

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE

June 13, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room

Also, via Zoom at

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The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:04 a.m.

Members Present

- × Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- × County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County
- × Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by Andrew Stiles, Region 9*
- × Ron Ciotoli, Tioga County Legislator
- × Mayor Martin Meaney, Village of Johnson City
- × Mayor Nick Burlingame, Village of Endicott
- × Supervisor Lew Grubham, Town of Kirkwood
- × Supervisor Rob Mack, Town of Union
- × Ashley Seyfried, Southern Tier 8

Policy Members Absent

- Mayor Jared Kraham, City of Binghamton
- Supervisor Michael Lumsden, Town of Chenango, Vice-Chair
- Mayor Mike Baratta, Village of Owego
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Ron Ciotoli, Tioga County Legislator
- Highway Superintendent, Mike Roberts, Town of Owego
- Omar Sanders, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Joann Lindstrom *for* Town Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8

Policy Committee Advisory Members Absent

Steve Fisher, District 4 Representative, PennDOT

Nicole McGrath, Community Planner, FHWA NY Division

Ayla Schermer, Community Planner, FTA Region II

Others Present

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS

Brian Cohen, BMTS

Leigh McAllen, BMTS

Andrew Stiles, Regional Director, NYSDOT

Katy Mangan, NYSDOT

Erin Cavanagh, NYSDOT

Zach Rouhanna, Guest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 7, 2024. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Supervisor Rob Mack motioned to approve the minutes; NYSDOT Regional Director Andrew Stiles seconded. No one commented for discussion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, announced the Annual Binghamton Bridge Pedal to be held on Saturday, August 10th. registration is open now. The Walk, Bike, & Roll Conference is to be held in Binghamton this year. It rotates around the state each year. It will be held at the Double Tree in September; registration is also open for that as well. At some point in the near future there will be an email sent out with a little more information and links for registration if you are interested or to pass along to anyone on your staff who may be interested.

ACTION ITEMS

▪ **2023-2027 TIP Amendments**

The first 4 resolutions are to add projects awarded under the FTA Section 5310 program.

The first resolution is for Tioga Opportunities. They received a mobility management award which is considered traditional, which means an 80/20 split. The Federal amount versus the total is listed in the table.

The second project being added is also Tioga Opportunities, but it is for operating assistance which is a 50/50 split.

The next one is the Rural Health Network of South-Central New York. Again, Mobility Management with an 80/20 split.

Lastly, the Broome County Department of Public Transportation capital, non-vehicle. Again, traditional with an 80/20 split.

These are the four projects we need to add to the TIP. We will vote on each one individually.

- [Resolution 2024-06, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN 982194, FTA Section 5310, Mobility Management, Tioga Opportunities, Inc.]

Legislator Ron Ciotoli motioned to adopt the resolution; Mayor Martin Meany seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- [Resolution 2024-07, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN 982195, FTA Section 5310, Operating Assistance, Tioga Opportunities, Inc.]

Legislator Ron Ciotoli motioned to adopt the resolution; Supervisor Rob Mack seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- [Resolution 2024-08, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN 982196, FTA Section 5310, Mobility Management, Rural Health Network of SCNY, Inc.]

Mayor Martin Meany motioned to adopt the resolution; Regional Director Andrew Stiles seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- [Resolution 2024-09, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN 982197, FTA Section 5310, Capital: Non-Vehicle, Broome County Department of Public Transportation]

Ashley Seyfried motioned to adopt the resolution; Mayor Martin Meany seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, advised next is the addition of a new project, the Oakdale Road Sidewalk Construction Project. This is in the Village of Johnson City from Harry L. Drive South to Innovation Way. It is being partially funded with CRP Funds which are Carbon Reduction Funds. There is specific criteria to use those funds. Including sidewalks, trails, anything to reduce carbon. This is an eligible project for use of those funds. The rest is being covered by a flex funds from the local project block, 9LBP27. This is to add this project to the TIP. Design will be Federal Fiscal year '25 with construction in Federal Fiscal year '26.

