

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
September 8th, 2016  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Vern Myers at 1:30pm.

**OPENING**

- ✓ Roll Call

Members Present:

Vernon Myers, Town of Vestal Engineer  
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning  
Dan Schofield, *represented by Tom Sullivan*, 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  
Brian Coddington, Town of Conklin  
Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson  
Ray Coolbaugh, Town of Kirkwood  
Lou Caforio, Town of Union Public Works  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning

Advisory Members Present:

Lisa McCafferty, Tioga County Health Department

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

- ✓ Approval of minutes from June 2nd, 2016 meeting. Motion made by R. Lake, seconded by R. Standish. Approved by consensus.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- ✓ A representative from a local engineering firm (GPI) that recently opened an office in Binghamton came to the meeting to introduce himself because the projects his firm works on relate to the municipalities that participate on the committee.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

TIP subcommittee approved. P. Eshbaugh told the Committee that the project is 100% HSIP funded so there is no local match. The project will look at Main Street in the City of Binghamton from Front Street to the Johnson City line and will include a study and implementation of recommendations to improve safety along the corridor for all users.

- ✓ Resolution 2016-15, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, City of Binghamton – Main Street Corridor Study, HSIP

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

TIP Subcommittee approved. P. Eshbaugh stated this is a NYSDOT Main Office funded HSIP study. The study will provide the region with short, medium and long term scenarios of signal phase/timing modeling in order to reduce accidents within the Vestal Parkway corridor traffic signal system, in the town of Vestal. The total cost will be \$150,000.

- ✓ Resolution 2016-16, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, NYSDOT – Rt. 434 Corridor Study, HSIP

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS/UPDATES:**

### ✓ **Interactive BMTS Maps**

J. Yonkoski explained the new interactive maps on the BMTS website. The maps show the location and status of different TIP projects. When you click the project you can see different details about it and get a bird's eye view.

### ✓ **Pavement Maintenance Study Follow-up**

C. Gascon discussed Pavement Maintenance survey that will be distributed to municipalities in early October. The survey helps BMTS understand how local municipalities manage pavement preventive maintenance.

### ✓ **BC Transit Route Study Survey Satisfaction Survey Results**

G. Kilmer detailed survey results from survey administered on busses by the consultant that was hired to do a route study and follow up for BC Transit. Most survey responses met or exceeded BC Transit's acceptable level of satisfaction. Main action item from the survey is an app that will allow people to see where their bus is on their phone while waiting at a stop.

✓ **Transportation Alternatives solicitation**

P. Eshbaugh discussed training schedule handout related to the Transportation Alternatives solicitation. You must attend one of the trainings in order to apply for funding. 66 million dollars are available with TAP. Question and answer page available on website where you can ask a question and it will be posted with an answer. Small discussion of website and online application follows.

✓ **Bridge NY and Pave NY**

P. Eshbaugh detailed the program's standards. She encouraged any municipality to apply if they can. It's a new program.

✓ **Local and NYSDOT Project Updates**

P. Eshbaugh went through the handout of the list of local projects. She asks that people send the final bills for projects to her so she can close the projects out. A lot of the projects on the list are completed but are waiting for the final paperwork in order to officially close the project.

**BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Standish, and seconded by T. Sullivan. Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.