

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
September 30, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:05 a.m.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Legislator Michael Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Commissioner Matthew Driscoll, NYSDOT, *represented by Jack Williams, Region 9*
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City, *represented by Bob Bennett*
- Mayor Kevin Millar, Village of Owego
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union, *represented by Robert Mack*
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Eric Miller, STERPDB

Members Absent

- County Executive Debra Preston, Broome County
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Bonnie Palmer, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development

Others Present

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
John Sterbentz, BMTS
Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Tom Sullivan, BMTS
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 25, 2015, MEETING

Legislator Roberts motioned to approve the minutes; Eric Miller seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair, Mike Marinaccio opened the floor for comment.
There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

- BMTS Long Range Plan ~ Looking Forward 2040 Resolution 2015-09
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, distributed draft copies of the Looking Forward 2040 resolution.

BMTS updates the long range plan every 5 years. The 2040 resolution is an update of the 2035 resolution. The demographics and the priorities have not change since that time. The road conditions and the financial plan have been updated.

Cyndi went over the highlights of the draft report, which can be found at the following link: www.bmtsonline.com.

The priority projects from the 2035 plan are still applicable on the needs of the area for the 2040 plan. The priorities are: Preservation, Safety, and to Make it Sustainable.

With regards to priority 2: “Complete the Binghamton Metropolitan Greenway Plan”, the Route 434 Greenway plan which would connect downtown Binghamton with Binghamton University’s campus has been submitted to the Regional Economic Development Council with the City of Binghamton as the sponsor.

With regards to priority 5: “Consolidate and Enhance Transit Service”, Broome County is conducting a transit route study with the hope to increase the efficiency of bus routes. The results of that study will be available at the end of this year.

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, added that our region has received funding in addition to our core program for projects such as Prospect Mountain, I88, and Airport Road.

Scott Reigle, BMTS, reported on local roads. A goal was set in 2000 to have no more than 10 percent of the local roads have a “poor” rating. Since 2003, that goal has been obtained.

Our area has consistently stayed under 25 percent poor collector streets since 2003.

John Sterbentz reviewed the Bridge Condition by Ownership information found in the report.

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, reported that proposed, new Norfolk Southern Railway viaduct in Letchworth State Park has been funded and will have a positive impact on freight transportation in our area.

Appendix A contains survey results from information solicited by BMTS through their website, social media, and online survey, and three public meetings. The survey had approximately 120 responses.

Appendix D contains an Energy and Greenhouse Gas Analysis. The information is based on functional vehicle miles traveled.

The BMTS Planning Committee approved the “Looking Forward 2040” plan.

Mayor David motioned to accept the resolution; Mayor Millar seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Complete Street Update

Scott Reigle, BMTS, reported that the Complete Street working committee (sub-committee of the BMTS Planning Committee) is reviewing a draft of the policy. The committee has been using an example from Evansville, Indiana, another MPO. The Complete Streets Policy will comply with New York State's Complete Streets, and will use the NYS checklist.

City of Binghamton Parking Study

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, reported that the City of Binghamton Parking Study is still on schedule. Results are expected by the end of the year. The study consultant was in town the week of September 21st to do more data collection. Preliminary results are expected in a few weeks. There may be another public meeting scheduled in October.

NYSDOT Update – TIP Schedule

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, reported that the program update process continues to support strong asset management principals and the planning targets remain essentially unchanged.

Region 9 is currently doing extremely well with candidate projects being chosen to be funded.

The STIP update covers FFY 17 - 20, a four year period. The TIP update covers a 5 year period, FFY 17-21.

Jack reviewed the program update process ongoing from the program update instructions.

Cyndi Paddick asked the committee to begin thinking about any projects they have that they might want federal funding for. She asked that they fill out an Initial Project Proposal (IPP). BMTS will begin ranking projects. Cyndi will send out a call letter in late November and a draft IPP. Cyndi stressed that it is helpful if the process is started early.

Jack reported that the Prospect Mountain Phase 1 bridge demolition went very well. This method of demolition was used because it is safer and quicker than disassembling the bridge where it stood. It also reduced the impact to the traveling public. A lot of planning and cooperation between NYS agencies went into making this a successful demolition. A video of the event can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZwJoUe3Gyl&feature=youtu.be>.

Jack also gave an update on Prospect Mountain: Prospect Mountain Phase 1 is approximately 90 percent complete. The project was broken up into manageable phases, where DOT figured out how to build the project in phases and not loose any time. It allowed us to work quicker on sensitive issues.

In Phase 2, there will be two new bridges constructed and Interchange 4 will see improvements. Phase 2 will be let near the end of this calendar year; strategically timed at the end of Phase 1. Phase 2 is expected to last four construction seasons.

Cyndi Paddick introduced Tom Sullivan, a recently hired Traffic Engineer at BMTS.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for: _December 15, 2015 at 11:00 AM. An announcement will be sent out.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No additional business was offered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Castellucci; it was seconded by Mayor Millar. The vote was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.