

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS	Nick Cecconi	GETTHERE	Daegan VonSwearingen	NYS DOT
Susan Pitely	NYSDOT	Steven Bard	STBC	Ashley Seyfried	BMTS

Convene 1:35 p.m.

November 18 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
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: Following-up on the snow removal plan for the pedestrian crossing refuge islands, S. Pitely noted that she has been told that is a gray area of highway law. They are no different than any other median or pedestrian refuges within the region, so expect the same treatment, or lack of treatment at these. The plows clearing the intersection will be trying to leave the snow banks on the outside shoulder, not against the center median. This is also what happens at every intersection in the area, and thus even if the sidewalk was cleared there is often the snow bank to be climbed over. <p>The Committee recommended analyzing the feasibility of the City's portion of Upper Court St. to have a Road Diet, thus reducing the number of lanes from five to three, which would leave room for bike lanes (perhaps buffered or separated bike lanes) for the entire length, as well as more room for snow storage.</p> <p>New Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Bowers inquired via email if Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) signing will be installed on the new Front St. Trail, and if NYSDOT would be able to create some banners with the TRG Logo and design to place on the new lights that have been installed along that portion of the Greenway. S. Pitely responded that Two Rivers Greenway signing will be installed, but the banners would need to be done by the Town of Dickinson or another non-profit or private sector entity. 	
Newspaper Articles/Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional articles or notices. 	
Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics/Educational	<p>2020 Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine provided the following information via email: As far as 2020 programming, we plan to create and distribute our bike/pedestrian safety posters again but this time to the 	

<p>Outreach</p>	<p>day care centers. For the last few years, we've sent them to the elementary schools. We are also going to try to implement the NY Bicycling Coalition's Bike/Ped Physical Education Curriculum into one elementary school. Last year, we tried it with Deposit. On that note, I learned about a similar program at the Highway Safety Symposium from NC. Let's Go NC! https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/safety/lets-go-nc/Pages/default.aspx It's really quite good and I think easier to understand than NY's curriculum. It also includes the educational requirements that it fulfills. Still unsure what I'm going to do with this but I'd love a way to merge these two curriculums and get them into the schools...but unsure how to do that yet. Maybe I can get some thoughts from the committee at some point.</p> <p>Also, Steven Bard has resigned from the Traffic Safety Board so I am in need of a new bike/ped representative if you know anyone who might be interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott thanked Steven Bard for his years of service on the County's Traffic Safety Board. 	
<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 stated that there is nothing new to report on. A Bridge Pedal planning meeting will be scheduled for February. 	<p>Follow-up with Bill Lescault about finding someone to take his place next year. Committee members to email Scott (sreigle@co.broome.ny.us) with bike ride route and ride stop ideas. Plan February planning meeting.</p>
<p>Reports & Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPORT – OPEN HOUSE: Johnson City Rail Trail - Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00-7:30pm at Century Sunrise apartments (135 Baldwin St., JC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The meeting was well attended, with much participation facilitated through interactive stations. The purpose was to introduce the public to the concept of the JC Rail Trail and to gain input on how the public would like the trail to be designed. ○ Consultants will complete the feasibility study and then work on steps toward implementation. A major piece of the project is the railway acquisition. This will continue to be a Committee agenda item to follow-up on the project's progress. 	
<p>Project/Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State St. Gateway Project: Scott reported that the traffic signals are now installed and operating, including the new HAWK signal for the pedestrian crossing that also serves as an emergency vehicle egress. Pedestrians interacting with emergency vehicles at that crossing is still a concern. More public education about the HAWK signal and RRFB 	

	<p>signals is needed. The NYSDOT pamphlet for both is not available for distribution until NYSDOT reviews and makes changes to it. BMTS will look to use its website and social media to provide educational material to the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMTS Town of Maine – NY 26 Bike/Pedestrian Study. Ashley will send out a draft of the Study for Committee comment. • The Grand Boulevard Mini-Roundabout Study – Scott shared that a traffic count was completed for 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. • Age Friendly Broome County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The initial Transportation Working Group will have its third meeting on December 12. A draft of the Action Plan for Transportation is being developed. 	
<p>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSDOT: A public hearing for the Route 434 Greenway Phase 2 project will be scheduled for late January. 	

Adjourn: 3:00 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. ***NOTE: There will be NO January 2020 meeting.***