

# HOCHUL FUNDED THE BRIDGE. FUND ROUTE F FOR FISHKILL.

*A Campaign to Expand Transit Access in Southern Dutchess County*

## THE PROBLEM: Route F Fails Fishkill Commuters

Route F is marketed as Fishkill's connection to Beacon Metro-North station—but it falls short:

- **Stops half a mile short** of Beacon station (terminates at Post Office)
- **First bus at 7:30 AM** — 8 Metro-North trains have already departed
- **Zero Sunday service** — workers, families, and churchgoers stranded

## WHO THIS AFFECTS

**22,000+**

Town of Fishkill residents

**7%+**

of Dutchess households have no car

**111,000+**

seniors & youth who can't drive

**14.5%**

of Beacon workers have 90+ min commutes

## THE SOLUTION: Four Actions for Route F

1. **Extend Route F to Beacon Metro-North station** — a true one-seat ride to rail
2. **Add early morning service by 5:30 AM** — connect with trains arriving in NYC by 8 AM
3. **Implement Sunday service** — like the Beacon Free Loop already has
4. **Eliminate fares** — the Beacon Free Loop saw ridership jump 1,000%+

## WHY IT WORKS: Proven Models & Funding

- **Beacon Free Loop:** Ridership increased from 3,000 to 38,000+ after going fare-free
- **Bridge Shuttle 2026:** Governor Hochul made the Newburgh-Beacon shuttle fare-free all year
- **State & Federal Funding:** STOA and FTA Section 5307 formulas reward ridership increases
- **DCPT Record:** 900,000+ riders in 2024—highest ever. Momentum is building.

*"By linking our communities through public transit, we're expanding access to jobs, strengthening tourism, reducing traffic and emissions, and ensuring that residents from both sides of the Hudson River can move easily and affordably."*

— County Executive Sue Serino, December 2024

## TAKE ACTION: Contact the Dutchess County Executive's Office

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