

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2019**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS	Stephanie Brewer	BC Planning
Lonni Rawson	NYSDOT	Steven Bard	Southern Tier Bike Club
Nick Ceconi	MMSCNY	JoAnne Klenovic	Supervisor, Town of Chenango
Susan Pitely	NYSDOT	Alex Urda	Town Engineer, Town of Chenango
Marie Hebdon	NYDOT	Tim Konetchy	City of Binghamton Planning
Christine Muss	BCHD		

Convene 1:33 p.m.

November 19th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p>	<p>Follow Up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossing at Church on Rt. 11 in Kirkwood – Susan reported that the parking lots are owned by two different owners and that there have not been any requests to DOT from either owner to add a crosswalk. At this time DOT does not see any reason to add one. However, if either the church or the town requested a crosswalk, DOT would consider it. • Court St. Crossing for Chenango Riverwalk in Binghamton – Scott showed the group what the current crossing looks like on google maps. There is a crossing located underneath the bridge with stairs to go back up. It is difficult to use this if you are on a bike and many times the area under the bridge floods. This issue was addressed at the city Traffic Safety Board several times over the years. Finally, Ray Standish, City Engineer, gave the go ahead for and a new midblock crossing is being added to PSAP project for Main St. the city of Binghamton’s. The crossing was designed by Danielle Besso, NYSDOT Traffic & Safety, and it will consist of rapid flash beacons, a striped median and curb-cuts. It will be implemented this summer. Scott expressed kudos to Danielle & Ray for moving this project forward. <p>New Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JoAnne and Alex updated the group about the plans to revitalize certain areas in the Town of Chenango. Many of the river front properties both commercial and residential have been ruined by flooding. They are looking at ways to increase the value of their properties from Northgate Plaza along the river to the Park and Ride. There are opportunities to improve the living spaces, utilize greenspace and enhance the overall aesthetics of the land. Luckily the town is working with agreeable property owners and developers on this vision. Part of the enhancement could be the addition of a trail system along the river that would connect the north end of Otsiningo to the Park 	

	and Ride. JoAnne and Alex are open to suggestions and guidance from this group on the next steps. Stephanie recommended a first step for the trail would be to apply for a LWRP or a NYS Consolidated Funding application to do a trail feasibility and design study.	
Newspaper Articles/Notices		
Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics/Educational Outreach	<p>Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike/Pedestrian Safety Outreach at East Middle School – Christine reported that she was invited to East Middle to participate in a health fair in December. Students rotated through different educational sessions/activities throughout the day. Christine along with a Binghamton PD Bike Officer conducted 9 different sessions to over 600 students, educating them about bike and pedestrian safety. Students all received a flashing reflector at the end of each session. • In October 2018, an East Middle School student was struck by a car while crossing the street on his way to school one morning. Marie asked if there was anything being done to either change the nature of the intersection at Frederick St. or if there were alternative routes for student walkers. Many of the students use this intersection as a short-cut which causes them to also cross over railroad tracks. The designated walking route is longer. 	Scott will ask Cyndi Paddick about bringing this issue to the City's Traffic Board.
Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott reported that they narrowed the new logo to two designs. He and Stephanie will work together with Chris Heide to create the final new logo design. • There was discussion about adding a second, non-police escorted ride that would be headed up by the Southern Tier Bike Club. • There was also discussion about a new ride route with new stops. Some members suggested stopping at an urban farm and at the Humane Society. 	
Project/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Friendly Communities Designation: OFA will be putting out a community needs assessment survey soon and they are looking for help with distribution. They would like to reach as many people 55 years and older. • BMTS Pedestrian and Bicyclist Counting Program for Two Rivers Greenway – BMTS will be installing permanent counters that will track both bicyclists and pedestrians. There will be 11-12 counters added. Scott reviewed the possible locations. • NYBC: Active Transportation & Complete Streets Training – BMTS will be applying to hold the free training. Trainings are either full day, half day or through a 90-minute webinar. The half day training will be requested. In addition to a classroom lecture, the training will also consist of a walking/bike outdoor audit. Since there is a maximum of 15-20 participants, the training will be offered separately to each municipality starting with Endicott. 	Scott will email the Committee a link to the survey to distribute when it is ready.

Adjourn: 3:01 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.