

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Hadassah Mativetsky (Binghamton City Council), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Devin Link (BCDOH), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Julian Shepherd (City’s Conservation Committee), Jacob Rotary (Broome United Way/Fresh Cycles), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT Region 9)

Convene: 1:33 PM

November 18 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Frederick St. & Brandywine Hwy. – Binghamton</u>: Scott & Susan reported that they participated in a site visit was done to test and observe the pedestrian crossing. The pedestrian signal operates correctly. There is a longer wait for the pedestrian signal after the button is pushed during heavier traffic. A leading pedestrian interval (LPI) occurs when the pedestrian signal button is pressed. A homeless person was observed crossing westbound outside of the crosswalk and not using the pedestrian signal. For his safety, our party activated the pedestrian signal and crossed with him. Better lighting of the intersection is being investigated. Creating a pedestrian refuge for the crossing is not possible due to the intersection geometry. No significant changes to the intersection are planned for the near term. Stephanie stated that the County Planning Department will include NYSDOT representation in their Brandywine BOA Study which will look at this intersection for improvements. <p>The Committee agreed there is a need for educating the public on how to safely cross this and other intersections through proper use of pedestrian signals. Devin will check if the Broome County Health Department’s Creating Healthy Schools & Communities grant can be used for an education initiative. They have gone into homeless shelters to do educational programs before.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Washington St. & Susquehanna St. – Binghamton</u>: Washington St. northbound is offset at this intersection, creating frequent motorists traveling the wrong way. The City has recently installed dashed pavement markings that guide motorists to stay to the right of the raised median along with a hanging yellow “keep right” warning sign and a posted yellow “stay right of the divider” warning sign. Scott showed photos of these improvements. • Status of the <u>Ross Park Zoo Trails Project - Binghamton</u>: Scott received the following email update from City Planner, Tito Martinez - This project is ready to go to bid, but we 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Devin to find whether the Broome County Health Department’s Creating Healthy Schools & Communities grant can be used for an education initiative.</p>

	<p>are waiting on a resolution from Albany to move forward. If all goes well, we may be able to break ground in 2025.</p> <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott was asked to get an update from the City of Binghamton regarding the Memorial Bridge Transformation Project. • <u>Glenwood Ave. & Clinton St. Intersection – Binghamton</u>: Nick, with others concurring, stated that it is difficult for southbound motorists to see oncoming northbound traffic due to the incline of Glenwood Ave. south of the intersection which makes it difficult to make a left onto Clinton Street. The Committee agreed that it would be most appropriate to bring this issue to the City’s Traffic Board to discuss. 	<p>Scott to get an update on the Memorial Bridge Transformation Project.</p>
<p>Announcements and Status Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No new articles or notices. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 9th, 9am-12pm. Scott shared a list of previous Bridge Pedal ride stops that Stephanie created to help in planning new stops for 2025. The committee shared ideas for stops with the new VINES building being one that was a favorite idea. Other ideas for stops included: the Railroad Station (Mark Yonaty), Cutler Gardens, Lee Barta Center, Harriet Tubman Statue at BU Downton Center, pocket parks, Southside Commons Murals, BC Library Story Space, St. Mary’s Rec. Center/Columbus Park. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Projects/ Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Report is available on the BMTS website and specific count data is available upon request. Note that Noyes Island Counter will have very low counts due to the trail closure for the City’s Levee Project. BMTS installed new loggers in the Vestal Rail-Trail Shoppes and S. Washington St. Bridge counters. Both are now sending automatic data transmissions. When doing the swap at the Shoppes counter, water was noticed inside the manhole. BMTS requested the Town of Vestal to raise the manhole for this and the other two Vestal counters like was done in Otsiningo Park to keep water out. BMTS will be arranging for Eco-Counter on-site maintenance of the counters to be done during 2025. • Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – A Springtime walk through will be organized by NYSDOT that will include City of Binghamton Parks officials, Friends Group members to identify flora along the trail and the best maintenance approach. A meeting will be scheduled to make plans for 2025. The City’s Conservation Committee could be a good partnership for the Friends of the TRG group. 	<p>Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</p>

**Agency/
Dept. Updates**

NYS DOT Region 9

- The Upper Court St. Retaining Wall Replacement Project will start this year and possibly take two construction seasons to be completed. A temporary pedestrian path will be created since the sidewalk will be affected by the project. Broken streetlights and posts will be fixed as a part of the project.

