

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:30 pm
Broome County Office Building
6th Floor, Legislative Conference Room & Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Yonkoski at 1:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Leslie Boulton, Chair, Broome County Public Works
Vernon Myers, Vice-Chair, Town of Vestal
Josh Holland, Village of Johnson City
Beth Lucas, Broome County Planning
Gregory Kilmer, Broome County Public Transportation
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works
Lou Caforio, Town of Union
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County
Ron Lake, City of Binghamton Engineer
JoAnn Lindstrom, Town of Owego
Anthony Bates, Village of Endicott

Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff
Ashley Seyfried, BMTS Central Staff
Cynthia Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
Dave MacEwan, NYSDOT
Brendan O'Bryan, The Agency
Lisa McCafferty, Tioga County Public Health Director
Tom Sullivan, Broome County Public Works
Nazar Logvis, Broome County Public Works
Kelly Sullivan, Bergmann
Younes Drihmi, Fisher Associates

Approval of September 2, 2021 minutes. Motion made J. Holland, seconded by G. Hammond. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- **2020-2024 TIP Amendment**
[Resolution 2021-11, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of new project, PIN 980756, Geotech Subsurface Exploration]
 - P. Eshbaugh described that it is currently difficult to obtain crews for bridge projects and that many other regions are contracting out, so NYSDOT needs to contract out going forward.
 - ✓ R. Lake made a motion, seconded by G. Hammond, to approve Resolution 2021-11. The resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

- **Host Agency Agreement Renewal**
[Resolution 2021-12, Recommending Policy Committee approval of Renewal of the BMTS Host Agency Contract, between New York State Department of Transportation and Broome County Government]
 - J. Yonkoski provided an overview of Resolution 2021-12. All MPOs must have a host agency, and Broome County provides administrative oversight and contractual support to BMTS. The previous ten-year contract expires this March, and Broome County approved ten more years of hosting.
 - ✓ R. Lake made a motion, seconded by J. Holland, to approve Resolution 2021-12. The resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

TIP Administrative Modifications

L. Boulton explained that there was an administrative modification approved at the TIP subcommittee to move funds for Tioga County from design to construction for bridge maintenance.

Un-Amended STIP Performance

P. Eshbaugh stated that the federal government requires that the MPO area must be letting projects that they are programmed to let. BMTS did not meet the 75% goal of PINs being obligated by percentage but did by cost. The table presented was both NYSDOT as well as local projects.

FFY 2022 HSIP Highway/Rail Crossing Group Project

P. Eshbaugh described that main office decided to develop a statewide block for highway and rail crossing projects, that way they are not programmed on each individual TIP.

BMTS 2021 Pavement Ratings

S. Reigle stated that BMTS rates non-state federal aid eligible roadways in the planning area each year. BMTS goes out for several days to rate the pavement of the roadways, looking at distress and frequency, as well as inventorying bicycle lanes and sidewalks along the roadways. BMTS sent out pavement rating scores to individual municipalities in September. An interactive map as well as the combined report is posted on the BMTS website.

Trail Maintenance Plan

A. Seyfried explained that BMTS completed an update to the 2019 Trail Maintenance Plan this year. BMTS staff went out and assessed the Two Rivers Greenway trail segments, looking at pavement distress, overall maintenance condition and signage. The report and interactive map are posted on the BMTS website.

V. Meyers asked if municipalities could use CHIPS money to fund trail projects, but D. MacEwan clarified that CHIPS is limited to highways for vehicular use.

2021 Turning Movement Counts

L. McCullen conveyed that BMTS' consultant completed 100 traffic counts in the Spring of 2021 and 100 traffic counts in the Fall of 2021. The Traffic Counts Database, an interactive map containing all counts taken for signals and intersections, is on the website for the public and municipalities to use. L. McCullen then described that she did an analysis looking at traffic counts from 2021 to pre-COVID, and counts are back up, similar to traffic patterns seen before the pandemic.

North St., city of Binghamton RSA

L. McCullen went over the road safety assessment completed for North Street in the City of Binghamton. The RSA had many participants, including the public, NYSDOT, and City of Binghamton representatives. The team came up with several low-cost safety recommendations that the City has already started employing in the area.

Bike/Ped Counter Data and Update/Cost share request

J. Yonkoski discussed that BMTS has monthly reports for bicyclist and pedestrian counting data posted on the website. Additionally, J. Yonkoski reminded municipalities of the cost-share request for data transmission for the counters and thanked the municipalities that have agreed to the request already.

TIP Update: 2023–2027 Call for projects

J. Yonkoski reminded the Committee that the call for projects for the upcoming TIP are due on 12/9/2021.

Federal Transportation Legislation Update

J. Yonkoski explained that the IIJA bill was passed but no further guidance has been given. J. Yonkoski presented the documents provided by NYSAMPO regarding the programs that are maintained as well as new formula programs in the new infrastructure bill.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

- E. Jardine inquired about the possibility of a project for pavement on 17C in Tioga County, specifically between Apalachin and Exit 64. Stated that the municipalities in that area often receive complaints about the quality of the roadway. E. Jardine also let the committee know that Southern Tier 8 is making a list of infrastructure priorities in relation to the new IIA bill.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Jardine, seconded by J. Holland and approved by consensus. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm. Next meeting is Thursday, February 24, 2022.