

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Planning Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Boulton at 11:00am.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Leslie Boulton, Chair, Broome County Public Works  
Vern Myers, Vice-Chair, Town of Vestal Engineering  
Josh Holland, Village of Johnson City Department of Public Services  
Beth Lucas, Broome County Planning  
Gregory Kilmer, Broome County Public Transportation  
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works  
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning  
Ron Lake, City of Binghamton Engineering  
Cameron Williams, Village of Endicott  
Joel Kie, Town of Dickinson Public Works  
Andy Stiles, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning and Program Manager  
Joann Lindstrom, Town of Owego  
Alex Urda, Urda Engineering  
Dan Merkle, City of Binghamton Public Works

Others Present:

Scott Faulkner, McFarland Johnson, Inc  
Nazar Logvis, Broome County Public Works  
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Staff  
Christine Klein, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Scott Reigle, BMTS Staff  
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Staff  
Jalen White, BMTS Staff

Approval of December 1, 2022 minutes. Motion made by R. Lake, seconded by J. Holland. Approved by consensus.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program**

**[Resolution 2023-01, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets]**

J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Plan, including tasks, staffing and budget.

- ✓ R. Lake made a motion, seconded by C. Williams, to approve Resolution 2023-01. The resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES**

#### Administrative Modifications

J. Yonkoski provided the Committee with an overview of the modifications that were approved at the TIP Subcommittee meeting on 2/23/2023.

- TIP Administrative Modifications:

#### PIN 9LC101: LARGE CULVERT REHABILITATION PROJECT, BROOME, DELAWARE AND OTSEGO COUNTIES.

-Move Letting from 4/14/2023 to 6/13/2024

-Move Construction authorization dates from FFY23 to FFY24

#### 9FAS22: RTE 17C AND 26, BROOME COUNTY, SIGNAL REPLACEMENTS.

-Move Letting from 11/10/2023 to 4/11/2024

-Move Construction authorization dates from FFY23 to FFY24

#### 975440: MCKINLEY AVE & HAYES AVE AT WATSON BLVD TRAFFIC SIGNAL (2) / 975488: WATSON BLVD AT HAYES AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE

-Combine PIN 975488 into 975440 to Let as one project

-Adjust federal Aid match to include Marchiselli

#### 975458: TIOGA COUNTY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT (FFY 2023)

-Adjust Fund source splits to now include STBG Off System funds, no change in overall cost

- Adjust Federal Aid match to include Marchiselli

#### Yield-to-Pedestrians in Crosswalk Signs

C. Paddick explained that BMTS staff had recently received several requests for yield-to-pedestrian signs. She asked the committee if they thought it was worth pursuing funding sources to purchase some of these signs that could be provided upon request. G. Hammond raised a concern about who would be responsible for the sign's placement and removal. Cyndi noted that these signs could only be used within existing crosswalks and that it would be the responsibility of the entity or person who had requested the sign to put it out and take it in and to generally take care of it. J. Holland said that the village of Johnson City had purchased these signs and given them to several businesses. He said that so far everyone who had been provided a sign had been responsible for their placement and removal. It was generally agreed that BMTS would pursue potential funding sources to purchase signs.

### Bridge NY

J. Yonkoski shared that BMTS has received 11 Bridge NY applications. The TIP subcommittee is in the process of reviewing and ranking the projects. Funding decisions will be announced in the spring.

### Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan

S. Reigle provided an overview of the progress toward updating the Coordinated Plan. He indicated that BMTS' intern, Jalen White, was in the process of updating the transportation service provider database. The next steps involve updated demographic data and public outreach. He stated that the Plan must be adopted by the end of 2023.

### CLEAR – Bike/Ped Crash Locations

L. McCullen provided an overview of NYSDOT's CLEAR Crash Data Viewer and illustrated some of its functionality through pedestrian crash maps. She noted that the pedestrian crash maps presented to the committee show that the Main Street corridor appears to have the highest concentration of crashes but that the crashes are spread out along the corridor and not concentrated at a particular intersection(s). G. Kilmer asked how crash data was previously obtained for studies. L. McCullen stated that BMTS would receive copies of police reports from municipalities. C. Paddick stated that staff also had access to ALIS, the precursor the CLEAR, but that it wasn't as comprehensive as CLEAR.

Committee members can gain access by filling out the [CLEAR Access Form](#). You will receive an email from the CLEAR mailbox at [clear@dot.ny.gov](mailto:clear@dot.ny.gov) with instructions to log on. A plan is being developed to get some consultants access.

### Watson Boulevard Complete Streets Plan

J. Yonkoski that a consultant was on board and that the plan should be completed by February 2024.

### Local Road Safety Plan

J. Yonkoski stated that an RFP for consulting services should be out in the next month or two.

### Bike/Ped Counter Data

S. Reigle provided an overview of bicycle and pedestrian activity for January. He highlighted the new counter at US11 over I81 and noted activity that has been occurring at this new section of the Greenway. Three more counters will be installed along the new 434 Greenway segment bring the total number of counters to 16.

### Project Delivery/Tracking

J. Yonkoski state the staff had developed a schedule for project status reports. Each municipality is being asked to provide an updated on their TIP projects in order to aid in advancing projects in a timelier fashion through the federal aid process and to identify any unexpected delays to project implementation earlier in the process.

### **BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR**

J. Yonkoski stated that there will possibly be call for TAP project late summer and a local call for

safety projects, with concentration on roadway departure mitigation projects may be forth coming as well.

Motion to Adjourn made by J. Holland, seconded by R. Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Next Meeting: Thursday June 1, 2023