

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Planning Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bennett at 1:30 p.m.

**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  
Leslie Boulton, Broome County Public Works  
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works  
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott  
Lou Caforio, Town of Union  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County  
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango Engineer

Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff  
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff  
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff  
Scott Faulkner, McFarland Johnson  
Ron Coleman, NSDOT Region 9

- Approval of minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting. Motion made by G. Hammond, seconded by V. Myers. Approved by consensus.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:**

K. Rapp said that a community member had submitted a letter regarding the elimination of traffic signals.

**Election of officers:**

J. Yonkoski stated that B. Bennet and V. Meyers, the current chair and vice chair of the committee, were willing to continue serving for another term. R. Standish made a motion, seconded by L. Boulton, to elect B. Bennet and V. Meyers as chair and co-chair for another term. Approved by consensus.

**Action Items:**

**Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan**

S. Reigle provided an overview of the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan. S. Reigle said that this is the second update to the original 2007 plan by FTA. The plan primarily focuses on seniors and disabled population, but also addresses the need to coordinate transportation services for all users. S. Reigle pointed out that the plan includes an updated transportation service inventory and an analysis of gaps and redundancies in services. S. Reigle stated that the plan recommendations increasing the role/usage of Mobility Management using Section 5310 funding, supporting the implementation of

Complete Streets policies, and coordinating land use decisions by considering connects to transportation services.

Resolution 2018-13, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the 2018 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan

R. Standish made a motion to approval Resolution 2018-13. F. Evangelisti seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

## **2017-2021 TIP Amendments**

Resolution 2018-14, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program] FAST Act requirement – TIP Description of Anticipated Effects

J. Yonkoski said that the TIP Subcommittee recommended this amendment be brought to committee for approval. This amendment would add text describing the anticipated effects of the TIP towards achieving the TAM performance measures and targets previously approved by Planning Committee to the TIP as required by FHWA.

R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-14. F. Evangelisti seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

Resolution 2018-15, Recommending Policy Committee approval of amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program] ADDITION OF THREE BRIDGE NY PROJECTS]

- PIN 975401 CR28 over Susquehanna River, Windsor (Broome County) addition of funds to existing project \$0.660M
- PIN 975480 West Creek Rd over W. Branch Owego Creek (Tioga County) \$1.953M
- PIN 975481 West River Drive over Parks Creek (Tioga County) \$0.731M

J. Yonkoski stated that this resolution would add bridge projects awarded funding through the Bridge NY program to the TIP.

G. Hammond made a motion to approval Resolution 2018-15. R. Standish seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

Resolution 2018-16, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program] PIN 975412 Colesville Road over Duell Creek, Increase C & CI.

J. Yonkoski said that this amendment to the TIP reflected an increase in costs and construction inspections for this project and that the addition funding was being taken from another Broome County project.

R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-16. L. Boulton seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

## **NYSDOT Targets for Performance Measures – Bridge & Pavement Conditions, System & Freight Performance - Amendment**

Resolution 2018-10, Recommending Policy Committee support the NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Bridge & Pavement Conditions and System & Freight Performance]  
Performance targets approved at last meeting had an error.

J. Yonkoski said that this amendment would correct a typographic error in the text of the previously adopted targets.

R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-10. G. Kilmer seconded the motion.  
Approved by consensus.

### **Discussion Items / Updates**

#### BC Transit 2019 Targets for TAM Plan

J. Yonkoski said that since BC Transit has decided to keep the same targets previously adopted in 2018 the committee does not need to adopt a new TAM for 2019 but must acknowledge continuation of TAM plan/performance targets from last year.

#### 2017-2021 Local Signal Block Update

J. Yonkoski said that all signal block funding for 2019 has been allocated and all projects are on target for completion. 2020 signal block is under review by the TIP subcommittee.

#### Village of Owego Parking Study

C. Paddick said that parking data for on-street parking and village owned lots was collected in July and September. She noted that parking in the village is free with a 3-hour time limit, but that the time limit is not enforced. She said that observationally and based upon the collected data parking in the village is readily available, except for during the noon hour on Lake Street. She further noted that the village owned lots have many available spaces throughout the day, but that there is not enough wayfinding signage to direct visitors to them. She said that she has discussed the data with the village's consultant and would be working with them on finalizing recommendations. E. Jardine said that many believe parking is a primary issue, however parking is available but not always in front of businesses. She said wayfinding signage and other improvements could address this issue without the need for a parking ramp. E. Jardin also mentioned that overnight parking is an issue. C. Paddick stated this will be addressed in study.

#### 2020-2024 TIP

J. Yonkoski said that a number of TIP projects have been received. She said central staff will look over the projects, make sure they are federal aid eligible, and score them based on the TIP scoring sheet. She noted that we have not received funding guidance from the state yet but hopes to have a draft available by February 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the TIP must be approved by June 6, 2019.

## 2019-2020 UPWP

J. Yonkoski said that the call for planning projects was due November 16<sup>th</sup>, and that a few projects received. She said a draft of the UPWP will be released soon.

### Local Project Updates

R. Coleman provided an overview of local projects. He said most projects that are late is due to funding issues related to higher bids than expected.

### **Business Offered from the Floor**

Bruce Orden expressed concerns related to the signal removals at that Lincoln and Madison, Jefferson and Monroe intersections in Village of Endicott. He said that some intersections changed to four-way stops and some changed to two way stops which causes confusion. He suggested that all these intersections be changed to four way stops.

C. Paddick explained study process and the types of signs used. C. Paddick will go out and investigate to make sure signage and pavement markings are correct.

NEXT MEETING DATE - February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm