

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT R-9), Brian Cohen (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Tanya Husick (Binghamton University), Cyndi Paddick (Public)

Convene: 1:35 PM

November 13 minutes accepted with correction noting Binghamton University is updating its Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure Plan.

| Topic | Discussion/Follow Up | Action |
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| Introductions | Scott introduced Brian Cohen, BMTS's new Transportation Analyst to the Committee. | |
| Roadway Needs Report: Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items: | <p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside Dr. east from Beethoven St. to Chapin St. – add bike lanes – Scott shared that before BMTS engages with the City of Binghamton, they will review their history with this issue to see where discussions left off and if any decisions had been made by the City. • Intersection of E. Clinton St. and Washington St. – removal of dedicated turn lanes – The next step is for BMTS to do an intersection analysis with Synchro software to assess traffic impacts of removing the turn lanes, and to help determine if the signal is needed. Stephanie noted that a future use of the church building could impact the intersection. Cyndi mentioned that the Boy & Girls Club was still operating when the original signal study was done, and the intersection still did not meet signal warrants. <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>BMTS to look at their history with the City on this issue regarding Riverside Dr. before moving forward with any meetings and proposals.</p> <p>BMTS to do intersection analysis before making any recommendations to the City.</p> |
| Announcements and Status Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024 Walk, Bike, & Roll NY Symposium will be hosted at the Double Tree Hotel-Downtown Binghamton on September 16-18. Registration is \$75 for entire Symposium. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conference Information: https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/ ▪ Call for Abstracts – Due February 23: Go to bit.ly/wbr-abstracts to submit your presentation abstract. | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Committee is asked to help spread the word about Walk, Bike, & Roll NY Symposium and encourage submission of presentation abstracts.</p> |

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| | <p>Scott asked that everyone consider attending and presenting, and to please share the conference information with others.</p> | |
| <p>Education and Outreach</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 10th, 9am-12pm. A planning meeting is scheduled for January 17 at 10am via zoom. Anyone on the Committee is invited to participate in the Bridge Pedal planning. The Kilmer Mansion has committed to be one of the bike ride stops. Another stop will likely be in the parking lot adjacent to the MacArthur baseball field, at the end of the Rt. 434 Greenway MacArthur Park spur. A stop at the Recreation Park bandstand is being considered since a statue of Rod Serling is expected to be install and dedicated near there during May. Stephanie shared that one of the Freedom Trail sign marker locations could also be a stop. Pricing will be the same as 2023 (Adults \$15; 60 yrs. and over \$10; 18 & under are FREE). | <p>Action Items:</p> |
| <p>Project/Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Reports are available on the BMTS website. Scott reviewed the counter report with the Committee. Scott shared that NYSDOT will create a visual barrier most to remedy car counting at the MacArthur Park counter, likely with a vegetative planting. This will need to wait until Spring. Once the visual barrier is installed, BMTS will then work with the Town of Dickinson to emulate the treatment at the US11 over I-81 counter. ● Formation of a Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group - Scott shared that the next step will be for him to organize a planning meeting with a few people who expressed interest in creating a Friends Group to prepare for a Spring (perhaps April) meeting of stakeholders and the public where we'll present the vision for a Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway group. At the planning meeting we'll determine the initial purpose & priorities of the Group (e.g. maintenance/enhancement and promotion of the TRG), possible organizations to initially have the Friends group under their umbrella, and preparation for a Spring public/stakeholder meeting – determining its purpose, format, what we want to accomplish, where to hold it, who to invite, and how to publicize to the public. It will be helpful to research how other Friends of Greenway groups started. Susan P. shared that Peter Dunleavy in the NYDOT Main Office could provide information on how Scenic Byway Groups form and operate. ● The Watson Blvd. Complete Streets Implementation Plan is being wrapped-up this month. Recommended pedestrian & bike facilities are proposed to be implemented in phases. The first phase will be from the east end (Valley Plaza) to Clubhouse Rd. where the housing development is planned and where there is more support for sidewalks and related treatments. Maintenance issues and property owner opposition is more prevalent as we go westward toward the west extent at Hooper Road. The final report will be shared with the Committee when it's complete. | <p>Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</p> <p>Scott will arrange a meeting with BMTS staff, Mark B., Cyndi P., Susan P., Mike Haas, and other interested individuals to establish initial priorities for the Friends group, and work on preparing for a public meeting during the Spring.</p> |

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| Agency/Dept. Updates | <p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan shared that the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) at the Main St. (17C) crossing for U-E High School will be replaced with a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB). On January 22, NYSDOT will be at the U-E School Board to explain what PHBs are and how they are used (i.e. responsibilities for pedestrians and motorists at a PHB). Susan also noted that it was the Endicott Police that requested the PHBs. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Binghamton University: Tanya Husick shared that BU bike share service has had fair usage, but the bikes have been taken out of service for the winter season. When put back in service, users will need to park shared bikes at parking hubs. Additionally, Koloni, the company that runs the bike share program, contracts with The Hockey Shop to do bike maintenance. This maintenance agreement may be changing. Stephanie asked if Tanya knew anything about plans for creating a greenspace in Johnson City, between Main St. and the School of Nursing & the Pharmacy School. Tanya didn't have any details on this project yet. Stephanie shared that the Broome County Planning Dept. is creating the Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. See https://www.gobroomecounty.com/planning/hazardmitigation/2024HazardMitigationPlanUpdate for more information. Nick shared that Getthere is applying for FTA Section 5310 Program funding for: mobility projects, call center operations, travel training including walking and pedestrian safety audits, and senior housing-recruiting ambassadors for transportation training in rural areas ideally. | Action Items: |
| Other | None | Action Items: |

Adjourn: 2:35 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 1:30PM