

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
September 20, 2018  
11:00 a.m.  
Broome County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Legislative Conference Room  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:01 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 Tom Wisner, Region 9*
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott, *represented by Martin Shaw*
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego, *represented by Barbara Roberts*
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8, *represented by Joann Lindstrom*
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development, *represented by Sarah Glose*

Members Absent

- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County
- Mayor Michael Baratta, Village of Owego

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS  
Leigh McCullen, BMTS  
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS  
John Sterbentz, BMTS  
Scott Reigle, BMTS  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT  
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 14, 2018, MEETING***

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the minutes; Supervisor Kniffen 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 Performance Measures – Bridge & Pavement Conditions, System & Freight Performance**

[Resolution 2018-10, Supporting the NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Bridge & Pavement Conditions and System & Freight Performance]

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, reported that this resolution would adopt state level performance targets.

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

- **NYSDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures**

[Resolution 2018-11, Supporting the 2019 NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Safety]

Jennifer Yonkoski asked BMTS to adopt 2019 state safety performance targets.

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

- **2017-2021 TIP Amendments**

[Resolution 2018-12, Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program] Allow BC Transit to accept an award of \$2.04M of Section 5339 funds to purchase 3 hybrid diesel buses.

This resolution will allow BC Transit the ability to accept the \$2.04M grant.

Vice-Chairman Roberts motioned to approve the resolution; Martin Shaw seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

## ***DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES***

- **Binghamton Bridge Pedal**

Scott Reigle, BMTS, reported on the annual, police-escorted, 10-mile bike tour. It was held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, with 85 riders participating ranging from 4 - 84 years old. The event included three stops: Otsiningo Park, NYSEG Stadium, and Phase 1 of the Route 434 Greenway. There was also a children's bicycle helmet giveaway. THANK YOU to the City of Binghamton, the City Police, and the many partners that helped sponsor the very successful event. Photos are available on the Binghamton Bridge Pedal Facebook page.

- **Household Travel Survey Results**

John Sterbentz, BMTS, reported on the Household Travel Survey that was recently completed. The previous survey was done in 2008 with 1034 households completing the survey. The 2018 survey included smartphone and on-line surveys. The results are used to model traffic and transportation movement.

□ **2020-2024 TIP**

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that the next TIP call for projects will be this fall.

□ **2018 Pavement Ratings**

Scott Reigle reported that as of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 2018 Pavement Ratings Study was completed for non-state, federal aid eligible streets. 228 miles of road were scored using the NYSDOT visual scale. Additionally, bike and ped facilities were inventoried. All ratings of “poor” and “fair” are shared with municipalities. Maps of the surveyed area were handed out. Targets for the long-range plan were discussed.

□ **Local and NYSDOT Project Updates**

Reported by Tom Wiser, NYSDOT Region 9 Acting Regional Director

**Route 434 Greenway** – NYSDOT is continuing with preliminary design and with public outreach of Phase 2 of the project. A Visual Preference Survey was recently completed and NYSDOT is reviewing the comments received. 353 surveys were completed.

**Route 363 Gateway** – NYSDOT has had their initial meetings with project consultant LaBella Associates. They will begin preliminary design field work and environmental analysis.

**Owego Bridges** – NYSDOT continues to work on the final design and is on schedule for a spring 2019 letting.

**Prospect Mountain** – NYSDOT continues to make great progress on the Prospect Mountain project. It is expected that by the end of November 2018, I81/Route 17 will be back to normal conditions. The contractor plans to have the new eastbound flyover bridge poured, finish the pavement, and open the new bridge during the spring of 2019. The contractor will continue to work on Front Street, having a single lane in each direction and pedestrians on a paved surface. Completion in this area is also expected in the spring of 2019. Route 7 will remain in its current configuration.

***BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR***

- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal, inquired about the Murray Hill Road/Washington Street intersection progress. Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, stated that a road survey assessment and a report with recommendations has been completed for that area. Cyndi will send the report to Supervisor Schaffer.

***2018 MEETING SCHEDULE***

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for December 13, 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 Supervisor Schaffer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.