

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
September 14, 2017
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*
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County, *represented by Kevin McManus*
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott, *represented by Martin Shaw*
- 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
- Jennifer Gregory, STERPDB, *represented by Anne Redmond*
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood

Members Absent

- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Mayor Steven May, Village of Owego

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
John Sterbentz, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ron Romanosky, NYSDOT
Drew Newby, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT
George Phillips, Reclaim NY
Larry Coppola, Endicott
Tim Whitesell, Town of Binghamton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 8, 2017, MEETING

Supervisor Schaffer 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

□ NYSDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures

Resolution 2017-20; Supporting the NYSDOT Statewide Safety Target Performance Standards

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, reported that NYSDOT is asking MPOs to support State safety measures as required in MAP-21 and also the FAST Act. A fact sheet was distributed which show 5 year rolling averages (attached). Jenn emphasized that projects programmed on BMTS' TIP should help state obtain goals set.

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Castellucci seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, stated this money is 100% state funds. A portion of the money is for busses and/or shelters. Broome County's goal is to work with municipalities along the routes by setting up a committee or meeting with each municipality.

□ PSAP Call for Local Projects

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, said a call will be made for local safety projects. A map was distributed indicating areas eligible for the safety money.

□ Route 363 Gateway Project

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, stated the NYSDOT's intent will be to present the high-profile project plans to BMTS before they are released to the public so that conversations may be had as to what the municipalities expectations will be for the project.

Jack introduced Drew Newby, NYSDOT Job Manager, and Ron Romanosky, NYSDOT Project Manager. Drew gave an overview of the project using Power Point.

- Currently there are no accommodations for bicycles or pedestrians.
 - Sidewalks and multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trails would be added on all routes.
 - All intersections would have at-grade crossings.
- The project will improve the visual and physical access to the Susquehanna River.
- An alternative could be to raise the road or trail over the flood wall.
- A parking area could be added near the Rock Bottom Dam.
- Connections to Downtown Binghamton would be made from the 6 major intersections of the project.
- There are no expected changes to existing houses on Susquehanna Street.

The project is still in the Scoping Phase where NYSDOT is evaluating traffic impacts and preliminary feasibility.

Jack Williams added that the project was chosen to receive this money to create a transformative gateway/greenway in the area. He then invited comments and concerns from BMTS or from the public to be addressed.

Mayor David shared that it is a good project for the City of Binghamton, Broome County, and the Southern Tier. It is a rare opportunity to change the design for downtown, where it opens previously closed sections freeing up new land and improving a primary section of Downtown Binghamton. He thanked Jack Williams and his team for advocating for the project and securing the funds.

A public meeting is anticipated in late October.

A consultant will be designated for preliminary design.

Construction is tentative for 2020.

□ **Route 434 Greenway Project – Pennsylvania Avenue to Murray Hill Road**

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, stated that Greenway – Phase 2 is currently in the Preliminary Design phase. NYSDOT has met with the Newman Group and Binghamton University to coordinate plans. Binghamton University is structuring their own path from Murray Hill Road to Bunn Hill Road in Vestal. NYSDOT will meet with homeowners in the near future.

Greenway – The current project with the Pennsylvania Avenue improvements has a completion date early next year, although most of the significant work will be done by the end of this year. The contractor is finishing early, therefore there will be a time-gap between the current project and the Pennsylvania Avenue to Murray Hill Road project.

□ **Local Projects Update**

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, commented that DOT is soliciting the Planning Committee for important corridors needing repairs to the street lighting. Additionally, when lighting is repaired, NYSDOT would like to reenter into new municipal lighting agreements. Ron Romanosky, NYSDOT will reach out to respective Planning Committee members.

Jack reported on the Prospect Mountain Project stating the temporary bridge will be removed during snow and ice season and traffic will be switched to the newly constructed bridge while new bridge construction takes place in 2018. The soil wall has been sculpted and stained to match the native material.

Supervisor Schaffer asked Jack about parking plans for the Greenway. Jack stated that NYSDOT has had discussions with University Plaza and Binghamton University regarding this issue and NYSDOT will work with the city of Binghamton once an alternative has been chosen

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS informed the committee that the Chair (Michael Marinaccio) and Vice Chair (Mike Roberts) terms will come to an end in December 2017. Jack Williams will work with Jenn post-Election Day 2017 to set up a Nominating Committee and contact the committee via e-mail for interest in the seats.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No additional business was offered.

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for December 14, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. An announcement will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Superintendent Schaffer; it was seconded by Robert Mack. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46a.m.