

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE

March 1, 2018

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 11:00 a.m.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Legislator Michael Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Acting Commissioner Paul Karas, NYSDOT, *represented by Jack Williams, Region 9*
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County, *represented by Christine Cramer*
- 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, *represented by Barbara Roberts*
- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union, *represented by Robert Mack*
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango

Members Absent

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

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS

Leigh McCullen, BMTS

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT

Scott Vergason, NYSDOT

Drew Newby, NYSDOT

Marie Giurastante, NYSDOT

David Kipper, Chenango Supply Co.

Steve Menz, Adventures of Roofus T. Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 14, 2017, MEETING

Mayor 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

□ **2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program**

Resolution 2018-01; Approving the 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, described the program tasks:

- **Program Administration**
- **Transportation Systems Management and Plan Implementation**
- **Long Range Transportation Planning**
- **Short Range Planning**
- **Project Programming and Development.**

Highlights in the Long Range Transportation Planning section include:

1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning
2. Regional Smart Growth and Sustainability Planning
3. NYSDOT Planning Assistance
4. Hooper Road Corridor Study

New projects in the plan include:

1. Village of Owego Parking Study
2. Town of Kirkwood Corridor Study
3. Village of Johnson City Traffic Signal Study
4. Isbell Street Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Study.

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the resolution; Gordon Kniffen seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2018-02; Approving the 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program Staffing Plan
Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, presented an overview of the Central Staff Staffing Plan for 2018-2019 including the Organizational Chart and job titles and descriptions. Jenn stated that the de-funding of the Traffic Engineer position is being proposed, as the position has been difficult to fill. The intent is to create an entry level Transportation Analyst position in place of the Traffic Engineer position. The goal is for this position to help to create a greater hierarchy within the organization.

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

□ **BC Transit Targets for Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan Performance Measures**

Resolution 2018-03; Supporting BC Transit's TAM Plan Performance Measures

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, presented the Broome County TAM Plan for 2018.

Yonkoski explained that BMTS, in approving the resolution, would be agreeing to support and program project that help to meet the performance measures set by BC Transit in their TAM.

Gordon Kniffen motioned to approve the resolution; Hal Snopek seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

BMTS Regional ITS Architecture

Resolution 2018-04; Approving the Draft BMTS Regional ITS Architecture

John Sterbentz, BMTS, presented the Draft BMTS Regional ITS Architecture. Several different service packages were identified as the service packages are the most important part of the system.

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

2017-2021 TIP Amendments

Resolution 2018-05; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program; PIN 975408 State and Hawley Street signal project; Increase construction costs from \$0.320M to \$0.635M

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, reported that construction costs for PIN 975408 Hawley and State Street Traffic Signal Upgrade would be increasing from \$.320M to \$.635M. The offset will be from PIN's 9T7319, 9LSB18, and 9LSB19.

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

Resolution 2018-06; Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program; PIN 9M1019 bridge washing project FFY 19; Increase C from \$0.272M to \$0.772M and CI from \$0.022M to \$0.077M

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, reported that construction phase for PIN 9M1019 will increase from \$.0272M to \$.772M and CI phase will increase from \$.022M to \$.077M. The offset will be from PIN 9TGD19.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

PSAP Local Call for Projects

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, stated that applications for projects are due by March 9, 2018. The City of Binghamton has already submitted an application; the Village of Endicott will be submitting soon. The region has approximately \$1.28M to spend.

Bridge NY

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, stated that applications for the BridgeNY initiative are due mid-late April. The county has reached out to assist with the application process as the funding has been increased for the program.

Household Travel Survey Update

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, reported that 30,000 households have been mailed surveys. Travelers responding to the survey have the option of downloading the travel app on their phones to submit their travel diaries electronically. The data collected will be used to predict future travel patterns and to update local data. Those responding to the survey receive gift cards for their participation. The survey should be completed by mid-June.

□ **Traffic Counting Services Update**

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, reported that traffic counts were going to be done by consultants this year instead of summer seasonal hires. This will allow for counts outside of the summer season and promote consistency in the counts. Bids are due March 7.

□ **Route 11, Town of Kirkwood Corridor Study**

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, provided an update on the Town of Kirkwood Corridor Study. The study is of Upper Court Street between Colesville Road and the Binghamton city line. The study will provide recommendations on how Upper Court Street should look in the future. A total of 500 postcards were mailed out to residents, with 160 responses so far. There is also a Visual Preference Survey on the Town of Kirkwood website for people to take.

□ **Local and NYSDOT Project Updates**

Lighting

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, updated everyone on lighting improvements in the region. Talks are continuing with the Town of Union regarding lighting on Routes 201 and 26. There is a pending agreement with the Town of Chenango for lighting near I-81 exit 6 and talks for lighting improvements in the Town of Dickinson near the connector.

Prospect Mountain Phase 2

Jack explained that the contractor has been working all winter long and the project is way ahead of schedule. There has been a lot of demolition work as well as large concrete pours all winter, as they have been using heated concrete forms. The project is now 57% complete.

Rte. 434 Greenway

Jack stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase 1 of the project this spring. He also mentioned that the Phase 2 of the project is still in the preliminary engineering phase. There have been numerous public meetings held which have shown quite a bit of concern regarding the Vestal Ave. alternatives. There will be a mechanism in place to communicate the preferred alternative to the public.

Rte. 363 & 434 Binghamton Gateway

Jack stated that a public meeting for the project was held on January 29 in the Binghamton State Office Building. The meeting presented the public with three alternatives. The project is in the Scoping Phase now, with funding in place through the preliminary engineering phase. Drew Newby, NYSDOT Project Manager, has been taking all the public comments received. Jack informed everyone that there will be more public outreach and meetings held with the city and other stakeholders to determine which direction would be taken with the project.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

Steve Menz, local business owner along Susquehanna Street, stated that he has concerns about the Gateway project and its potential impact on his business. He is concerned with being able to easily access the south side of Binghamton and to also be able to easily access the highway. S.Menz questioned whether this project was a “done deal”. He also stated that the flood wall was the enemy to accessing the river, not Rt. 363.

Jack Williams responded stating that NYSDOT is meeting with the City to create a list of stakeholders and reassured him that there will be stakeholder meetings held with local business owners in the nearby neighborhoods prior to any final design. J. Williams also stated that as part of the preliminary design

process, they were looking at raising the elevation of the roadway as a way to better view the river and as a means of flood mitigation.

Mayor Rich David stated how fortunate he feels to have two major projects, the Greenway and Gateway, developing simultaneously in our area. He is very grateful that the funding has been provided, and is proud of the strong working relationship between the city and NYSDOT.

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for June 14, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. An announcement will be sent out.

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