

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE

June 2, 2016

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

Vernon Myers, Town of Vestal Engineer

Terry Kellogg, City of Binghamton Public Works

Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning

Dan Schofield, *represented by Leslie Boulton*, BC Deputy Commissioner DPW

Greg Kilmer, Broome County Public Transportation

Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning

Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works

Ray Standish, City of Binghamton

Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott

Alex Urda, Town of Chenango Engineer

Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson

Grodon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood

Lou Caforio, Town of Union Public Works

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning

Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff

John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff

Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff

Cassandra Gascon, BMTS Central Staff

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff

Ron Coleman, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning

Scott Vergason, NYSDOT Region 9

Brendan O'Bryan, Binghamton Chamber of Commerce

Christopher Ryan, Broome County Health Department

Mary McFadden, Broome County Health Department

- ✓ Approval of minutes from March 3, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Ray Standish, seconded by Ron Lake. Approved by consensus.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- ✓ NONE

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **Unified Operations Plan Update**

J. Yonkoski did research following the last meeting on what other MPOs do in terms of having and maintaining voting members/non-voting members. TIP subcommittee has reviewed and made one suggestion: move four proposed rotating voting members to advisory members list. There were no questions from the floor.

- ☑ Resolution 2016-05, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Unified Operations Plan as amended by the TIP subcommittee recommendation

Motion: L. Caforio, second G. Hammond. Approved by consensus.

### **2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

J. Yonkoski gave an update on TIP details. P. Eshbaugh talked about some slight changes that have been made in light of some new information/comments. No further discussion.

- ☑ Resolution 2016-07, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the draft 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion: R. Standish, second P. Eshbaugh. Approved by consensus.

J. Yonkoski detailed the proposed addition to the draft 2017-2021 TIP. She explained that there was a funding change for some of the NYSDOT projects that wasn't originally included in the draft document and that is why the amendment is necessary.

- ☑ Resolution 2016-08, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program including the addition of the subject project upon completion of a 14-day public review period, assuming that the public comments can be addressed and that the majority of the public comments received will support this project and its funding.

Motion: R. Standish, second G. Kilmer. Approved by consensus.

### **2016-2017 BMTS Central Staff Staffing Plan**

A proposed change in grade and salary from BMTS account clerk to senior account clerk was discussed briefly by R. Bennett and J. Yonkoski. The Committee was also briefed on personnel changes at BMTS. Program and Finance Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended approval.

- ☑ Resolution 2016-09, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2016-2017 BMTS Central Staff Staffing Plan] Change title of position from Account Clerk to Senior Account Clerk.

Motion: R Standish, second G. Hammond. Approved by consensus.

### **BMTS Complete Streets Policy**

Brief presentation by S. Reigle about the policy. Has been reviewed by the complete streets subcommittee and the BMTS bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee. Guest presentation done by C. Ryan from the County Health Department.

- ☑ Resolution 2016-10, Accepting the BMTS' Complete Streets Policy as complete.

Motion: R. Standish, second R. Lake. Approved by consensus.

### **Unwarranted Traffic Signal Study**

J. Yonkoski explained the study and made one change based on comments received to add a sentence to define the acronym, OWSC, within the document. No comments provided from the floor.

- ☑ Resolution 2016-11, Accepting the City of Binghamton Unwarranted Traffic Signal Study as complete including the amendment proposed by J. Yonkoski

Motion: R. Standish, second T. Kellogg. Approved by consensus.

### **Downtown Binghamton Comprehensive Parking Mgmt. Study and Strategic Plan**

The plan has been completed. City of Binghamton will be making changes based on the study's recommendations in the near future.

- ☑ Resolution 2016-012, Accepting the Downtown Binghamton Comprehensive Parking Management Study and Strategic Plan as complete.

Motion: R. Standish, second R. Lake. Approved by consensus.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS/UPDATES:**

#### ✓ **Two Rivers Greenway Signage Project**

V. Myers updated the committee on the status of the project. It was awarded to Procon on 5/11. Consultant inspection was awarded to Delta engineers at the same meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> shop drawings are complete. If any municipality wishes to see them, contact Vern. Construction should start in July and the signs should be up within this year.

#### ✓ **NYSDOT Budget Update**

P. Eshbaugh discussed the new 5-year NYS budget. The budget consists of \$21.1 billion with \$11.9 billion for local construction. CHIPS funding was approved at \$438 million and Marchiselli funding was also approved. Pave NY and Bridge NY are two programs within the budget that will provide \$ to the local municipalities through a competitive selection process, once the MOU is signed.

#### ✓ **Local and NYSDOT Project Updates**

R. Coleman discussed the list of local projects for the BMTS area. No Discussion from the floor.

#### ✓ **NYSDOT Municipal Lighting Contract Update**

S. Vergason gave an update on lighting agreements with several municipalities. NYSDOT Region 9 has committed \$200K this year to begin fixing the lights that the local municipalities have determined to be a priority. He stated that Rt. 201 will be

their 1<sup>st</sup> location and they will see how far the \$200K goes once the assessment of repairs is completed. Once the light is in working order, the municipality will sign the agreement to maintain the lights for a 10-year period.

**BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR**

NONE

Motion to adjourn made by R. Standish, and seconded by G. Hammond. Meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.