- [Resolution 2024-10, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN 975576, Oakdale Rd Sidewalk Construction, Village of Johnson City]

Regional Director Andrew Stiles motioned to adopt the resolution; Legislator Ron Ciotoli seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS said the next two are DOT projects. The first one is a large culvert rehab project. NYSDOT has requested an increase in funding. This increase in funding will come from the main office and it isn't being taken from our local allocation.

The second one is a bridge washing project. NYSDOT has requested a cost increase for this project as well, with the offset coming from 9TGR0B.

Question for Andrew Stiles regarding bridge washing recommendations and time between washing. Mr. Stiles said currently it is every two years. It washes away salt and any debris.

Mike Marinaccio did not recall voting on measures for bridge washing. Jennifer Yonkoski said that there had been local and state projects in the past for bridge washing.

- [Resolution 2024-11, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 9LC101, Large Culvert Rehabilitation Project, Broome, Delaware and Otsego Counties]

Mayor Martin Meany motioned to adopt the resolution; Regional Director Andrew Stiles seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- [Resolution 2024-12, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 9M1025, Bridge Washing Project, Regionwide

Mayor Martin Meaney motioned to adopt the resolution; Regional Director Andrew Stiles seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- **2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program**

Jennifer Yonkoski said that back in February Policy Committee approved the 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program for BMTS Staff. The process started in December and requires a best guess and estimates from the DOT for what they think our allocation is going to be for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). On April 4th, BMTS received actual numbers from the FTA and they were \$1,972 less than what the estimate was. This amendment will reduce NY-80-0034 to \$101,404. The next piece of the amendment is to fix an overestimation of remaining funds in NY-80-0033. \$68,000 was programmed and the actual rollover amount is \$60,000, a reduction of \$4,800. By reducing the FTA's dollar amount we will have to spend a little bit more of our FHWA-PL funds to balance everything out.

[Resolution 2024-13, Approving an amendment to the 2024-2025 UPWP, Reduction of FTA allocation]

Ashley Seyfried motioned to adopt the resolution; Legislator Ron Ciotoli seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- **SS4A Grant Plan - Update**

Jennifer Yonkoski updated the committee in the progress so far. Legislative approval from Broome County Legislature was given at their May meeting. Through the consultant selection process, WSP was chosen as the consultant that will administer this project with us.

We are still going back and forth with FHWA with their agreement to get that in place. We can't begin the project until we have that in place.

We have our local project agreement in place with the DOT for their portion of the local share. We have a resolution passed by Broome County for their portion of the local share and we have a resolution passed by Tioga County for their portion of the local share.

Hoping to begin the project in July. Will keep everyone updated and kickoff is very soon.

- **Long Range Transportation Plan - Update**

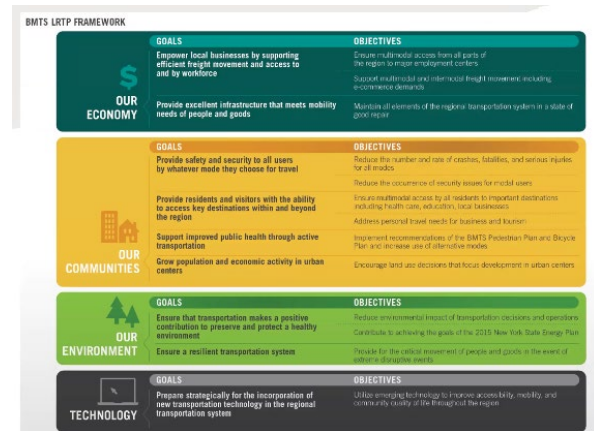
Jennifer Yonkoski said every five (5) years BMTS is required to update their long-range transportation plan. The last time this was done was 2020. RSG was hired to do a large overhaul of the plan. This was a major update in 2020. An update to the plan is required by June of 2025. BMTS is beginning this update with public outreach this summer at many local events. In addition, there is an online survey we have out now, the QR code takes you to the survey. Planning Committee members received flyers at their last meeting to hand up at the Town/Village

Halls. J. Yonkoski asked that the Committee members please fill out the survey as well and spread the word. Response has been good. Will be open until August 15th and there is a chance for a \$50 gift card if you do provide your information at the end of the survey. Hopefully incentive for some people to fill it out.

