

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Planning Committee Meeting
February 28th, 2019
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
Ray Standish, City of Binghamton
Marty Shaw, Village of Endicott

Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff
Scott Faulkner, McFarland Johnson
Younes Drihmi, McFarland Johnson
Ron Coleman, NSDOT Region 9
Katy Mangan, NYSDOT Region 9
Jillian Newby, NYSDOT Region 9
Drew Newby, NYSDOT Region 9
Lisa McCafferty, Tioga Public Health

- Approval of minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting. Motion made by R. Standish, seconded by L. Boulton. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

- **2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program**
Resolution 2019-01, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets

J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the 2019-2020 UPWP. She said that many of the tasks are ongoing or performed on an as needed basis. She stated that the largest project this year will be the

Long Range Transportation Plan. Other projects include completing the Hooper Road study, conduction road safety audits, and developing an adaptive signal study.

- ✓ R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01. G. Kilmer seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

Resolution 2019-02, recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program Staffing Plan

J. Yonkoski noted that the staffing plan was the same as last year's UPWP.

- ✓ R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02. F. Evangelisti seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

- **2017-2021 TIP Amendments**

Resolution 2019-03, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program] PIN 9FTE19, addition of \$0.870 as the 2019 FTA

J. Yonkoski stated that Section 5339 formula funds have been released and the amount is higher than originally programmed.

- ✓ R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-03. F. Evangelisti seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

Resolution 2019-04, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program ADDITION OF TWO NEW LOCAL PSAP PROJECTS, PIN 975464, Village of Endicott, \$0.760M and PIN 975463, City of Binghamton, \$0.490M

J. Yonkoski stated that this amendment was needed to add two new PSAP projects for the Village of Endicott and the City of Binghamton to the TIP. These were the only two municipalities that applied for the funding and both of the applications were fully funded.

- ✓ R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-04. M. Shaw seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- **Conklin Avenue RSA**

C. Paddick stated that the South Side Assembly had reached out to BMTS regarding safety issues along Conklin Avenue near Franklin School. A walking audit with BMTS staff, a representative from the South Side Assembly and the city's Policy Department was conducted in June of 2018. C. Paddick stated that following the audit several low cost improvements to address pedestrian and bicycle safety, including new signs and correcting deficient curb cuts and sidewalks, were proposed and are currently under review.

- **FHWA Rescission under the FAST Act**

J. Yonkoski advised the committee that the Federal government is in the process of potentially rescinding unobligated federal transportation funds. She stated that this could affect BMTS through the reduction of available funding for TAP, Off-System bridge, and planning projects. She stated that BMTS currently has a backlog of planning funds and that if anyone had any planning studies that they would like to have staff work on to let her know.

- **2020-2024 TIP Update**

J. Yonkoski stated that the TIP subcommittee was in the process of selecting projects to be included on the upcoming TIP. She said that a draft of the TIP will be available soon and that a meeting of the Planning Committee will need to be held on April 11th to review the draft.

- **Rt. 434 Greenway and Rt. 363 Gateway Project Updates**

434 - J. Newby stated that the preferred alternative chosen for the 434 Greenway would place the trail on the south side of 434. She said that the draft design report was being reviewed by NYSDOT internally and would be released soon, with a potential approval this year. She stated that they plan to let the project in 2020.

363- D. Newby stated that NYSDOT's engineering consultant, LeBella with technical assistance from BMTS, was working on the final scope and preliminary design. He said that the scope of the project has been reduced, involving a small portion of 363 than originally proposed. Three main alternatives were being considered, including either roundabout or a continuous flow intersection at State Street. G. Kilmer asked if the roundabout would be designed to accommodate transit vehicles. D. Newby stated that it would be. C. Paddick asked if existing accident data had been considered. D. Newby stated that there are high accident locations at the existing merge points and that these are being looked at by the consultant. J. Yonkoski asked if there had been further consideration of raising the trail above the flood wall. D. Newby said yes in some locations but not the entire length. D. Newby stated that no final decisions had been made on the projects and that more public outreach and engineering will be required.

- **NYSDOT Project Updates (located within BMTS boundary)**

P. Eshbaugh provided an overview of NYSDOT projects. E. Jardine stated that she has received a number of complaints regarding the conditions of Route 17 between exits 65 and 66 and asked P. Eshbaugh if there were plans to repave it. P. Eshbaugh stated she would inquire and follow up.

- **Local Project Updates**

R. Coleman provided an overview of the status of local projects.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

G. Kilmer stated that BC Transit's bus shelter project is moving forward and that 10 locations have been identified. He stated that most will be new locations that currently do not have shelters. B. Bennett asked if locals have identified a location for a shelter would BC Transit install one. G. Kilmer said that they would consider doing so if the local municipality would be willing to do some of the site work.

NEXT MEETING DATE - April 11th @ 1:30pm

Motion to adjourn by R. Standish, seconded by G. Kilmer. Meeting adjourned at 2:28pm