

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
December 3, 2015
MINUTES

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

OPENING

- Roll Call

Members Present:

Robert Bennett, Village of Johnson City Public Services
Gary Campo, Town of Vestal Engineer
Gary Hammond, Tioga County
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning
Lou Caforio, Town of Union
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango
Ray Standish, 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
Tom Sullivan, BMTS Central Staff
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS Central Staff – Intern
Leslie Boulton, Broome County DPW
Brendan O’Bryan, Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce
Rich Rooney, McFarland Johnson
Ron Coleman, NYSDOT RPPMO

- Approval of minutes from September 24, 2015 meeting. Motion made by G. Campo, seconded by R. Standish. Approved by consensus.
- Certificates of recognition were presented to Cyndi Paddick, Gary Campo, Ken DelBianco, and Gary Holmes thanking them for their service and dedication to the Planning Committee and congratulating them on their retirement.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment.

ACTION ITEMS:

- TIP Amendment, Resolution 2015-10- correct version of amendment was sent out and discussed. Motion to approve from R. Standish, seconded by F. Evangelisti. Approved by consensus.
- Administrative Modifications- Changes that move funding to the next fiscal year are discussed. Administrative modifications were approved by the TIP Subcommittee.
- Election of a new vice-Chair due to Gary Campo retiring. The Board nominated the incoming Town of Vestal Engineer, Vern Myers. Motion to approve by B. Bennett, seconded by L. Caforio. Approved by consensus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/UPDATES:

- Draft Unified Operations Plan- C. Paddick detailed the marked up copy of the draft UOP that is passed around. The edits were mainly a matter of cleaning up the plan to make it clearer and more understandable. Two biggest changes were voting procedures and changing requirements for what comprises a TIP Amendment or Modification. J. Yonkoski detailed these changes. Changes to voting procedures include changing to a majority plus one instead of requiring everyone to provide consensus. The Program and Finance subcommittee decision making process is also changed to majority plus one vote for consensus. Attendance changes for members include: if a member misses three consecutive meetings and does not send a representative, they can be replaced (policy committee) or if a member misses three consecutive meetings, the Policy Committee Chair can change their status to non-voting (planning committee). Membership changes consisted of adding the Town of Windsor and Town of Binghamton to membership and removing the Commissioner of Aviation and EMC as non-voting members. Additionally, the term “municipality” will be changed to “member” so that it includes members who do not represent a municipality. Two new non-voting positions are proposed- Broome County and Tioga County Health Department Directors or a designee. E. Jardine suggests that Rural Health Network of CNY might be useful instead of Tioga County Health Department. Lastly, J. Yonkoski detailed the changes made to TIP Amendment and Modification determinations. Aimed at making small changes easier and quicker to make. Cyndi offers her resolution for these changes. R. Standish motions to approve and E. Jardine seconds. Approved by consensus.
- City of Binghamton Parking Study- C. Paddick gave brief update on the study. There have been a few glitches in the study- the main one being that the Collier Street ramp is now closed. Final report should come out in February. Data that has been put together and preliminary suggestions have been made. The results show so far that there is a lot of parking downtown, but it’s not necessarily located where the demand is. Also mentioned

is the lack of consistency for parking meters and the possibility of adding some on-street parking in certain places. Formal recommendations are still to come.

- ☑ TIP Update – The 2017-2021 TIP has to be approved in June 2016. Call letter for projects will be sent in the following week by C. Paddick and they will be due around the middle of January.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

- ☑ E. Jardine discusses a mobility management project that she plans to apply for funding for from STP Flex funds.
- ☑ An outline comparing MAP-21 to the FAST Act was distributed for informational purposes.

Motion to adjourn made by G. Campo, and seconded by R. Standish. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.