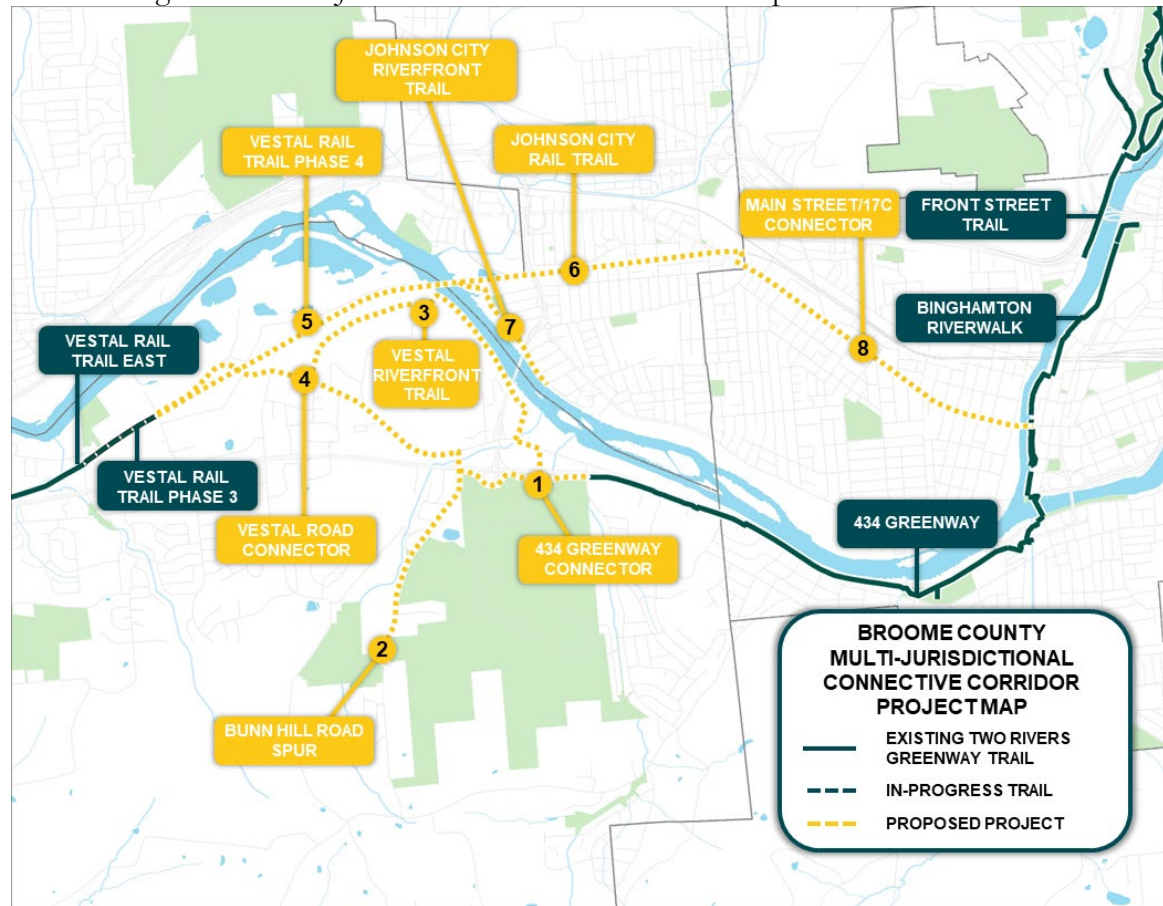
Binghamton University

- Scott shared that Tanya Husick has taken a position with Dartmouth College. Will need to find a new Binghamton University representative for this Committee.

Other

- **Broome Planning Dept:** Stephanie shared that they are writing a USDOT **RAISE/BUILD grant application**, due January 30th, to fund planning and partial design for a Multi-Jurisdictional Connective Corridor plan.

Action Items:



	The Chugnut Trail West Extension to Grippen Park project bids were opened on January 8 th . There was an acceptable proposal, and construction is expected to start, and even possibly finish, this year.	
Other	None	Action Items:

Adjourn: 3:03 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10 at 1:30PM