

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Planning Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 20<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  
Cameron Williams, Village of Endicott  
Leslie Boulton, Broome County Public Works  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
John Paddock, City of Binghamton  
Greg Kilmer, Broome County Transit  
Ron Lake, Town of Dickinson  
Franco Incitti, City of Binghamton  
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County

##### 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  
Ron Coleman, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Scott Faulkner, McFarland Johnson

Approval of minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting. Motion made G. Kilmer, seconded by G. Hammond. Approved by consensus.

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

No comments.

#### **GRAND BLVD. MINI-ROUNDBOUT STUDY**

McFarland Johnson (MJ) was contracted by BMTS to complete a feasibility study for mini-roundabout intersections along Grand Boulevard in the City of Binghamton and to prepare conceptual designs. S. Faulker (representing MJ) stated that the City had received numerous comments about the speeds along Grand Boulevard as well as the number of crashes at some of the intersections. He stated that a speed study was completed and showed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was between 35 and 36 mph while the legal speed limit is 30. He noted however that during a 24-hour traffic count period taken along the corridor 15 vehicles exceeded 50 mph.

In addition, there were 27 accidents over the most recent 3-year period, over half being right-angle, with 30 percent of them resulting in injury. Based upon these issues the intersections were deemed appropriate for round about treatments. A conceptual design plan was provided by S. Faulkner for review by the Committee. G. Kilmer expressed concerns regarding speed enforcement and if buses could traverse the roundabouts during times when buses may need to use Grand Boulevard due to a detour on Main Street. C. Paddick stated that the City has increase enforcement but noted that much of the speeding occurs during the very late night or very early morning hours. S. Faulkner noted that the roundabouts would force drivers to slow down. He also stated that they would have mountable curbs and would be navigable by a bus. J. Yonkoski noted that this project was just the planning level and that funding had not yet been established for implementation. She stated that City may consider applying for grant funding, such as TAP.

### ACTION ITEMS

- **2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program**

[[Resolution 2020-01](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets]

J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the 2020-2021 UPWP.

- ✓ F. Evangelisti made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01. G. Kilmer seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

[[Resolution 2020-02](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program Staffing Plan]

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

- ✓ G. Hammond made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-02. F. Evangelisti seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

- **2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program**

[[Resolution 2020-03](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program]

J. Yonkoski stated that this amendment was related to the increase in AMPO dues and that the funding was strictly a federal pass through and involved no local funding.

- ✓ G. Kilmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03. R. Lake seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

- **2020-2024 TIP Amendment**

[[Resolution 2020-04](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program] PIN 982151, addition of FTA Section 5307 Operating Assistance funds, amount higher than programmed on the TIP.

J. Yonkoski stated that this amendment reflected an increase in FTA operating assistance received by BC Transit will be used for the purchase of buses and farebox upgrades.

- ✓ G. Hammond made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04. J. Paddock seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

### 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- LRTP – Needs

J. Yonkoski stated that the LRTP Stakeholder and Steering Committees, as well as the TIP Subcommittee, held meeting to discuss transportation needs. She provided an overview of the needs identified by the committees. She asked the Planning Committee members to review the Needs Assessment Outline and provide any comments to her.

- Rt. 26 Road Safety Audit (RSA)

Seyfried stated that a safety audit was conducted on November 15, 2019 for Route 26 through the hamlet of Maine. The RSA team was comprised of BMTS and NYSDOT staff. A resulting report was prepared by BMTS staff and circulated to NYSDOT, Broome County Department of Planning, as well as local and regional bike and pedestrian planning committees before being finalized. A. Seyfried stated that Safety issues and targeted areas of improvement were identified and described in the report.

- 2020 Pavement Project List

J. Yonkoski asked committee members to provide a list of their upcoming paving projects.

- Unamended STIP Performance

P. Eshbaugh provided a handout and overview of the 2019 unamended STIP performance. She stated that the goal was to have 75 percent of funds obligated as planned in the STIP by October of each year.

- NYSDOT Project Updates (located within BMTS boundary)

P. Eshbaugh stated that NYSDOT was completing the final design for the 434 Greenway. J. Yonkoski asked if it were possible that the design would change based upon public comments. P. Eshbaugh said that it could change. P. Eshbaugh stated that neighborhood meetings were being planned for the 363 project in Binghamton. Further, the 17C project in the Town of Union would begin this summer and the traffic signal at Rt 11/12 would be replaced this summer.

- Local Project Updates

P. Eshbaugh provided a handout showing the status of local projects.

### 3. BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

### 4. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Motion to adjourn by G. Hammond, seconded by C. Williams. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.