

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Planning Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 1:30 PM  
Broome County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Legislative Conference Room

### 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  
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works  
Lou Caforio, Town of Union  
Marty Shaw, Village of Endicott  
Tom Sullivan, for Leslie Boulton, Broome County Public Works  
Ray Standish, City of Binghamton Engineering  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango  
Elaine Jardin, Tioga County

##### Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff  
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff  
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff  
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff  
Carlos Gonzalez, FHWA  
Katy Mangan, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Ron Coleman, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Steve Gayle, RSG  
Laura Martin, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Bill Wagner, Rural Health Network  
Lucia Esposito, BC Office for Aging  
Natalie Abbadessa, The Agency  
Kyle Davis, Greater Binghamton Airport

Approval of minutes of the June 6, 2019 meeting. Motion made F. Evangelisti, seconded by T. Sullivan.  
Approved by consensus.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

#### **LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN WORK SESSION**

Steve Gayle provided an overview of where we are in the process in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He presented the vision, goals and objectives which will form the foundation of the LRTP. Goals have been grouped into the themes of Economy, Community,

Environment and Technology. The objectives and measures will be specific, measurable actions that BMTS can take to achieve the goals and will be used to direct transportation investments. Steve advised the committee that the TIP must be consistent with the LRTP and the plan's measures will make the linkage between investment choices (federal money) and the LRTP explicit. Steve noted that the next steps include gathering data and analyzing existing infrastructure conditions, safety, travel demand, demographics, and forecasting future conditions. A financial plan will also be developed based upon anticipated future funding.

F. Evangelisti suggested that an objective be added that would encourage bike and pedestrian facilities at new developments. He noted that this would help support staff's recommendations during the 239-development review process. He also recommended that an objective be added that would involve proactively educating businesses about land use and transportation issues before they make development decisions.

E. Jardine requested that the objectives include supporting the continued development of the Two Rivers Greenway.

P. Eshbaugh suggested that the safety and security goal should be limited to infrastructure only. S. Gayle noted per the federal planning factors LRTP's must address both. He stated that he would add another objective related to security and that safety infrastructure would be a separate objective.

Steve asked the committee members to continue to review the goals and objectives and to email any comments or questions that they may have.

### ACTION ITEMS

- **2020-2024 TIP Amendment**

[Resolution 2019-12, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, increase phases of Hooper Rd over Patterson Creek as discussed during TIP update]

J. Yonkoski noted that this amendment would correct a clerical error on TIP.

✓ T. Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-12. R. Standish seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- UPWP – Funds subject to FAST Act rescission

JY provided an overview of additional projects added to UPWP, including a BC transit rider satisfaction survey, adaptive signal study for BMTS region, and a Grand Boulevard corridor to address safety issues. C. Gonzalez added that FHWA is planning to rescind unobligated funds, including PL funds but excluding safety funds, at end of September 2020. He stated that NYS DOT is seeking to obligate all funds before Sep 30 deadline.

- Village of Owego Parking Study – Complete

J. Yonkoski stated that the village is satisfied with the report and that it has been used by the village's consultant to secure DRI funding to address parking issues. The committee had no comments.

- Town of Kirkwood Rt. 11 Corridor Study – Complete  
J. Yonkoski noted that comments from Kirkwood and NYSDOT have been included in the plan. The plan is complete and posted on BMTS' website. The committee had no comments.
- Trail Maintenance Plan  
S. Reigle stated that our summer intern, Joseph Reigle, prepared a draft Trail Maintenance Plan and conducted a survey of trail conditions. The plan includes best practices for short- and long-term maintenance of off-road trails, cost estimates for improvements, and potential funding options. The survey revealed that trails are generally in good conditions but would benefit from more daily maintenance to address vegetation and trash. The draft plan will be sent out for review and final approval by the committee in December.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Counters  
S. Reigle provided an updated on the counter installation process.
- Local Project Updates  
PE provided overview of local projects.

### **BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR**

**NEXT MEETING DATE - December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm**

Motion to adjourn by T. Sullivan, seconded by F. Evangelisti. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.