

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
September 22, 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 11:03 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 Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood

Members Absent

- Mayor Steven May, Village of Owego
- County Executive Debra Preston, Broome County
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Jennifer Gregory, STERPDB

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
John Sterbentz, BMTS
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Jhomo O'Connor, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 9, 2016, MEETING

Mayor Greg Deemie motioned to approve the minutes; Supervisor Hal Snopek 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 2016-14, Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, City of Binghamton – Main Street Corridor Study, HSIP

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, stated this is an amendment to the October 1st TIP.

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, explained this is a Main Street study and improvements program in the city of Binghamton to reduce the number of pedestrian and bicycle accident. The total cost of the project will be \$2.67 for all phases.

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

□ **2017 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Resolution 2016-15, Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, NYSDOT – Rt. 434 Corridor Study, HSIP

Pam Eshbaugh stated this is a NYSDOT Main Office funded HSIP study. The study will provide the region with short, medium and long term scenarios of signal phase/timing modeling in order to reduce accidents within the Vestal Parkway corridor traffic signal system, in the town of Vestal. The total cost will be \$150,000.

Mayor Rich David motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Greg Deemie seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ **Interactive BMTS Maps**

Jenn Yonkoski noted BMTS has revamped its website. Maps for projects programmed on the TIP are available, including a bird's eye view. As the TIP gets updated, projects will be added. Other interactive maps are also planned for the site as well.

□ **Transportation Alternatives Solicitation**

Pam Eshbaugh stated that Jenn Yonkoski distributed the solicitation to the BMTS Planning Committee asking all eligible to apply for TAP. There is \$62.2 million available. The minimum TAP project award shall be no less than \$250,000 and no greater than \$5 million for any single project. NYSDOT will provide up to 80 percent of the total project costs with a minimum 20 percent match provided by the project sponsor. Pre-application review requests are due no later than September 30, 2016. Project sponsors will be required to submit application by October 21, 2016. Eligible sponsors must attend a 2016 TAP-CMAQ Informational Workshop.

Gordie Kniffen, town of Kirkwood, asked what type of projects can be applied for. Pam answered: on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities; projects for improving non-driver safety and access to public transportation and enhanced mobility; projects that enable and encourage children to walk or bike to school (Safe Routes to School); conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trains for non-motorized transportation users; construction of

turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

The website can be found: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ>

□ **NYSDOT Updates**

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, reported that NYSDOT has \$200,000 set aside for prioritized highway lighting repairs. NYSDOT is in the process of working on Route 201, which should be completed in the near future. Crews have been working in the evening, as to least impact the traveling public. Other sites are being evaluated and will be done in priority order. The expectation is to make necessary repairs and updates in priority order and to enter into lighting agreements with respective municipalities.

Jack then updated the group on the progress of the Prospect Mountain Phase 2 construction project thus far. Phase 2 of Prospect Mountain is 10 percent complete. A major kudos goes out to the crews working on Route 7. They worked 24/7 on major drainage work that included 16' deep trenches and finished a week early.

NYSDOT is also evaluating a proposal to work through the winter removing bridges to accelerate the project schedule.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for Thursday, December 15, 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 Mayor Rich David. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.