Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee

Zoom Meeting Minutes June 14th, 2021

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Steven Bard, Mark Goodwin, Susan Pitely, Nick Cecconi, Ashley Seyfried, Stephanie Brewer, Stan Kauffman, Joshua Holland, Mari Giurastante, Joe Moody

Convene

May 10th minutes accepted as is.

| Topic | Discussion/Follow Up | Action |
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| Roadway Needs | Needs: | Action Items: Susan |
| Report: | Ashley: | will ask their signals |
| Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items: | Front St. Greenway where it meets with the off ramp. The off ramp has the green light at the same time as the crosswalk signal. Bike lane on Front Street by U-Save looks like a shoulder but is a curb. Entering the driveway to North Otsiningo Park going southbound from the roadway on a bike is nearly impossible. Follow Up Items: None | person regarding the Front St. intersection with the off ramp. |
| Newspaper Articles/Notices | Recreational Trails Program is solicitating applications. It provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities. Deadline is July 30th. \$2 million is available to fund the projects. More information can be found here: https://parks.ny.gov/grants/recreational-trails/default.aspx. RTP funding is currently available to eligible applicants through the Consolidated Funding Application. https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/cfa | Action Items: Scott will send this out to the committee |
| Education and | Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 7th, 2021 | |
| Outreach | Scott reported that they received the event permit and shared the new poster. Scott is asking the committee to help spread the word and promote the event. Registration will be online at http://www.ctandi.org/binghamton-bridge-pedal-2021. PHB Education at Vestal High School A PHB will be added at near Clayton Avenue to cross NYS 434 in August. Christine is working with Vestal's SRO to do education with the students in the beginning of the school year on how to use the signal. Scott shared that Karen Lorf, NYSDOT Main Office Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator, stated that the educational video for RRFBs & PHBs is still planned to be created this spring/summer. NYSDOT's Pedestrian Signals pamphlet can be used in the meantime. | |

| | Complete Streets Workshop – Johnson City |
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| | • Scott announced that the date will be September 20 th – time TBD. He is still determining if it will be virtual or in-person. He discussed potential participants. Space will be limited to 20 people. Mari Giurastante (JC-Planning) will be the main JC contact to help organize the event, and BMTS will also work with Josh Holland (JC-DPW). |
| Project/Reports | Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report |
| | • Ashley reported on May's counts. Over 160,000 counts with an increase of 21%. Vestal Rail Trail East has the most counts for pedestrians and the Washington Street Bridge for bikers. A full year has passed since the counters were installed so we can now compare year to year. There were less counts in May 2021 than in 2020. |
| | Scott reported on maintenance. There were issues with the counter at the Court St. Bridge. Because of its location the post gets knocked around, so the counter was moved closer to the bike rack, re-anchored and strapped to the bike rack E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails |
| | • Scott and Liz Woidt have developed some regulations for the trails and parks. These regulations will be put into place this summer. Electric assist bikes will be permitted, speed limits will be implemented, and trail etiquette will be followed. Signs will be posted along the trail as reminders for trail users. BC Security will enforce trail regulations. Bikeshare/Bike Library |
| | No updates. |
| Other: Agency/Dept. Updates | NYSDOT – nothing new to report. |
| Other | As far as future meetings, Scott decided to finish out the 2021 meetings virtually and then re- evaluate going back to in-person meetings next year. |

Adjourn: 2:31 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, July 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.