

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS	Nick Cecconi	GETTHERE
Susan Pitely	NYSDOT		
Ashley Seyfried	BMTS		
Marie Hebdon	NYSDOT		

Convene 1:35 p.m.

September 9 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Introductions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott introduced Ashley Seyfried to the Committee. Ashley is BMTS's new Transportation Analyst. 	
Roadway Needs Report:	<p>Follow Up from Previous Meeting Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Pedestrian Crossings on Upper Court St. in Binghamton: Some on the Committee felt that there are too many, or at least they are too close to each other, and that the street view is overwhelmed with signs. The reason the project turned out this way is that NYSDOT is using a systematic approach for Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) projects. This means that for each project, the standard unsignalized pedestrian crossing designs will be used for each unsignalized crossing for the entire corridor. 	
Newspaper Articles/Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional articles or notices. 	
Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics/Educational Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>REPORT:</i> Teen Traffic Safety Day was held at the Arena on Thursday, October 10th from 10am – 1pm. Scott & Steven Bard demonstrated the use of the bike rack on the BC Transit buses. The following is a report submitted by Steven Bard: Activity was brisk from 10:15 to even a little after 1 PM. Willingness for participants to engage was higher than previous years, and although we were nearly fully active not everyone willing to put a bike on a bus got a chance. Competing interesting stations, too many willing people and limited time. Again as other years it was remarkable the low number of people aware bike racks were on buses, and how few people knew how to use them. The hands-on experience offered by this activity has very high value. It can only increase usage of bus bike racks. 	

<p>Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 22, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott is contacting the Binghamton Police Chief to find and train a successor to officer Bill Lescault who will be retiring in March 2020. ○ New bike ride routes were discussed in anticipation of the Front St. Trail being open for the 2020 event. Scott would like the ride to begin by going south to the Clinton St. Bridge, then to Front St. northbound to the new trail, and then into Otsiningo Park. The Committee also discussed the possibility of riding further west to Recreation Park. Discussion of the 2020 ride route will continue at future Committee meetings. 	<p>Follow-up to see if Susan Sherwood sent out Bridge Pedal Participant Survey.</p>
<p>Project/Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BMTS Town of Maine – NY 26 Bike/Pedestrian Study. Ashley shared that BMTS Staff will be conducting a bike/pedestrian study for the Town of Maine NY 26 from Pollard Hill Rd. to the NY 26/NY 21 intersection just past the elementary school. An initial part of the plan is to conduct an assessment that will involve walking the corridor to identify possible bike/pedestrian needs and improvements. BMTS is aware of the crosswalk improvements the State is making along that corridor and will take them into consideration in the study. ● BMTS Trail Counting Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An online interactive map is available on the BMTS website’s Bicycle and Pedestrian page (http://www.bmtsonline.com/node/41), that displays counter locations, and monthly counts when one clicks on the counter dot. ○ A press release about the counters will go out later this month (October). ● Scott thanked those who commented on the draft <i>Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Plan</i>. Comments will be considered and incorporated into the Final Plan. ● Age Friendly Broome County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The initial Transportation Working Group met on October 17. Bill Wagner of Getthere is the Chairperson. BMTS will collect findings and recommendations regarding transportation needs from its studies & plans and use them in the Working Group to develop Goals, Objectives and an Action Plan. The next Transportation Working Group meeting is on November 21. ○ Scott asked Susan Pitely if NYSDOT planned to be involved with the Working Group? She will ask Pam Eshbaugh what NYSDOT’s plans are to be involved. ● Broome County Health Department Complete Streets Policy Efforts with Municipalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Report ● The Grand Boulevard Mini-Roundabout Study, funded by BMTS, had its kickoff meeting on October 18. The consultant will look at the entire length of Grand Boulevard, and evaluate the feasibility of installing mini-roundabouts at each intersection. The purpose is to reduce right-angle crashes, slow traffic, and make the roadway safer for bicyclists and crossing pedestrians. The study is scheduled to be 	<p>Susan will ask Pam Eshbaugh what NYSDOT’s plans are to be involved with the Age Friendly Community Transportation Working Group.</p>

	<p>completed by the end of 2019. Scott will ask for the Committee to be able to review the Study recommendations.</p> <p>It was asked if they will measure each intersection to see if roundabouts will fit. Scott answered, yes, but mini-roundabouts will not likely be recommended to be installed at every intersection</p>	
<p>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSDOT: Front St. Trail – Susan reported that NYSDOT will announce that the trail is open. Lighting, signs, and landscaping need to be completed. Scott asked if it would be possible to add a pedestrian & bicycle counter into the Rt. 434 Greenway Phase 2 design that can be installed on the Front St. Trail. Susan said that she did not know, but she did put a counter into the design of the Front St. Bridge over I-81, and that project may be an opportunity to add a counter to the Front St. Trail. • Getthere: Nick reported that they hired a new Transportation-to-Employments person, who will assist in the Transportation to Work program, and developing the vanpool program. 	

Adjourn: 2:30 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: This is the third Monday of the month due to Veterans Day on November 11th.