty Hill Rd.	Ackert Hook Rd.	Nov	426	46
CR 84 (Primrose Hill Rd.)	Ackert Hill Rd.	NY 9G	Oct	424	41
CR 85 (Morton Rd.)	Mill Rd.	Kelly St.	Nov	291	29
CR 101 (Violet Hill Rd.)	NY 9G	Burger Rd.	Oct	2,648	235
CR 101 (Violet Hill Rd.)	Burger Rd.	NY 308	Oct	2,746	246
CR 103 (River Rd.)	NY 308	Ryan Rd.	Oct	1,584	136
CR 103 (River Rd.)	Ryan Rd.	Mt. Rutsen Rd.	Oct	1,845	162
CR 103 (River Rd.)	Mt. Rutsen Rd.	Lower Hook Rd.	Oct	5,618	535
CR 103 (River Rd.)	Lower Hook Rd.	NY 199	Oct	5,505	520
Mill Rd.	CR 85 (South Mill Rd.)	US 9	Nov	476	38

NOTES

*AADT = number of vehicles on a "typical" day of the year

**4-5 PM Volume = traffic count for the hour between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm. The actual peak time may vary and the volume may be higher.

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The above information was extracted from the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council's 2007 Traffic Count Report, released August, 2008.