

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2010**

**Attendance:** Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Steven Bard, Greg Patinka, Don Robertson, Fiske Hanson, Warren Wetzelberg  
**Convene: 1:35 p.m.**

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
<i>Snacks and Needs Report</i>		
<i>Approve November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes</i>	Approved	
<i>Announcements and Status Reports</i>	<p><b><u>Newspaper Articles/Notices</u></b> – <i>nothing to report</i></p> <p><b><u>Report</u></b>- Broome-Tioga Greenride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott reported that the city of Binghamton will have their own portal</li> <li>• Currently there are 170 users               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ County employees</li> <li>○ Lourdes and UHS will have their own portals this month</li> <li>○ Promotion more with BU staff &amp; students – Scott is meeting with them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advertising was done in Dec. Article in paper earlier this month and Channel 34 did a story on the hospitals.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Subcommittee Reports:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Bike Rodeos</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report.</li> <li>• Greg suggested if we are going to do the JC Bike Rodeo again this year, we should invite back the kids who already went through the program.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Historic Bridge Pedal</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steven reported that he is exploring new bike routes option. Stops will mostly be parks and 1 historic stop. Tentative date is July 11<sup>th</sup>. Subcommittee to meet later in January.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Remember to bring events fliers for distribution.</b></p>
<i>Discussion/Action Items</i>	<p><b><u>Safe Routes to School – local efforts</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk to School Day Events in the fall</li> <li>• Scott suggested that a good way to get back in touch with the schools is to follow up with them regarding the Yield to Pedestrian signs. Most of the elementary and middle schools received these signs for use through the Broome County STEPS to a Healthier NY minigrant program. The minigrant also required schools to make policies that would promote safe and increased walking and biking to school.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott also mentioned he received a call from the Town of Union Public Works Commissioner regarding parking problems at Homer Brink in Maine Endwell. Staff is parking on both sides of the streets making it hard for buses to get through. Scott used this opportunity to discuss SRTS and Rideshare.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Discussion/Action Items</i></p>	<p><b><u>Educational Outreach for NYS Complete Streets and Bicycle Passing Law</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right now there are 2 bills submitted to the state legislature: one addressing the 3 foot passing law for motorists, and Complete Streets legislation requiring all county, local and state roads accommodate all surface modes of transportation including pedestrians, bicycles, public transportation, and automobiles.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NYSDOT's Propose Rumble Strip Policy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOT plans to put rumble strips on shoulders of all secondary highways, making it a hazard for bicyclists.</li> <li>• This is still an internal issue at DOT. Please visit <a href="http://www.nybc.net">www.nybc.net</a> for more information or for advocacy opportunities.</li> <li>• Warren suggested putting strips on the roadway centerline.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Transportation Improvement Program/Project Comments</i></p>	<p><b><u>NYS Rt. 201 Bridges over NYS Rt. 434 and Vestal Road</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMTS sent comments in on design.</li> <li>• The response from Regional DOT was that they didn't want to do it.</li> <li>• They plan on putting a barrier within the median between Bunn Hill Rd. and Campus Plaza to prevent mid-block crossing instead of putting in a sidewalk on the south side of Rt. 434 as suggested by BMTS.</li> <li>• During the Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> NYSDOT Region 9 Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Committee meeting, Mark Bowers said that NYSDOT should at least put in the report that it doesn't meet the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.</li> <li>• Scott asked that we keep our eyes open for opportunity to comment.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NYS Rt. 434 Intersection at Sycamore Rd. and Rano Blvd.</u></b></p> <p>Concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the right turn lane in front of Dunkin' Donuts, there is no place for people to walk.</li> <li>2. Sidewalks should be carried through driveways.</li> <li>3. Open up a 5 ft. bike lane in front of Bates Troy (Rt. 434 eastbound).</li> <li>4. In front of Nissan dealership (Rt. 434 westbound) – mountable curve with 5 ft raised bike lane.</li> <li>5. Pedestrian crossing buttons that light up to indicate activation.</li> </ol>	

	<p>6. Need to have sidewalks to bus shelters.</p> <p>7. Refuge area in middle of 434 on both sides of intersection if pedestrians don't make it across during the first signal cycle.</p> <p>8. Communicate with property owners regarding connecting sidewalks.</p> <p>9. Crosswalk or sidewalk through plaza entrance.</p> <p>10. Ask plaza and commercial property owners adjacent to the project to make sidewalk connections from new sidewalk into there properties.</p>	
<i>Other</i>	<p><b><u>Elections:</u></b>  Chairperson:  Vice Chair:  Secretary: Scott/Christine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question about whether we need officers, is there anything in the by-laws that discusses an officers roles.</li> <li>• Christine said that officers should at the very least be present at every meeting.</li> <li>• Scott will look at the structure of the officers to see if we even need to have them. Table issue until next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Planning for 2010:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike Route Map is a high priority for this summer.</li> <li>• Ped/Bike Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They will be made into 2 distinct plans as their needs are different.</li> <li>○ Scott asked that we look for any pedestrian plans by other MPOs that we can use as a guide.</li> <li>○ The Ped. Plan will make a sign design guide and plan for the GB Greenway and high priority. The sign design guide and plan will likely be a task for a summer intern. They will look at sign design plans and possibly hold a logo contest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Bike Route 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don reported that he had a meeting with Mark Bowers and Bike Route 7 will run from Pennsylvania boarder to Scoharie County line through Binghamton.</li> <li>• It is important that signs are clearly defined as people might confuse this with the local Bike Route 7.</li> </ul>	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 1:30 p.m.</b>	

**Adjourn: 3:13pm**