

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE

June 9, 2016

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 11:07 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 John Bertoni, Village of Endicott, *represented by Kent Rapp*
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union, *represented by Robert Mack*
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango

Members Absent

- Mayor Steven May, Village of Owego
- County Executive Debra Preston, Broome County
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Eric Miller, STERPDB

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Alyssa Ryan, BMTS
Jared Kraham, City of Binghamton
Mary McFadden, BC Health
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 10, 2016, MEETING

Mayor Greg Deemie motioned to approve the minutes; Robert Mack 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

□ **2017 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Resolution 2016-06, Approving the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS reported that the Binghamton TIP has been out for public review for 30 days. Jenn asked the committee to approve the final draft beginning October 1, 2016 – 2021.

Mayor Greg Deemie motioned to approve the resolution; Robert Mack seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

□ **MPO Self Certification**

Resolution 2016-07: Approving the BMTS MPO Self Certification, certifying a finding of compliance of the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study with Federal metropolitan planning requirements

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that the State and BMTS are following mandated federal regulations by certifying, at least every four years, that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Supervisor Hal Snopek motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Greg Deemie seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

□ **2016-2017 BMTS Central Staff Staffing Plan**

Resolution 2016-08: Approving an amendment to the 2016-2017 BMTS Central Staff Staffing Plan

Jennifer Yonkoski proposed a change in title for the BMTS part time Account Clerk, grade 7, to a part time Senior Account Clerk, grade 9, both CSEA positions.

Supervisor Don Castellucci motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Hal Snopek seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

□ **BMTS Complete Streets Policy**

Resolution 2016-09: Accepting the BMTS' Complete Streets Policy as complete

Scott Reigle, BMTS, presented the BMTS Complete Streets Policy for approval. The Policy covers multi-modal transportation, ensuring that all user needs are met and is context sensitive. BMTS worked with municipalities to develop the policy, while municipalities also develop their own Complete Streets Policy. The Policy is based on existing legislation and incorporates the NYSDOT Complete Streets checklist. Scott then described the benefits of Complete Streets.

Mary McFadden, Supervising Public Health Educator, Broome County Health Department, reported on the public health impact of Complete Streets. By improving the infrastructure to reduce accidents with pedestrians and bicycles, the public would increase physical activity; it would improve air quality, and provide an alternate ways to get places.

Robert Mack motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Greg Deemie seconded; Supervisor Donald Castellucci abstained. The resolution was approved.

□ **Unwarranted Traffic Signal Study – City of Binghamton**

Resolution 2016-10: Accepting the City of Binghamton Unwarranted Traffic Signal Study as complete

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that the study began three years ago. This would finalize the study as complete and approve as done.

Robert Mack motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Rich David seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

□ **Downtown Binghamton Comprehensive Parking Mgmt. Study and Strategic Plan**

Resolution 2016-11: Accepting the Downtown Binghamton Comprehensive Parking Management Study and Strategic Plan as complete

Jennifer Yonkoski reported the study was completed by BMTS, the city of Binghamton, and Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. Jenn is asking the committee to certify it as complete.

Binghamton Mayor Rich David thanked BMTS for putting this together. They have been dealing with parking issues, which have been magnified recently, in Binghamton and the outskirts and are looking for a plan for future development. The city's goal is to be proactive and to do long-term planning to accommodate growth. Binghamton plans on immediately moving forward with some of the recommendations from this study.

Mayor Rich David motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Donald Castellucci seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

□ **Unified Operations Plan Update**

Resolution 2016-12: Approving the Unified Operations Plan

Jennifer Yonkoski reported the update was brought before the committee in December. The Planning Committee has discussed and accepted the bylaws.

The changes include:

decision making - the Policy Committee is going to keep their consensus voting procedure while the Planning Committee, P&F Subcommittee, and TIP Subcommittee will change to majority plus one voting procedure;

change from voting member to non-voting member - whenever any voting member fails to attend or send an alternate to three consecutive meetings, the represented office shall be moved to a non-voting member on the Policy Committee;

planning committee membership - voting membership among the twenty-two municipalities within the BMTS Planning area shall be based on their urbanized classification, where urbanized

cities, towns, and villages shall be voting members and partially-urbanized and non-urbanized towns and villages shall be advisory members.

Supervisor Donald Castellucci motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Hal Snopek seconded. The resolution was approved with a vote of “nay” by Mayor Rich David.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ Two Rivers Greenway Signage Project

Jennifer Yonkoski reported the project was awarded on May 11. Construction of signs will start in July and should be erected this year. The town of Vestal is the lead had has contracts with all of the local municipalities participating in the project.

□ Route 434 Greenway Project

Mayor Rich David reported that the NYSDOT has been a great partner in the Greenway project connecting Binghamton University, the city of Binghamton, and the town of Vestal. It has been progressing quickly. They have used public input which is resulting in design modifications.

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, reported the NYSDOT has been advocating for this project for a long time. It was not able to be funded until NYSDOT partnered with the city of Binghamton. The project as a whole will be progressed in multiple phases. It is hoped that ground will be broken this fall on Phase 1 with most of the construction for this phase occurring in the 2017 construction season.

□ NYSDOT Budget Update

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, reported the newly enacted NYS budget includes more than \$55 billion in new planned transportation commitments including \$27.1 billion for DOT and Thruway capital programs and \$28 billion for the MTA capital plan. The new signature initiatives, PAVE-NY and BRIDGE-NY have been given \$1 billion each; Extreme Weather Infrastructure Hardening has been granted \$500 million to address heavily utilized roadway susceptible to severe recurring flooding and other extreme weather related events; and Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition has been given \$200 million.

Jack Williams reported that the NYSDOT is planning a project to address the pavement and weed growth issues on the I88 Connector and is looking at ways to improve the visual.

Jack also reported that Scott Vergason of his office has been doing extensive work with municipalities regarding lighting contracts. NYSDOT's intention is to work with the BMTS Planning Committee to prioritize the locations, starting with Route 201 from Johnson City to Vestal. This will include asking the municipalities to enter into a new ten-year lighting agreement.

Prospect Mountain Phase 1 finished on-time and on-budget. The same contractor, L&T Construction, was the low bidder for Phase 2. Phase 2 is expected to wrap up at the end of 2020. The scope of work for Phase 2 includes two new bridges over the river to eliminate weaving on the eastern side of the river; the reworking of Interchange 4; additional noise walls will be

constructed; the soil nail wall at the Prospect interchange will have the visual elements added to it to resemble the surrounding rock cuts.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. An announcement will be sent out.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No additional business was offered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Greg Deemie; it was seconded by Robert Mack. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.