

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2019**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS	Nick Cecconi	GETTHERE
Susan Pitely	NYSDOT	Stephanie Brewer	BC PLANNING
Ashley Seyfried	BMTS	Steven Bard	STBC
Marie Hebdon	NYSDOT		

Convene 1:35 p.m.

October 21 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<b>Roadway Needs Report:</b>	<p>Follow Up from Previous Meeting Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Pedestrian Crossings on Upper Court St. in Binghamton: It was asked if there is a snow removal plan for the pedestrian crossing refuge islands. There is concern that snow mounds will be created at the refuges by plows clearing the center turning lane. The initial thought was that the refuges would be the City's responsibility to clear, but Susan will find out who is responsible.</li> </ul> <p>New Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marie noted that asphalt paving of sections of the Empire State Trail that currently have stone-dust surfaces, can significantly change the character of the trail in rural/suburban areas from quiet-slow-rural to a busy-fast-urban feel. The committee discussed this observation and looked at pros/cons of asphalt and stone-dust trails, such as: stone-dust is permeable and blends in better with the natural environment, while standard asphalt is not permeable; tree root mitigation is easier with stone-dust; stone-dust is less expensive to install, but asphalt may hold-up better over time.</li> </ul>	<b>Susan P. to find out who is responsible to remove snow from the pedestrian refuge islands.</b>
<b>Newspaper Articles/Notices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional articles or notices.</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics/Educational Outreach</b>	<p>2020 Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table until Christine is able to attend the Committee meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 22, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott is emailed the Binghamton Assistant Police Chief, Bill Yeager, on November 5 to request finding and training a successor to officer Bill Lescault who will be retiring in March 2020. Scott has not received a response yet, and will follow-up with Bill Lescault after the Thanksgiving holiday.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Follow-up with Bill Lescault about finding someone to take his place next year.</b></p> <p><b>Committee members to email</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scott mentioned that Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning Commissioner, informed him that the Binghamton University Geography Department has a drone. Frank made initial contact with the Department Head, Norah Henry, and Scott followed-up by sending an email inquiring about the possibility of someone from the Department using the drone to photograph the Binghamton Bridge Pedal. Scott has not had a response yet.</li> <li>○ It does not appear that the participant survey was sent out. It is likely too late to send it out now.</li> <li>○ New bike ride routes were discussed and Scott asked for route and stop ideas to be emailed to him. 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. Scott encouraged the Committee to email him ideas for the route and for stops. Two suggested stops brought-up were Roberson Mansion/Museum and the Bike Repair Stations at Front St. and Main St.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scott</b>  <b>(<a href="mailto:sreigle@co.broome.ny.us">sreigle@co.broome.ny.us</a>)</b>  <b>with bike ride route and ride stop ideas.</b></p>
<p><b>Reports &amp; Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● REPORT - Washington Street Mall Public Meeting #2 (November 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stephanie provided a concept design the consultants used at the meeting to guide the Committee’s discussion. The Mall was divided into linear zones, with restaurant, seating along the western length, trees and greenery dominating the middles section, with the eastern length containing a stage, colored pavement, benches. Daegan noted that pavement designs should be purposeful and enable children to play by creating their own games. He will send the consultants a suggestion to use intersecting circles to guide visitors to the restaurant seating and into the Mall, as well as to be used for playing. Lighting was also discussed. The light fixtures should be attractive; not sure how the ultra-modern concept will work. The stringed/hanging lights were liked.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● ANNOUNCEMENT – OPEN HOUSE: Johnson City Rail Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00-7:30pm at Century Sunrise apartments (135 Baldwin St., JC).  The Committee members were encouraged to come and share their ideas for the trail.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Scott will supply Daegan with the Washington St. Mall consultant’s email address.</b></p>
<p><b>Project/Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BMTS Town of Maine – NY 26 Bike/Pedestrian Study. Ashley shared that BMTS Staff, joined by Stephanie Brewer of Broome County Planning, and Susan Pitely &amp; Danielle Besso of NYSDOT, conducted a roadway safety audit for the 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. Some observations that stood out were: an incomplete sidewalk system; most of the sidewalks were in poor condition and narrow, which do not meet current design or ADA standards; significant shoulder drop-offs (up to 6 inches high); safety of road crossing from restaurant to its parking lot is a concern.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Ashley is writing-up the roadway safety audit report, which will detail the findings and list recommendations to improve the safety of the corridor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMTS Trail Counting Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An online interactive map is available on the BMTS website’s Bicycle and Pedestrian page (<a href="http://www.bmtsonline.com/node/41">http://www.bmtsonline.com/node/41</a>), that displays counter locations, and monthly counts when one clicks on the counter dot.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Grand Boulevard Mini-Roundabout Study – Scott shared the results of the Grand Blvd. analysis of intersections. The following intersections were deemed feasible for min-roundabouts: Matthews St., Crestmont St., and Helen St.. Updated traffic volume data is being acquired to do further analysis of the Crary Ave. intersection, which will determine if it will be added to the list of intersections where a mini-roundabout is feasible. Scott reminded the Committee that the consultants want to finish this study by the end of 2019.</li> </ul> <p>Steven recommended designating Grand Blvd. as a Bike Boulevard. Use simple pavement markings to delineate the boulevard. Need to investigate markings used by others that created bike boulevards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front St. Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scott shared photos that he took of the Front St. Trail. The photos are posted on the Two Rivers Greenway Facebook page. Discussion took place about how to transition onto the trail and off of the trail at the south end, near Prospect Street</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Age Friendly Broome County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The initial Transportation Working Group will have its second meeting on November 21. Bill Wagner of Getthere is the Chairperson. BMTS will use the information collected from the findings and recommendations regarding transportation needs from its studies &amp; plans to assist the Working Group to develop Goals, Objectives and an Action Plan.</li> <li>○ Susan Pitely if NYSDOT did not hear back from Pam Eshbaugh regarding NYSDOT’s plans to be involved with the Working Group, so NYSDOT’s interest in doing so is unknown.</li> <li>○ Stephanie chairs the Outdoor Spaces &amp; Buildings Working Group. They listed County-owned facilities, developed a self evaluation to rate age friendliness of the facilities, organizations will comment on the survey at their December meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NYSDOT:</b> It was noted that the HAWK &amp; RRFB signal pamphlet developed by Region 9 NYSDOT will not be able to be posted online or printed to be used for educational purposes until the Main Office changes terminology to its liking.</li> </ul>	

Adjourn: 3:00 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, December 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. ***NOTE: There will be NO January 2020 meeting.***