

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
September 7th, 2017
MINUTES

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

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Robert Bennett, Chair, 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
Bill Barber, City of Binghamton Public Works
Ray Standish, City of Binghamton Engineer
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango
Brian Coddington, Town of Conklin
Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson Engineer
Deb Standinger, Town of Owego
Lou Caforio, Town of Union Public Works
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning

Advisory Members Present:

Rebecca Kaufman, Broome County Health Department

Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
Jack Williams, NYSDOT Region 9
Drew Newby, NYSDOT Region 9
Ron Romanosky, NYSDOT Region 9
Ron Coleman, NYSDOT Region 9

- ✓ Approval of minutes from June 1st, 2017 meeting. Motion made by G. Kilmer, seconded by R. Lake. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

NYSDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures

J. Yonkoski stated that MAP-21 and the FAST Act requires that State DOTs and MPOs adopt safety target performance standards related to number and rate of fatalities, number and rate of serious injuries, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. MPOs can either adopt the state's targets or adopt its own targets. All New York MPOs have decided to adopt NYSDOT's targets at this time. Ms. Yonkoski presented NYSDOT's targets and requested that the committee adopt them. Ms. Yonkoski noted that projects programmed on the TIP should be selected to help meet the targets.

R. Lake asked why some safety targets are higher than the forecast. Ms. Yonkoski stated that targets may be greater than the baseline but are less than average.

- ✓ Resolution 2017-20, Recommending Policy Committee support the NYSDOT Statewide Safety Target Performance Standards

R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-20, R. Lake seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES:

- Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program: BC Transit has received \$1.898M in funding under Governor Cuomo's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program. Although this program is using 100% State funds, the state has requested that any projects funded under these programs be included on the TIP for informational purposes. The money will be used to purchase 30 new bus shelters and 8 new diesel buses. Mr. Kilmer stated that he will be reaching out to municipalities for assistance in the design and installation of the shelters. He indicated that more shelters could be funded if municipalities undertake site work necessary for shelter installation.
- Accelerated Transit Capital Program: BC Transit has received \$0.367M in funding under Governor Cuomo's Accelerated Transit Capital Program. The money will be used to purchase 2-cutaway 28 passenger commuter buses. This is also 100% State funds and will be added to the TIP for informational purposes.
- ADA Transition Plans: J. Yonkoski provided an overview of BMTS' progress on ADA transitions plans. All data has been collected and text updates are being done now for Vestal and Union. BMTS will begin collecting data for Johnson City's plan next. R. Standish noted that plans must be constantly updated to reflect changes in the field.
- PSAP Local Call for Projects: J. Yonkoski stated that the call for local projects will likely be sent out in October with applications due in February. Region 9 will be allocated 1.3 million dollars in funding for improvements as defined in state's safety pedestrian action plan. Ms. Yonkoski referred to the committee's packet which included a map of routes that are not eligible for this funding. She stated that projects must be within the green

boundaries delineated on the map and not on routes shown in red. She stated that the county could sponsor multiple projects on behalf of municipalities.

- TIP Subcommittee Actions

P. Eshbaugh explained that TIP modifications approved by the TIP subcommittee were necessary for 'clean up' of the STIP and primarily involved moving funding for projects from 2017 that have not been completed to 2018. She stated that the modifications do not include changes to costs but only changes to project phasing.

- Local Project Updates

P. Eshbaugh provided a handout of local projects.

- Rt. 363 Gateway Project

D. Newby provided an overview of project. The project encompasses Route 363 from Court Street to Washington Street and includes the possible reconstruction of Susquehanna Street and other local streets. Newby noted that the project is included in the City's 2014 Comprehensive Plan, the LWRP, and the Community Rising Plan. He stated that the project will be funded through Governor Cuomo's 59 million dollar set aside for the 434 and 363 corridors. Goals and objectives for the project include increasing safety for bikes and pedestrians, creating a gateway into downtown, improving connections to the riverfront and downtown, addressing deficiencies along the corridor, and improving visual access to river. Currently there are no bike or pedestrian accommodations along 363. Mr. Newby stated that this project would link to the 434 Greenway at Washington Street and proposed sidewalks along 363 would connect to the existing network of sidewalks. Project alternatives were presented. Mr. Newby stated that traffic modeling/analysis was underway, with assistance from BMTS, and that any alternatives that would result in adverse traffic impacts will be rejected. Mr. Newby stated a public meeting is planned for October at McArthur School.

F. Evangelisti asked if the flood walls would be relocated. Mr. Newby stated that flood wall relocation is out of the scope of this project but that the roadway of 363 could possibly be elevated above the flood wall to create visual access to the river. DOT will be coordinating with the DEC, the Army Corps of Engineers and the City as the project progresses.

J. Yonkoski asked if the Northshore Susquehanna River Trail was progressing. R. Standish stated that work on the trail will not be proceeding this season due to continued review by the Army Corps on the proposed levee crossing.

- Rt. 434 Greenway Project – Pennsylvania Ave. to Murray Hill Rd.

P. Eshbaugh provided a schedule update. Neighborhood outreach is underway and two public meetings, one in Binghamton and one in Vestal, are planned for late November. J. Williams stated that DOT is in the process of reaching out to residential and commercial property owners who would be most impacted in advance of the public meetings. He stated that DOT has been working on realignments of the greenway where possible to reduce impacts to property owners.

The next meeting will be on December 7th, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Standish, seconded by R. Lake.
Meeting adjourned at 2:21pm.