

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Planning Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 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  
Stephanie Brewer, for Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning  
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works  
Lou Caforio, Town of Union  
Marty Shaw, Village of Endicott  
Leslie Boulton, Broome County Public Works  
Ray Standish, City of Binghamton Engineering  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango  
John Paddock, City of Binghamton  
Greg Kilmer, Broome County Transit  
Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson

##### Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff  
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff  
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff  
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff  
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff  
Ashley Seyfried, BMTS Central Staff  
Katy Mangan, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Steven Gayle, RSG  
Bill Wagner, Rural Health Network  
Lucia Esposito, BC Office for Aging  
Kristin Canjura, Broome County Health Department  
Brendan O'Bryan, BCIDA

Approval of minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting. Motion made G. Kilmer, seconded by R. Standish. Approved by consensus.

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

No comments.

#### **MOVING OUR FUTURE FORWARD (LRTP UPDATE)**

S. Gale provided an update of the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He presented on the analysis section of the plan, which includes: identifying trends and targets, strategies, and investments and an assessment of condition as well as the performance of the transportation system.

Current conditions in the system – operations, bridge conditions, etc. – have been completed and will be shared in the coming month.

### Financial Plan

S. Gayle described the need to have a financial plan and that it must be fiscally constrained. Revenue forecasts as well as inflation of construction and procurement costs must be considered. S. Gayle provided an overview of revenue resources and suggested using an estimate revenue increase of 3% each 5-year block. The FAST Act expires on Sept. 30, 2020. If the legislation is passed before the passage of BMTS LRTP, we can adjust; otherwise, LRTP might need to be amended.

Financial Plan Revenue Forecasts are estimated to be >\$3.8 billion (~\$150 million/year). NYSDOT suggests using 2%/year inflation factor for construction costs.

V. Myers questioned the difference in inflation of 2%/year vs. annual revenue increase of 3%/5-years. S. Gayle responded that transportation funding is not keeping up due to shortfalls in federal aid relying on gas tax, explains we can use 3% or 2% in the spreadsheet

### Population/Economic Forecasts

Transportation needs depend on population. G. Hammond inquired about 2018 population estimates; S. Gayle responded census releases estimates yearly they but are not as accurate at the decennial census.

S. Gayle described population estimates provided by Cornell and IHS estimates. Cornell forecasts a larger decrease in population than IHS and he suggests averaging the two for the LRTP.

L. Esposito inquired about age cohort breakdowns. S. Gayle informed the group that IHS has specific demographic data. LRTP must consider infrastructure, mobility, and the change in demographic groups with the aging population.

Next steps: modal analyses; special issues: resilience, future mobility, performance plan; proposed solutions: projects, strategies, actions. RSG completed bike and pedestrian analyses.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **NYSDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures**

[Resolution 2019-13, Recommending Policy Committee support the 2020 NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Safety]

J. Yonkoski noted that this resolution would commit BMTS to programming projects that will help meet the NYSDOT targets for safety performance measures.

- ✓ R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-13. M. Shaw seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

### **UPWP Amendment**

[Resolution 2019-14, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2019-2020 UPWP]

J. Yonkoski described the need to use FHWA funds rather than FTA funds for BC Transit Study and the subsequent need for re-allocating funds.

- ✓ R. Standish made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-14. V. Myers seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

M. Shaw received a recognition of service.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- Trail Maintenance Plan
  - S. Reigle provided an overview of the trail maintenance plan and changes made to the draft since the previous meeting. The Trail Maintenance Plan will be presented to the Policy Committee for concurrence of completion.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Counters
  - S. Reigle described the purpose of bike and pedestrian counters. The Owego counter is malfunctioning and will hopefully be back in service shortly. A. Seyfried provided an overview of the interactive map and monthly data report.
- 2019 Pavement Ratings
  - J. Yonkoski stated that NYSDOT is rating non-state federal aid eligible roads and that those ratings would not be completed/shared until late 2020. R. Bennett stated he uses the condition ratings and that it is useful. G. Kilmer notated that the pavement rating is useful. J. Yonkoski informed the committee that BMTS will plan to put pavement ratings back on the UPWP as the NYSDOT data is not available in a timely manner to assist municipalities with paving plans. G. Hammond asked about NYSDOT distribution to municipalities; P. Eshbaugh responded it will be available to everyone. J. Yonkoski stated that BMTS can do analyses for municipalities if requested. J. Yonkoski stated that pavement conditions will be done during the summer 2020.
- Jarvis Street Road Safety Audit
  - L. McCullen provided an overview of the RSA, including why and how it was conducted as well as the findings. A robust list of improvements was recommended; recommendations included limiting right turns on red, creating a pedestrian crossing, clarifying no-parking zones. City code will be updated for revising incorrect no parking signage. City traffic board accepted the changes. J. Yonkoski stated that 2-3 RSAs are programmed during each UPWP.
- Local Project Updates
  - P. Eshbaugh provided a handout and overview of local projects.

### BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

J. Yonkoski asked G. Kilmer to provide an update on BC Transit shelter program. G. Kilmer informed the committee that half of the shelters have been installed; at least 20 more will be out in the community.

The Town-Gown Committee will be working with BC Transit for shelters within the City of Binghamton. L. Boulton commented that ADA compliance can often slow projects down.

J. Yonkoski gave an update on project calls for UPWP: County wide bike share, Village of Endicott Sign Inventory. V. Myers suggested looking into electric scooters.

**NEXT MEETING DATE - February 20th @ 1:30pm**

Motion to adjourn by G. Hammond, seconded by R. Standish. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.