

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:01 a.m.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Legislator Michael Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Commissioner Matthew Driscoll, NYSDOT, *represented by Jack Williams, Region 9*
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County, *represented by Kevin McManus*
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott, *represented by Martin Shaw*
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union, *represented by Robert Mack*
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development, *represented by Sabina Mora*
- Jennifer Gregory, STERPDB

Members Absent

- Mayor Steven May, Village of Owego

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Jillian Newby, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 22, 2016, MEETING

Robert Mack motioned to approve the minutes; Mayor Deemie seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair, Mike Marinaccio opened the floor for comment. There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Resolution 2017-01; Approving the 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets.

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, reviewed the program. A consultant will be hired to conduct a household survey, as the prior one is 10 years old. John Sterbentz, BMTS, uses the data for modeling.

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the resolution; Jen Gregory seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2017-02; Approving the 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program Staffing Plan

Jenn Yonkoski reported the Staffing Plan is adopted to carry out the work plan; the structure has not changed.

Robert Mack motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Castellucci seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Public Participation Plan Update

Resolution 2017-03; Approving the updated BMTS Public Participation Plan

Cassandra Gascon, BMTS, reported on the resolution for the plan update; there are no major changes, social media and internet base has been added.

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Schaffer seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Limited English Proficiency Plan Update

Resolution 2017-04; Approving the updated BMTS Limited English Proficiency Plan

Cassandra Gascon reported this is not a major overhaul of the last plan. The census data has been updated, the public notice statement is now bilingual, and translation and language identification flashcards are now being used.

Representative Roberts motioned to approve the resolution; Kevin McManus seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

2017 – 2021 TIP Amendments

Resolution 2017-05; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – PIN 903824 Rte. 434 preventive maintenance project to resurface 10.1 lane miles from the city of Binghamton line to State Street. Increase construction and construction inspection

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, reported on the amending of the Route 434 resurfacing project; the construction costs were increased due to construction inspection and superelevation correction. The project is on the Vestal Parkway encompassing the four lane section along the river.

Mayor David motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Deemie seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- Resolution 2017-06; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – ADDITION OF NEW PROJECT, PIN 90PS01 NYSDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan projects.

Pam Eshbaugh reported this is a statewide project to improve pedestrian safety in urban areas, which will include installing signs, pavement markers, etc. At this point, no specific areas are identified.

Kevin McManus motioned to approve the resolution; Jen Gregory seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- Resolution 2017-07; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – ADDITION OF NEW PROJECT, PIN 921330 Rte. 79 over Chenango River.

Pam Eshbaugh reported this project is being added to the TIP. The deficient structure carrying Route 79 over the Chenango River in the towns of Barker and Fenton will be replaced using a new alignment.

Supervisor Schaffer motioned to approve the resolution; Representative Roberts seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- Resolution 2017-08; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – ADDITION OF TWO BRIDGE NY PROJECTS, PIN 975444 and PIN 975446 Country Club road over Patterson Creek & Juneberry Road over Big Choconut Creek.

Pam Eshbaugh reported these projects are being added to the TIP using statewide funds; replacing deficient structures in the town of Union and town of Vestal.

Robert Mack motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Deemie seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- Resolution 2017-11; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – PIN 904265 Preventive Maintenance resurfacing project along Rte. 26 within multiple municipalities.

Pam Eshbaugh reported this project is already on the TIP; the funds are out of the paving block, but there is a need to increase funds due to another PIN merged into this project.

Jen Gregory motioned to approve the resolution; Kevin McManus seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- Resolution 2017-12; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – PINs 982116 and 982117, addition of FTA Section 5339 FFY15 and FFY16 funds.

Jenn Yonkoski reported this will add funds to the current TIP for BC Transit to purchase new busses.

Kevin McManus motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Kniffen seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**THE FOLLOWING TWO RESOLUTIONS ARE OUT OF NUMERICAL ORDER BASED ON THE POTENTIAL LENGTH OF DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOPICS DURING THE MEETING*

- Resolution 2017-09; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – ADDITION OF NEW PROJECT, PIN 903826 Rte. 434 Greenway; Pennsylvania Ave. to Murray Hill Road.

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, reported this resolution is related to the Greenway that has been highly desired for a long time and not included as a specific project funded in the Governor's budget.

Jennifer Gregory, STERPDB, asked Mr. Williams about the phase progression of the Greenway. Jack replied that the full development will cover from Bunn Hill Road to downtown Binghamton. The scope of project will join other greenway assets.

Supervisor Schaffer, Vestal, discussed parking concerns. Mr. Williams stated that the NYSDOT is aware of these concerns. The Project Manager has been enlisted to meet with Vestal and Binghamton University to determine feasible parking areas.

Mayor David thanked Mr. Williams, stating that Binghamton is fully supporting this project and they are pleased to partner with the DOT.

Sabina Mora, NYS Department of Economic Development representative, stated that this project is aligned with ESD's 5 year strategic plan of projects that complement the quality of life.

Jillian Newby, NYSDOT, gave a presentation of the Greenway (PowerPoint attached).

Letters will be sent out to local officials regarding the public meetings.

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Snopek seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- Resolution 2017-10; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – ADDITION OF NEW PROJECT, PIN 90380A Rte. 363 & 434 Binghamton Gateway Project.

Pam Eshbaugh distributed a map of the study area.

Jack Williams stated the NYSDOT has asked their consultant engineer to develop feasible alternatives to consider. Traffic will be analyzed at peak traffic times and NYSDOT will collaborate with the city of Binghamton. A public information meeting will be held in early June.

Mayor David motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Deemie seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

Printing of BMTS documents

Jenn Yonkoski polled the committee to see if printed copies are still required of BMTS documents, or if on-line copies will suffice. It was decided that Jenn will have some printed copies at the meetings.

I-81 Pedestrian Bridge

Pam Eshbaugh spoke about the pedestrian bridge study. The results and other documents can be found online at: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/i81pedestrianbridge/outreach>

Jack Williams relayed that at the Public Information meeting, the results were presented at an early juncture, so Supervisor Marinaccio could attempt to secure funds from alternate sources to replace the bridge. NYSDOT has committed to maintain the bridge by addressing minor/moderate repairs to maintain its safety, and will keep the bridge maintained until a time when the repairs become too large and it is no longer feasible to maintain and replacement is needed.

Transportation Alternatives Award

Pam Eshbaugh reported that the soliciting was done last fall. Award announcements are imminent.

Local and NYSDOT Project Updates

Jack Williams reported that the Prospect Mountain Project will hold their “Get Started Meeting” for public officials and emergency services on March 23, 2017.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No additional business was offered.

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for June 8, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. An announcement will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Deemie; it was seconded by Jen Gregory. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.