

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2018**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS	Lonni Rawson	NYSDOT
Stephanie Brewer	BC Planning	Daegan VonSwearingen	NYSDOT
Susan Pitely	NYSDOT	Steven Bard	ST Bike Club
Nick Ceconi	MMSCNY	Tim Konetchy	City of Binghamton
Matt Gawors	BC Parks	Marie Hebdon	NYS DOT

Convene 1:30 p.m.

Marie made a motion to accept the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting's minutes, Scott seconded the motion, minutes accepted as is.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Snacks &amp; Roadway Needs Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Matt shared the following concerns made known to him by the Triple Cities Runners Club:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rt 96 - Metal scraps are scattered on the road from trucks - near Weissman                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Address initially by contacting Weissman directly.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Concern about the cracks on Memorial Bridge coming over to the footbridge – Who should be contacted to inform of the situation and then fill the cracks for safety reasons (not really durability reasons)</li> <li>• Concern about Binghamton's West Side Sidewalk conditions. Who should be contacted to address the situations?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Broad Ave., Binghamton – Can bike lanes be installed since it has been repaved?</li> <li>- Status of Susquehanna North Bank Trail project?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Address Rt. 96 initially by contacting Weissman directly.</i></li> <li>- <i>Susan to see if the City or NYSDOT is responsible for the Memorial Bridge maintenance.</i></li> <li>- <i>TC Runners Club can contact Binghamton Code Enforcement regarding any City sidewalks in need of maintenance.</i></li> <li>- <i>Tim to check with Ray Standish about Broad Ave. bike lanes possibility.</i></li> <li>- <i>Scott will contact Ray S. regarding the trail project status.</i></li> </ul>

<b>Presentation: New York Bicycling Coalition (NYBC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul Winkeller, Executive Director of the NYBC planned to call-in to the meeting, but was unable to do so as he needed to be with his ailing father. The topic of discussion was to be the planning of a Southern Tier Regional Bike meeting. Key stakeholders will be invited to attend to learn more about NYBC and how they can assist us in making the Southern Tier more bicycle friendly. A sample agenda from Hudson Valley Regional meeting was passed around to show what a likely format for a meeting here. Because it is desired to end the meeting with an afternoon bike ride, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> was suggested for a date. That, however, coincides with BU Graduation. It was suggested to look into a June date to enable BU staff, officials, and hopefully some students to attend.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Scott will organize with Paul to call-in to the February 12<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Newspaper Articles/Notices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>NYSDOT Public Information Meeting</b> regarding the <b>Route 363 Binghamton Gateway</b> project. It will take place on the <b>18<sup>th</sup> floor</b> of the <b>State Office Building</b> in Binghamton on <b>Monday, January 29 from 6:00-8:30PM</b>, with the formal presentation beginning at 6:30PM.</li> <li>- This project is in the scoping phase, and is looking at the possibility to restructure the Rt. 363 access into Binghamton. Improved pedestrian and bicycle connections and travel through the project area is also planned.</li> </ul>	
<b>Report:</b> Broome-Tioga Rideshare/Get There	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>No updates</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee-</b> Cycling Skills Clinics/Educational Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looking ahead...a possible date for the Bike/Ped Safety Display at the SUNY Broome Children's Fair is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Need to confirm a date for this event, and find out about Cycling Skills Clinic dates by the February 12 Committee meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee-</b> Binghamton Bridge Pedal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott and Stephanie met with Susan Sherwood at TechWorks on November 16, 2017. It was determined to have the Bridge Pedal on <b>Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9AM.</b></li> <li>- The Committee's was asked for input on the ride route. It is desired to include Phase 1 of the Rt. 434 Greenway, possibly having a rest stop at the southwest side of the tunnel. The route should also include the rehabilitated Clinton St. Bridge. It was also suggested to re-name the Jr. Route, since it has a negative perception, and the shorter route is available to riders of any age.</li> </ul>	
<b>Projects/Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Two Rivers Greenway Signs</u> are being installed. Photos were shown of trail blazer signs installed on Court St., near Boscov's; Washington St. at Two River Commons; and interpretive signs at Confluence Park.</li> <li>- <u>Rt. 434 Greenway</u> – Public meetings were held Dec. 12 &amp; 13 to get input on the three design alternatives to get from MacArthur Park to Murray Hill Rd. There was much sentiment that the trail should not be put on Vestal Ave., and thus, be constructed on the south side of Rt. 434. NYSDOT will take the information provided by the public and decide on a preferred design alternative, and then have another Public Meeting.</li> <li>- <u>BC Parks Plan Public Input Workshop</u> - The EMC is pleased to host the Broome County Planning and Parks Departments at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to get your input about Broome County Parks. See the Facebook event here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1989817977954790/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1989817977954790/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Scott will email Walk Bike NY 2018 information to the Committee</i></li> </ul>

	<p>Broome County is currently developing the Broome County Parks Plan that will serve as a guide to projects and programs at our county-owned park facilities.</p> <p>This public workshop will serve as an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to share ideas about the future of Broome County Parks. What works? What could be better? Are there events and opportunities that we should bring to the area?</p> <p>Please join us for the workshop on Thursday, January 11th at 6pm during the meeting of the Broome County Environmental Management Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Walk Bike 2018 Conference</u> will take place during March 28-29 at the Proctors Convention Complex in Schenectady. Registration is \$50 for both days or \$25 for one day. Lodging is available at the Hampton Inn, 450 State Street at \$124 and includes complimentary breakfast and parking. Go to <a href="http://www.ITSMR.org/events/">www.ITSMR.org/events/</a> to register and to download a conference agenda.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other: Scott's Japan Presentation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott presented slides with photos of multiple transportation elements from his recent trip to Hiroshima and Himeji, Japan. Some notable observations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automobiles drive on the left. Had to be careful crossing the street as a pedestrian because of looking the wrong way for oncoming traffic.</li> <li>• Urban areas commonly have wide sidewalks that pedestrians and cyclists share. Blue circular signs with a pedestrian and bike symbol indicate the shared facilities.</li> <li>• Pedestrian crosswalks often included a bike lane on one-side. Cyclists did not dismount to cross the street.</li> <li>• Treatments for the sight impaired include not only tactile strips at corners and curb ramps, but also include a linear tactile strip along the length of the sidewalk, which also direct the user to curb ramps.</li> <li>• Accessible (Audible) Pedestrian Signals (APS) use the “bird chirp” cue. Scott thought this may be more universally recognized and understood than our English-speaking APS.</li> <li>• Pedestrian crossing signals have the red don't walk symbol, but the walk symbol is green. Perhaps it is more universally understood that green = go.</li> <li>• Countdown pedestrian signals used gradually decreasing “bar graphics” rather than numbers to indicate the amount of time left to cross.</li> <li>• Pedestrians followed pedestrian rules well. Did not notice any j-walking or crossing against the signal.</li> <li>• Many people used bicycles for transportation, and not many were seen biking for sport. Bike designs were almost all for utilitarian purpose, equipped with baskets and child carriers.</li> <li>• The full spectrum of the population was biking - young &amp; older, men &amp; women, not just the low income population.</li> <li>• Bike share systems are prevalent and well-used in many cities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>-</p>

Adjourn: 3:10 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.