

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2024**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Hadassah Mativeski (Binghamton City Council), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT R-9), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Stephanie Yezzi (Johnson City Planning Director), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Mark Goodwin (STBC)

Convene: 1:35 PM

July 15 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p><b>Roadway Needs Report:</b></p> <p><b>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</b></p>	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott mentioned that BMTS is doing a second Roadway Safety Analysis (RSA) for the remaining portion of Leroy St. (Millard Ave. – Front St.) on September 26 per request by the Binghamton Traffic Board. The initial RSA for the western portion of Leroy St. was done on July 16. Hadassah noted observations from the first RSA included incorrect pavement markings, the need for more crosswalks, motorists running stop signs, motorists inching forward into intersections to make turns. The City is trying to be proactive rather than reactive.</li> <li>• Hadassah shared that she organized a walk from the former Conklin Ave. Weis in Binghamton to the Robinson St. Weis to gauge the feasibility to walk their and note pedestrian safety deficiencies. She noted lack of crosswalks, needed crosswalk improvements, ADA improvements, and other deficiencies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
<p><b>Announcements and Status Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper Articles/Notices</li> <li>• <b>Final Notice! - 2024 Walk, Bike, &amp; Roll NY Symposium</b> will be hosted at the <b>Double Tree Hotel-Downtown Binghamton</b> on <b>September 16-18</b>. Registration for entire Symposium is now \$125. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conference Information: <a href="https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/">https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/</a></li> <li>○ Scott reviewed to conference schedule, and reminded the Committee that he is organizing a walking and bike tour that will feature the new greenway trails. Scott is leading the walking tour, with BC Transit providing a bus/trolley that will take the group to a few stops. For the biking tour, Mark Goodwin (STBC President) and Kevin Calegar (STBC Vice President) will lead the bike ride.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>Committee is asked to help spread the word about Walk, Bike, &amp; Roll NY Symposium and to register to attend at <a href="https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/">https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/</a>.</p>

<p><b>Education and Outreach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>REPORT - 2024 Binghamton Bridge Pedal</b> –Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm. The weather cleared-up just in time for a perfect day for a bike ride. There were 90-plus participants. By show of hands, about 50% participated for the first time! The participants enjoyed the ride and were very interested in the presentations at each stop. Scott showed some photos and played the drone video of the event.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
<p><b>Projects/ Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Reports</b> are available on the BMTS website but due to the BMTS staffing situation, we’ve gotten behind in monthly reports. We have noticed that the 434 Greenway counts are noticeably up since the Binghamton University students returned for the fall semester. BMTS is waiting for repaired counters for the Vestal Rail-Trail Shoppes and S. Washington St. Bridge locations to be returned. Will reinstall both ASAP. Will also be changing batteries in several counters.</li> <li>● <b>Update - Formation of a Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group</b> – Scott shared that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss organizing volunteer maintenance events for the Binghamton portion of the 434 Greenway. Nick Ballard and Carmen Giardina from Binghamton Parks &amp; Recreation shared with BMTS that it is difficult for their crews to keep up with collecting litter and maintaining vegetation along all the City’s greenway trails. They very much welcome volunteer maintenance efforts and will provide materials and assistance as much as possible.</li> <li>● <b>BMTS Long Range Plan Update (LRTP)</b> – Scott shared that the public outreach portion of the update process is now complete. BMTS will use the input to inform the update. Updating the text will be a BMTS priority. There will be a public review period once the draft text is done. The Committee will be informed when the review period will begin during 2025.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b> Download Counter Reports at: <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts">https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</a></p>
<p><b>Agency/ Dept. Updates</b></p>	<p>NYS DOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul> <p>Binghamton University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stephanie (<b>Broome County Planning Department</b>) shared that the Planning Dept. will be hiring a consultant to create the Brandywine Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) plan which will include streetscape improvements and connectivity elements.</li> <li>● <b>Village of Johnson City:</b> Stephanie Yezzi, Planning Director, shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They are working with a Design Connect team out of Cornell University to redesign improvements to Boland Park including a circular trail that would connect to the former Davis College.</li> <li>○ They partnered with the City of Binghamton, Binghamton University, and other municipalities to apply for a NYS Regional Economic Development Council grant and an EPA grant for a project to determine feasibility, develop a design plan, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

	<p>possibly construct a connection from the Route 434 Greenway to the Vestal Rail Trail and the future Johnson City Rail Trail, then using the roadway network to connect to Binghamton. This would not only extend the Two Rivers Greenway, but it will provide connections to the Binghamton University campuses in Vestal, Binghamton, and Johnson City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JC has NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) funds to make pedestrian safety-oriented improvements in the central business district.</li> <li>○ A park improvement is complete on Willow St. and across from the BU Nursing School.</li> <li>○ During November or December, JC will go out to bid for a project to create a park at the corner of Lester Ave. and Main Street.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	None	<b>Action Items:</b>

Adjourn: 2:53 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 21, 2024 at 1:30PM *(Note that this is the third Monday of the month to avoid the Columbus Day holiday.)*