

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
December 8, 2011
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Phil Krey at 10:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Phil Krey, Chair, City of Binghamton Engineer
Pamela Eshbaugh, RPPM, NYSDOT Region 9
Luke Day, City of Binghamton Department of Public Works
Ed Gent, Town of Chenango
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning and Economic Development
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott
Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson
Louis Caforio, Town of Union

Advisory members present:

Dick McCormick, STERPDB

Others present:

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
Rich Rooney, McFarland Johnson Engineering

- Approval of minutes from October 6,, 2011 minutes. Motion Gent, second Day. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ACTION ITEM

No action items.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: NYSDOT and LOCAL SPONSOR TIP PROJECT
UPDATES/PROJECT SCHEDULES**

Pam Eshbaugh reviewed the current status of the projects on the TIP. The status of both local projects and NYSDOT projects were reviewed. Local project sponsors provided information on their projects.

Lou Caforio said that the Town of Union was hoping to bid their signal project (PIN975335) with the Johnson City signal project (PIN975362) in order to get a better price.

Phil Krey gave an update on the City of Binghamton projects. The Court St. Gateway project has been let and construction will begin in the spring. PIN 975310, the Exchange St. Bridge is waiting for an update from the consultant on preliminary design. There has been no work done on either of the City signal projects: Hawley St. /Collier St. and Riverside Dr. / Beethoven St. The Susquehanna River Trail project is waiting for DEC and Corp approval on the hydraulic study and the Chenango River

trail to Cheri Lindsay Park is waiting for the consultant to complete the final design report. The April 2013 let date is probably optimistic. The consultant has been delayed on the Front St. Gateway project. The City is hoping for design approval in the 1st quarter of 2012.

There were no updates available on the Town of Vestal projects.

Cyndi Paddick told the members that now would be a good time for them to submit an IPP for a signal project if they were interested.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PROGRAM UPDATE

Pam Eshbaugh explained the NYSDOT program update to the committee. She explained that Region 9 had presented their program to Main Office DOT and that they were told that they had not allocated enough money towards the preservation goal. The Region is working on revisions to resubmit the update.

At the February Planning Committee meeting there will be a TIP amendment to address any changes that need to be made as a result of the program update.

DISCUSSION ITEM: UPWP UPDATE

Cyndi Paddick explained that work was starting on the 2012-2013 UPWP. A call letter was sent out to everyone. If anyone is interested in having BMTS do a study for them, please let her know. There will be money budgeted for safety audits. If anyone has a location where they would like to see one completed, please let her know. Approving the UPWP will be on the February Planning Committee agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEM: UPWP UPDATES: Traffic Signal Maintenance Study

JenniferYonkoski reported that the report is almost complete and will be sent out to the Planning Committee for their review before the February meeting. If approved at that meeting it will be sent to the Policy Committee for approval in March.

DISCUSSION ITEM: UPWP UPDATES: BC Transit On-Board Survey

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that BMTS with the help of Binghamton University had completed the 3rd biennial On-Board Transit survey. 460 surveys were completed. The report is being finalized and will be available for the Committee to review before the February Meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM: UPWP UPDATES: Greenway Sign Plan and Design Guide

Scott Reigle gave the committee a briefing on what the project would entail. The RFP has been reviewed internally and will be advertised soon.

DISCUSSION ITEM: UPWP UPDATES: Mobility Management Program

Scott Reigle provided an overview to the committee on the work that is being done with the AmeriCorps employees that have been hired to provide a “one-stop” shop for transportation information. The employees are housed at the United Way and will be working with clients beginning in January 2012, to match them with transportation options that meet their travel needs. The mobility managers will also be promoting the BMTS Greenride Program.

MAP-21 FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATE

Cyndi Paddick explained the new funding categories that are being proposed as part of the new proposed transportation bill MAP-21. She also explained to the committee the proposal to eliminate

MPO's with populations under 200,000; and what that would mean to BMTS. She will continue to update the committee on this subject as information becomes available. The extended transportation bill is scheduled to expire at the end of March 2012.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

Cyndi Paddick handed out a meeting schedule for 2012. The committee agreed to meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:30PM. (Feb., April, June, Oct., Dec.)

There was no other business offered from the floor. Motion to adjourn was moved by Luke Day, seconded by Lou Caforio. Approved by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.