

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2011**

**Attendance:** Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Greg Patinka, Steven Bard, David Bevenati

**Convene: 1:35 p.m.**

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
<i>Snacks and Needs Report</i>		
<i>Approve October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes</i>	Approved	
<i>Announcements and Status Reports</i>	<p><b><u>Newspaper Articles/Notices</u></b>  <b><i>Report – Broome-Tioga Greenride</i></b>            The press release went out today to promote the new website. BMTS is working with Rural Health Network to promote the website. Americorps members will be conducting direct outreach and media promotions to employers. They are looking at setting up a call center as a “one-stop shop” for transportation information in Jan. 2012. The call center will be located at the United Way.</p> <p><b><u>Subcommittee Reports:</u></b></p> <p><b>Bike Rodeos</b>            There may be a possible partnership with the Stay Healthy Kids Club in the future in regard to bike rodeos. This club helps to teach parents and children about physical activity and healthy eating habits. Doctors refer families to the club who may be at-risk for obesity related health problems such as diabetes. The club is looking to incorporate a bicycle safety instruction component.</p> <p><b>Historic Bridge Pedal</b>            Next year’s event will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012</p> <p><b>Safe Routes to School</b>            Nothing to report.</p>	<p><b>Remember to bring events fliers for distribution.</b></p>
<i>Discussion/Action Items</i>	<p><b><u>Advisory Committee Officers</u></b>            - Still looking to fill the chairperson position.</p>	
<i>Projects &amp; Safety Issues:</i>	<p><b>Conklin Ave. &amp; S. Washington St. Intersection Improvement</b>            Scott met with the Southside West Neighborhood Assembly and they are very supportive of the comments made by the committee. This issue will be</p>	

	<p>brought to the city’s traffic board. A crash occurred at this intersection where a motorist hit a pedestrian in a wheelchair back in October.</p> <p><b>Trail Midblock Crossing at East End of Court Street Bridge</b> This issue will be taken to the city’s traffic board. A model in Rochester will be used to design the crosswalk. Funding right now is an issue.</p> <p><b>Greater Binghamton Greenway Signage Plan</b> BMTS is looking to establish standard design and location of signage. This will be done by a hired consultant. Any new trail project will have a sign and the sponsor of the program will be able to add their logo. This branding will help promote the GBG. The requests for proposals is being drafted this week. A steering committee will be established for comments and suggestions.</p>	
<i>Pedestrian Plan Update</i>	BMTS will be putting in more time working on the plan in November through February. Scott asks the committee to think of things for action items and recommendations as this document will be continually updated and added to.	
<i>Federal Transportation Bill Update</i>	<p>The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) unanimously approved the highway portion of the surface transportation reauthorization bill (S. 1813). He EPW bill is titled, “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21).”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The bill essentially cuts bike/ped funding by 30%.</li> <li>- Elimination of 3 federal programs including Transportation Enhancement Program, Recreational Trails and Safe Routes to School. Instead, projects normally using these programs could use a “reserve” or “additional Activities” fund under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. However, since Binghamton Urban Area is an air quality attainment area, it does not qualify for CMAQ funding.</li> <li>- Agencies can use surface transportation funding for these issues. Bike/ped accommodations should be included in the initial project proposals to account for their cost.</li> <li>- Elimination of the smaller MPOs (under 200,000 population). BMTS would be affected. It would take 3-4 years to dissolve. The NYS Governor, however, can request a tier 2 designation to preserve small MPOs. The request would need to be approved by the Secretary of the USDOT. Combining with other MPOs is something to be looked into, but may not be feasible.</li> </ul>	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	<b>No December meeting. Happy Holidays!</b> Next Meeting: January 9 <sup>th</sup> .	

**Adjourn: 2:30 p.m.**