

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE

June 13, 2019

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 11:04 a.m.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Legislator Mike Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Acting Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by Pam Eshbaugh, Region 9*
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor Rick Materese, Town of Union, *represented by Robert Mack*
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development represented by Sarah Glose

Members Absent

- Supervisor JoAnne Klenovic, Town of Chenango
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Leigh McCullen, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
John Sterbentz, BMTS
Steven Gayle, RSG Consulting
Eric Hathaway, City of Ithaca
Katy Mangan, NYSDOT
Marie Giurastante, NYSDOT
Aneesa Thomas, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 7, 2019, MEETING

Supervisor Marinaccio motioned to approve the minutes; Legislator Roberts 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

□ **2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program**

[Resolution 2019-06, Approving the draft 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program]

- Proposed changes to the draft based on comments received are:
 - Add NYSDOT Culvert Block PIN 9TCR23
 - Add 5 paving projects to the “Illustrative List”
 1. Bodle Hill Road, Taylor Road, Day Hollow Rd. (Spur section). All are interconnected 3.80 miles
 2. Southside Drive, Sulphur Springs Road (connecting section), Stanton Hill Road. 4.42 miles
 3. Glenmary Drive 5.65 miles
 4. West Creek Road (portion located within MPO boundary) 5.69 miles
 5. Halsey Valley Road (portion located within MPO boundary) 8.48 miles

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

□ **MPO Self Certification**

[Resolution 2019-07, Approving the BMTS MPO Self Certification, certifying a finding of compliance of the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study with Federal metropolitan planning requirements] No changes since last approved.

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

□ **2017-2021 TIP Amendments**

- [Resolution 2019-08, Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, FAST Act requirement – TIP Description of Anticipated Effects] Required established description of Performance Targets and Anticipated Effects provided for:
 1. Safety
 2. Transit Asset Management
 3. Pavement and Bridge Condition
 4. System Performance and Reliability

Jennifer Gregory motioned to approve the resolution; County Executive Garner seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- [Resolution 2019-09, Approving an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of Design and ROW Incidental phases] Moving Design and ROW Incidental phases of the Chenango St. Pedestrian Improvement project To the 2017-2021 TIP to allow the project to begin ahead of schedule for \$0.202M. Project was awarded as part of the Transportation Alternatives Program.

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

UPWP Amendment

[Resolution 2019-10, Approving an amendment to the 2019-2020 UPWP] Addition of two planning/feasibility studies for \$0.06M each, with Broome County providing \$0.025M for the Vestal study. Studies are on a segment of the Two Rivers Greenway in Vestal and a multimodal trail in the village and town of Windsor.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ **Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Steve Gayle, RSG reported on the Long-Range Transportation Plan Update 2045. Includes public outreach at various community events this summer. First steps are to define the Plan's Vision, Goals and Objectives. Committee members will be called on to make Policy Decisions and to ensure their constituents are aware of and provide input on the Update.

- J. Gregory asked if there were fliers to advertise the events? There is a Facebook page, and a dedicated [website](#) with information and *printable fliers*.

□ **Vision Zero and Speed Limits**

Eric Hathaway, Transportation Engineer, City of Ithaca presented information about the vision zero movement and the effect of lowering speed limits on crash rates and severity. In order for cities and villages in New York State to lower their community-wide speed limits below 30 mph, the state Vehicle and Traffic Law would need to be changed to allow this option, so Eric is gathering feedback as to how many communities would be interested, and what some of the pushback might be.

Concerns expressed by the committee were:

- Enforcement
- Cost of changing out speed limit signs; unless on a federal-aid highway, would have to be paid for from CHIPS or municipal funds
- Education would be needed to explain the reasoning behind the reduction in speed limits

Two resources that E. Hathaway identified for information about speeds and crash data are:

- Accident Location Information System (ALIS), NYSDOT web-based GIS application available upon request to MPO members, state and local police agencies, and city, town and county employees.
<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/oss/highway/accident-analysis-toolbox>
- USLimits2, a free tool supported by the Federal Highway Administration designed to help set reasonable, safe and consistent speed limits.
<https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/uslimits/>

□ **Local Project Updates**

Reported by Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning and Program Manager

- Prospect Mountain: moving along according to schedule. Intersection work at Exit 4 coming up; paving on Bevier Street and Broad Ave. Noise barriers installation is 95% complete.
- 434 Pedestrian Enhancement Project: 70% complete; night work will begin at busy intersections; substantial completion in August.
- Greenway: progressing the design approval document; stakeholder meetings are ongoing; public hearing this fall, with possible public information meeting in the interim.
- 79 over Tioughnioga Bridge Project: hearing this fall, possible public information meeting this summer
- Route 7, Route 201/Riverside Drive Paving Project: recently awarded, working on this summer.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

Gordie Kniffen, Kirkwood Town Supervisor, expressed disappointment that there is no plan for US Route 11 (Upper Court Street) in Kirkwood, particularly in the area of the Colesville Road

intersection, since it is considered the gateway to the Town. He raised the following concerns:

1. Stratton Mill Creek, which flows parallel to Colesville Road and then follows Route 11, floods a property on Route 11, next to the NYSDOT Broome Residency.
2. The town has produced a new Comprehensive Plan and Upper Court Street Visioning Plan that indicates the public's preference for sidewalks along Upper Court Street.
3. The Residency yard is an eyesore. There had been a developer that was willing to move the residency out of the "Gateway" area, but it did not proceed beyond initial talks.

Pam Eshbaugh responded that the creek does not affect the highway or NYSDOT property, therefore NYSDOT cannot use transportation funding to address the problem. Pam Eshbaugh also responded that NYSDOT facility placement is determined at the highest levels, and a suitable location to move to that has access to the interstate system would need to be located.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for September 12, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. An announcement will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Deemie; it was seconded by Jennifer Gregory. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.