

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
June 16, 2015
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Bennett at 1:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Pamela Eshbaugh, RPPM NYSDOT Region 9
Robert Bennett, Village of Johnson City Public Works
Gary Campo, Town of Vestal Engineer
Gary Hammond, Tioga County
Dan Schofield, Broome County DPW
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning (representing Elaine Miller)
Gregory Kilmer, Broome County Public Transportation
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott
Terry Kellogg, City of Binghamton DPW
Debra Standinger, Town of Owego
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning
Lou Caforio, Town of Union
Richard Perkins, Engineering City of Binghamton

Others Present:

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS Central Staff – Intern
Leslie Boulton, Broome County DPW
Ron Coleman, NYSDOT RPPMO
Rich Rooney, McFarland Johnson

- Approval of minutes from February 12, 2015 meeting. Motion made by L. Caforio, seconded by G. Campo. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution 2015-06, Transportation Improvement Program Amendment FTA 5310 Funds

Scott discussed new application process for funding. Still waiting for website log-in to get onto the application system to begin reviewing applications. After being able to look at the applications, the projects will be ranked and a ballot can be sent to vote on the projects for funding approval. Because of the short period of time, an email ballot will be sent to Committee members once the ranking and rating has been completed.

- Resolution 2015-07, Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.** Pam discussed the packet committee members received. Modification- Front St. Gateway moving from FFY 15 to FFY 16. Modification- Windsor- Safe Routes to School Project moving from FFY 15 to FFY 16. Amendment-2015-07 I-81 NB and SB bridges over Loughlin Road moving from FFY 2015 to FFY 2016. Amendment- Specialty Pavement Markings. Pavement painting cycle is switching from three to two year cycles on pavement markings. Long lines will be done every year and crosswalks every four years. Modification- I-81 over 990g. CI going from FFY 15 to FFY 16. Motion to approve E. Jardine, seconded by G. Kilmer and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Complete streets updates. S. Reigle gave an update on the BMTS Complete Streets Policy. BMTS is working on its complete streets policy using the format from a complete streets policy in Indiana. State DOT's complete streets checklist will be out soon and that will also be incorporated. A draft will be out for review soon.
- City of Binghamton Parking Study. C. Paddick reported that BMTS and City of Binghamton have selected the consultant for the parking study. The consultant and BMTS had a meeting with stakeholders, business community, arena staff, juror's pool, Binghamton University, LAZ Parking to talk about concerns and problems that exist for them and their clients. There is a public meeting today (June 16th) from 4:30 to 6:30 in the Metrocenter for anyone to voice concerns or leave comments. A parking survey is available online to get community opinions on parking- survey will be available through the fall. Consultants will be back in the fall when college students return to complete the study. In the end, consultants will be able to provide recommendations for solving parking issues.
- Two rivers Greenway Signing Plan Update. G. Campo gave an update on the Two Rivers Greenway signage project. All municipalities who will have signs are getting a mock-up of what the signs will look like. There are 70 or 80 signs being distributed in 9

municipalities. Graphics for the signs are almost done, it's just a matter of finishing up right-of-way issues then bid packages are ready to go out. Construction expected this fall.

☑ NYSDOT Update. Discussion of various NYSDOT projects. PS&E set for July. 17c Endwell Bridge is waiting for FEMA funding. List of local projects handed out and there was no discussion on its contents.

☑ Long Range Plan 2040 Update. C. Paddick passed out the schedule for the Long Range Plan Update.

Schedule is as follows

- June 16th - Kick off with Planning Committee
- June 22nd – Press Release Long Range Plan, Survey on Web site
- June 24th – Public Input B.C. Senior Picnic
- June 25th – Kick off with Policy Committee
- 3 Evening open houses
 - July 7th Owego
 - July 8th Binghamton University
 - July 9th Town of Dickinson
- Aug 14th Draft Plan Completed
- Review Period Aug 14th – Sept 11th
- Planning Committee Approval – Week of September 21st
- Policy Committee Approval - Week of September 28th

Paddick explained that BMTS is holding public input meetings and open houses all over the area to engage the public as much as possible. Help in promotion of the plan will be appreciated.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

There was no business offered from the floor.

Motion to adjourn was made by G. Campo, seconded by R.