

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2022**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Steven Bard, Susan Pitely, Nick Cecconi, Ashley Seyfried, Stephanie Yezzi, Raini Baudendistel, Stephanie Brewer  
 Convene: 1:33 PM  
 November 15<sup>th</sup> minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p><b>Roadway Needs Report:</b></p> <p><b>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</b></p>	<p>No new needs.</p> <p>New Curb Ramps in Binghamton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott will contact the new administration in the City of Binghamton regarding ADA compliance with the new curb ramps.</li> </ul> <p>Plaza Drive Edge Lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott spoke with the Town of Vestal engineer about the narrow shoulders for bikes and pedestrians. They shoulders cannot be changed now however the travel lanes will be narrowed to 11 feet and shoulders widened to 4 feet during the next cycle of pavement markings. The engineer also noted that going forward the shoulders will be done correctly when re-paving Oxford Place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
<p><b>Newspaper Articles/Notices</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott shared the link for the Grippen Park Recreational Building Upgrade Project Survey off the county Grippen Park website. There was a public information meeting scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> that was canceled due to COVID. However, there is a survey available for the public to provide input on improvements for the building. The committee is encouraged to provide feedback. The building was a former ice rink and BMX track. The county is now looking to renovate the building and turn it into a multi-use facility.</li> <li>• Walk-Bike New York 2022 – May 3-4 at Hyatt Regency Rochester. Visit <a href="http://www.itsmr.org/events-5">www.itsmr.org/events-5</a> for more details.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b>          Scott will send out the link to the Grippen Park Survey.</p>
<p><b>Education and Outreach</b></p>	<p>BC Health Department Plans for 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine reported that they will continue to provide in-person and virtual bicycle/pedestrian safety education to the elementary schools, create/distribute posters to all BC childcare centers and distribute free helmets as needed.</li> </ul> <p>Binghamton Bridge Pedal 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a planning meeting scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Public Arts will be more involved this year. This year's ride route will incorporate more public art sites. The date is still TBD but will be held sometime in August.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

<b>Project/Reports</b>	<p>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashley gave the November/December Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts. November's counts were down overall from last year. The South Washington Street Bridge had the most counts for both bicyclists and pedestrians. December's counts were up from last year. This is most likely because of the large snowstorm we had last year. The South Washington Street Bridge also had the most counts for both bicyclists and pedestrians. Ashley reported that she added an "items to note" section in the reports online that indicate things like which counters were not included in certain reports. There will be 3 new counters installed on the new parts of the 434 Greenway, and 1 new counter on the trail that is part of the new Front St./US 11 Bridge over I-81.</li> </ul> <p>E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott will be compiling the final report in February. The report will include the best practices for e-bike regulations on multi-use trails including trail etiquette and speed limit enforcement.</li> </ul> <p>Bike Safety Streets/Bike Boulevards – Johnson City Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These streets are generally defined as neighborhood streets with low volumes of traffic at low speeds, connecting to common destinations that inexperienced and young cyclists would be comfortable using. Discussion ensued about possible designations in Johnson City. These routes would be a tool for people to use to bike from one area to another safely. It was noted that in Johnson City, the routes should encourage people to travel through downtown considering the new revitalization project. Ashley displayed some different options for routes and various connections.</li> </ul>	<b>Action Items:</b>  <b>Bike Safe Streets</b> <u>Next Steps:</u> Ashley to send Committee map of current bike safe street recommendations; comments on them and possibly add more; ride & survey proposed bike safe routes.
<b>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</b>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan reported that the new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) signal on 434 near Vestal High School will be installed soon. The light will not be turned on until the crosswalks are painted hopefully later in the spring. The Health Department will be helping with educational outreach and working with the SRO at the high school to educate students on how to use the signal.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	<p>Meetings will continue via Zoom until further notice.</p>	

Adjourn: 2:38 PM

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, February 14, 2022 1:30PM