

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE

June 1st, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bennett at 1:34pm.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Robert Bennett, Village of Johnson City Public Services  
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning  
Greg Kilmer, Broome County Public Transportation  
Leslie Boulton, Broome County Public Works (represented by Tom Sullivan)  
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works  
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning (represented by Brittany Woodburn)  
Terry Kellogg, City of Binghamton Public Works  
Ray Standish, City of Binghamton Engineer  
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango  
Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson Engineer  
Lou Caforio, Town of Union Public Works  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Brian Baker, NTRPDC  
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott

Advisory Members Present:

Lisa McCafferty, Tioga County Public 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  
James Woods, BMTS Intern  
Rich Rooney, McFarland Johnson

- ✓ Approval of minutes from February 23rd, 2017 meeting. Motion made by R. Lake, seconded by G. Kilmer. Approved by consensus.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**2017-2021 TIP Amendment**

P. Eshbaugh explained that NYSOT has both a guiderail and ditch contract with separate funds allocated towards each but Broome County has many guiderail needs and only a few ditch needs this year. Thus, the amendment will move some unneeded ditch funds (\$500,000) to support guiderail contracts. No discussion followed.

- ✓ Resolution 2017-13, Recommending Policy Committee approval of amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program], PIN 9TGD18 Guide Rail Requirements Contract, increase C & CI phases  
Motion: L. Caforio, Second G. Hammond. Approved by consensus.

### **2017-2021 TIP Amendment**

P. Eshbaugh explained that the purpose of this amendment is to improve pedestrian safety by adding sidewalks to six locations on 434 in Vestal. Will add sidewalks to places where they are needed and where no right-of-way acquisition is required. No discussion followed.

- ✓ Resolution 2017-14, Recommending Policy Committee approval of amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program], PIN 903823 Rt. 434, Vestal Parkway Pedestrian Mobility Enhancements, move letting and increase DD, C, & CI phases  
Motion: R. Standish, Second G. Kilmer. Approved by consensus.

### **2017-2021 TIP Amendment**

P. Eshbaugh stated that two Transportation Alternatives Program projects were awarded in the urban area. They now need to be added to the TIP. No discussion followed.

- ✓ Resolution 2017-15, Recommending Policy Committee approval of amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program] ADDITION OF TWO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECTS, PIN 900940 Farm to Market Pedestrian Improvements Project and PIN 900943 Vestal High School Pedestrian Improvements Project  
Motion: R. Standish, Second T. Sullivan. Approved by consensus

### **2017-2021 TIP Amendment**

J. Yonkoski detailed that this amendment for transit funding will move funds from the old TIP to the new TIP. By doing so, BC Transit can use the funds for bus purchases. Amendment also includes adding some additional funds given by the state.

- ✓ Resolution 2017-16, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program], PIN 982115, moving FTA Section 5339 FFY14 funds to the current TIP and increasing the dollar amount.  
Motion: G. Kilmer, Second F. Evangelist. Approved by consensus.

### **2017-2021 TIP Amendment**

J. Yonkoski explained that the City of Binghamton needs more money for the Hawley/State intersection project in order to replace the emergency signal for the fire station. While they are working in that area, they are also going to fit in another small project. Both projects require a total of \$65,000 more to complete. Money comes from signal block funds.

- ✓ Resolution 2017-19, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program], PIN 900936, increase C & CI funds  
Motion: R. Standish, Second R. Lake. Approved by consensus.

### **Unified Operations Plan**

J. Yonkoski detailed that based on experiences in the past year, there are some proposed changes for the UOP which will help operations run smoother in the future. The changes are:

- Delete some municipalities that are currently listed because there are no actual representatives from those municipalities who could join the committee.
  - Amend what is considered a minor amendment in order to avoid bringing so many amendments to the committee. This includes amendments which fix clerical errors, amendments which provide an increase of \$50,000 or less to any project phase, and amendments for the programming of a NYSDOT sponsored project from a block of money.
  - Add TIP subcommittee action- combining projects two or more projects for letting purposes when there is no dollar amount change, ex. programming locally sponsored project from a block of money.
- ✓ Resolution 2017-17, Recommending Policy Committee approval of amendments to the Unified Operations Plan.

Motion: F. Evangelist, Second T. Sullivan. Approved by consensus.

### **Unwarranted Traffic Signal Study- Village of Endicott**

C. Paddick detailed the completed study, including the recommendations for the Village. In order to determine if a signal is unwarranted, accidents, traffic volumes and sight distance are considered, among other things. There were a few signals which were recommended for removal, but more recommendations were made for four way stops or signal retiming.

Discussion followed between C. Paddick and G. Kilmer about how removing some signals would improve bus travel times but its concerning for pedestrians who cross the street midblock or rely on signals to cross. F. Evangelisti suggested that for the signals which are recommended for removal or for replacement with stop signs, bulb outs should be constructed to make crossing the street safer and easier. It is suggested to amend the traffic study to include a narrative that includes these suggestions for pedestrian improvements at intersections where signals are removed or replaced with stop signs.

- ✓ Resolution 2017-18, Accepting the Village of Endicott Unwarranted Traffic Signal Study as complete.

Motion to amend: R. Standish, Second G. Kilmer. Approved by consensus.

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

#### ✓ **ADA Transition Plan- City of Binghamton Pilot Project**

C. Gascon presented the initial findings of the data collection done for the ADA Transition Plan, including maps and tables. There is still some data left to be collected, but the plan is expected to be finished mid-June.

#### ✓ **Local Project Updates**

P. Eshbaugh distributed the local projects sheet and directed anyone with questions to email Ron Coleman, who could not attend the meeting.

**BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR**

J. Yonkoski asked P. Eshbaugh the status of the public outreach for the Route 363 and 434 projects. P. Eshbaugh responded that the outreach for 363 is on schedule, while the public outreach for the 434 greenway project has been delayed about a month due to staff illness.

J. Yonkoski gave an update on the TIP process. The next TIP update will be done on a 3-year cycle so it will be adopted in 2019 and cover FFY2020 - 2024.

The next meeting will be on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Standish, seconded by G. Hammond.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.