

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS
Tim Konetchy	City of Binghamton Planning
Susan Pitely	NYSDOT
Marie Hebdon	NYSDOT
Deagon VonSwearingen	NYSDOT
Liz Woitd	BC Parks & Rec
Stephanie Brewer	BC Planning

Convene 1:35 p.m.
Minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion	Action
Roadway Needs Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Traffic Signal Studies - Binghamton</u>: Scott reported that he talked with Cyndi Paddick and found that the City does not have a list/schedule of upcoming traffic signal studies. Signal studies, as well as revisiting signals previously studied, can be requested through the City Traffic Board. Ray Standish, City Engineer, replied to Cyndi's email regarding the above and stated that he intends to continue traffic signal removal studies, and that he will revisit removal of the signal at the Conklin Ave. & Telegraph St. intersection. • <u>US Rt. 11(Kirkwood) – Pedestrian Crossing from Parking Lot to First Christian Church</u> – Stephanie B. noticed that First Christian Church's parking lot is across the road (US 11) from the church building, and asked if a midblock crossing should be designed and installed since the roadway is signed for 55 mph. Susan will follow-up with NYSDOT on this to see if there are any documented safety issues at this location. 	Susan Pitely, of NYSDOT, will check with the Site Plan Committee if there are any safety issues regarding the Rt. 11 Kirkwood parking lot.
Newspaper Articles/Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Pedestrian Crash on Brandywine Hwy. at Frederick St.</u> – On October 30th, an East Middle School student, Jariah Durgala, was struck by a car while he was crossing the Brandywine Hwy. at Frederick St.. He remains hospitalized. An email response to Cyndi Paddick from Binghamton Police Officer, Bill Lescault, stated that, <i>“Students must cross the intersection of Brandywine and Robinson to get to school. I believe this pedestrian crossed [at Frederick St.] against the light. There is no crossing guard there since this is an area predominantly industrial and crossing there would force the student to now cross Railroad tracks to get to Griswold St. That would be unsafe. If anyone crosses Brandywine and Frederick, even if the lights are red for traffic, is still dangerous. I feel this intersection should be changed to not allow pedestrian crossings at all.”</i> Scott stated that the crossing is notably used as a shortcut to get to East Middle, which also entails 	

	<p>crossing the active railroad tracks. Christine Muss had notified Scott that she will be speaking at a Safety Assembly at East Middle is scheduled for December 21. A report on the assembly will be on the January 14 Committee agenda.</p>	
<p>Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics/Educational Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Report 	
<p>Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New logo concepts were reviewed. Opinions were mixed on favorite concepts, but there was consensus that the logo design with wheels in the bridge arches was one to build upon for a final design. It was recommended that: the wheels for the bridge arches should not overlap; possibly add cyclists onto the bridge; and see if the bridge orientation could be angled to provide somewhat of a 3-D affect, looking like the bicyclists are approaching the observer of the graphic. Scott & Stephanie will work with Chris Heide to try to create a final logo design before Chris' retirement during February. 	<p>Scott & Stephanie to follow-up with Chris Heide.</p>
<p>Project Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott shared a <u>list of trail/road intersections</u> to potentially be rated using <u>Parks & Trails NY's Road & Trail Intersection Safety Rating Checklist</u>. Scott asked the Committee members to submit intersections that would be applicable to be rated, including intersections that are still in design. It was suggested to add the crossing of Murray Hill Rd. where the Rt. 434 Greenway will end and BU will extend the trail westward to Bunn Hill Road. Another suggestion was where the proposed Chugnut trail extension will cross Main St./Rt. 17C at S. Grippen Avenue. <u>BMTS Pedestrian & Bicyclist Counting Program for Two Rivers Greenway</u> BMTS received one bid in response to the RFP for permanent installations of 24/7/365 pedestrian and bicycle counters for existing sections of the Two Rivers Greenway - the company is Eco-Counter. BMTS will work with municipalities to identify at least 10 locations to install the counters. Municipal crews will need to perform installation with guidance from Eco-Counter. <u>NYS Bicycling Coalition Southern Tier Regional Bike Meeting</u> Scott will reach out to Paul Winkeller to reschedule a meeting, preferable during a weekday and normal business hours. 	<p>Scott will send the Committee the current list of intersections to be rated, and request more recommended intersections to be send to him.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Agency/Department Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	

Adjourn: 3:05 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.