

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bennett at 1:32 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Robert Bennett, Chair, Village of Johnson City Public Services  
Vernon Myers, Vice-Chair, Town of Vestal  
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning  
Greg Kilmer, Broome County Public Transportation  
Tom Sullivan, for L. Boulton, Broome County Public Works  
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works  
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning  
Ray Standish, City of Binghamton Engineer  
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Lou Caforio, Town of Union  
Brian Coddington, Town of Conklin  
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango  
Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson

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  
Rich Rooney, McFarland Johnson  
Scott Faulkner, McFarland Johnson  
Ron Coleman, NSDOT Region 9  
Katie Mangan, NYSDOT Region 9  
Amy Williamson, NYSDOT Region 9

- Approval of minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting. Motion made by L. Caforio, seconded by G. Kilmer. Approved by consensus.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rich Rooney will be relocating at the end of the month but will still be with McFarland Johnson. Scott Faulkner will attend meetings on behalf of McFarland Johnson.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Tip Amendments**

J. Yonkoski provided overview of the FAST Act and the need for the proposed amendments to ensure that the MPO is programming projects that help meet that NYSDOT Performance Measures that were adopted by the Policy Committee.

- ✓ Resolution 2018-08, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft Performance Management Agreement between BMTS, NYSDOT, and BC Transit

R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-08, T. Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

- ✓ Resolution 2018-09, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

G. Kilmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09, R. Standish seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES:**

### **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives Program solicitation. A required grantee workshop is scheduled for June 8th. Contact Dave McEwan if you plan to file an application. Final application deadline is August 16th. June 28<sup>th</sup> is the pre-application deadline. BMTS is available to assist. P. Eshbaugh stated that NYSDOT highly recommends filing a pre-application.

### **iDistricts - Broome County Planning**

F. Evangelisti discussed the County's iDistrict initiative. The initiative made available \$20 million from the Greater Binghamton Fund for projects in downtown Endicott and Binghamton. Local review of applications for funding has been completed. It is anticipated that the State will announcement grant awards in June.

### **Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan Update**

S. Reigle stated that the purpose of the update was to identify gaps in transportation services for Broome and Tioga Counties. Public outreach efforts for the update are currently underway. Staff has prepared online surveys for the public and for public transit/human service providers. So far 62 members of the public have taken the public survey and 15 providers have taken the provider survey. Staff will be attending several upcoming events in June, including the Senior Picnic, to increase public participation.

### **Traffic Counting Services Update**

J. Yonkoski indicated that the latest UPWP eliminated summer traffic counters in anticipation that a consultant would be hired to conduct a multi-year traffic counting program. Jen stated that a RFP was prepared and two proposals were received. The bids for the proposals were much higher than had been anticipated. Therefore, instead of hiring a consultant staff proposes to purchase approximated ten permanent trail counters, to work with Broome County to perform road segment counts, and to hire traffic counters as has historically been done to perform turning movements counts. It is anticipated that students will be hired in the fall to conduct the turning movement counts. Jen stated that this approach will be more cost effective than hiring a consultant and would cost less than budgeted in the UPWP. Since the traffic counting program is already included in the UPWP no official action is required by the committee.

### **Rte. 11, Town of Kirkwood Corridor Study**

L. McCullen stated that the online survey for the study concluded in April. The findings from the survey align with the survey findings and recommendations for Kirkwood's 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Staff followed up with Supervisor Gordon several times about a follow-up public meeting. Mr. Gordon felt that a meeting may not be necessary. A draft study was prepared and provided to Mr. Gordon.

### **ADA Transition Plan Updates**

L. McCullen stated that the ADA Transition Plans for Johnson City, Vestal and Town of Union have been completed. Staff is current collaborating with Broome County Department of Public Works on data collection for ADA compliance of all BC Transit bus stops. T. Sullivan state that the Public Work department would be taking over the bus stop data collection project in the coming weeks.

### **Village of Owego Parking Study Update**

C. Paddick stated that Owego requested that a parking study be conducted for the village. The study will be like the study prepared for the City of Binghamton but on a smaller scale. Data collection in the Village will begin soon and will include parking location and usage, enforcement and wayfinding information. E. Jardine mentioned that if a parking garage is proposed its design would need to be consistent with the character of the historic district.

## **LOCAL PROJECT UPDATES**

R. Coleman provided a handout and brief overview of the schedule status of all BMTS local projects.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

P. Eshbaugh stated that the DOT's recruitment procedures for engineers has changed and no longer includes a civil service exam. She further stated that Jack Williams will be retiring in July. His last Policy meeting will be this month. Tom Wiser will be Acting Regional Director.

G. Kilmer said BC Transit is considering applying for a signal prioritization grant. Signal prioritization uses technology to reduce dwell time at traffic signals for transit vehicles. G. Kilmer asked committee members to let him know if they had any questions or concerns regarding this proposal.

The next meeting will be on September 13th, 2018 at 1:30pm.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Standish, seconded by F. Evangelisti.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.