Since BMTS did a large overhaul of the Plan in 2020, we would like to consider this an update and keep the vision statement, goals and objectives the same as the previous plan. These were previously approved by the Board in 2020.

Vision Statement

In 2045, the BMTS region will be recognized as a great place to live. People of all ages, abilities, and economic status will be able to travel safely and reliably throughout and beyond the region with access to destinations that meet their needs and desires. Technology and public policy will make transportation services available to all and provide efficient mobility for people and goods by whatever mode they choose.



We would like to move forward with this as our Vision Statement, these Goals the same, update all our demographic information, get new public input through our public outreach and then move through the plan with this as our framework. If you have any comments now, feel free to speak up, if not take some time to read these over. The long-range plans are on the website as well. If you are signing in through Zoom, you can access it there under Chapter two. You can also reach out with any thoughts, comments or changes; anything you don't think should still be included or that we have missed in error.

▪ **NYSDOT Project Updates**

Andy Stiles, NYSDOT, updated the status of the following projects:

Multi-Use Paths Issues – Two Locations

- MacArthur Park & Town of Dickinson:
 - Ped counters were picking up car traffic as they went by and the arborvitae trees planted for screening. Should be planted within the next week. Three trees are planned for each of the two locations.

I88/81 Connector Bridge

- Overlay project is in its second season.
- Still have one lane on the bridge.
- Ramp from 88 to 81 North is currently closed and will remain closed for the rest of the construction season.
- Project to wrap up sometime late November timeframe.

Route 17 Crack and Seat, Tioga County

- All traffic on the eastbound side while westbound side is being reconstructed. The

highway as well as the bridge in Apalachin.

- Traffic will be restored, 2 lanes in each direction before snow and ice season and then we will flip and do the same on the opposite side next construction season.

I81 Over Loughlin Road, Kirkwood

- Pile retrofit project – temporary wall is nearing completion.
- Once complete will start the micro piles down for the footer expansion.
- Traffic is currently one-way signal operation on Loughlin Road and that will remain in place for a while yet during this construction season.

I81, Over 990 G, Kirkwood

- Is ongoing with structure repairs.
- Will have various closures on 990G and I81.
- Minimal impact to the highway itself.
- Ramp closures for short durations throughout this construction season.

Route 11, Court Street

- Resurfacing project.
- Work occurring now is sidewalks, the ADA ramps and some drainage.
- Late July, early August will begin with actual pavement resurfacing.
- All that work will be done at nighttime and should take one to two months to complete.

Route 11, Bridge Overlays

- Work was started just around the corner as you head to Castle Creek near the church. That work is pretty well wrapped up, just a few punch-list items to clean up, but work is pretty much wrapped up, traffic restored to two lanes in each direction on Route 11.
- Current focus is on structures near Dunkin' and Sonny Manny's on Front Street. Work being done at night because of traffic vines.

Route 26, Town of Maine

- Culvert project, Route 26 over Southerland Creek starting soon, in June timeframe.
- Starting in July we plan to 24hour work flagging the operation due to the number of driveways in the area. Going with 24-hour work and flaggers to get it done as quickly as possible.

Noteworthy Projects Upcoming

- Signals project on schedule for Route 17C and 26. Has been let. Award should happen any time now.
- US Route 11 Retaining Wall Project on the east side of Binghamton scheduled to be let in August.
- Binghamton Gateway Project, still some digging going on for the archaeological part of the project. Still looking at March 2025 for a letting.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

- None

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is usually the second Thursday in September but due to potential meetings at the DOT Main Office regarding some grant acceptance for Bridge New York and

potential TAP Announcements they are making. So, the date may be shifted a bit to be sure we can get those projects on the TIP. Will send out a calendar invite as soon as possible.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Martin Meany, it was seconded by Regional Director Andy Stiles.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.