

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2020**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS) Nick Cecconi (MMSCNY) Susan Pitely (NYSDOT) Christine Muss (BCHD) Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning)  
Marie Hebdon (NYSDOT) Daegan VonSwearingen (NYSDOT) Ashley Seyfried (BMTS)

Convene 1:31 p.m.

December minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<b>Roadway Needs Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both Nick and Daegan commented on the removal of parking spaces on Carroll and Lisle Street.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scott will ask Cyndi Paddick to ask about the parking changes at the next City Traffic Board meeting.</b></p>
<b>Newspaper Articles/Notices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHSC Grant Funding for Complete Streets Trainings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NYBC is looking for municipalities to host their Complete Streets Training. They would like to hold at least six by September.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics/Educational Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine will be working with Johnson City Elementary to implement the NYBC Walk Safe, Bike Safe PE Curriculum.</li> <li>• The date for the Annual Children’s Fair has not been announced. This would be their 40<sup>th</sup> year holding the event.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christine/Scott will reach out to the Children’s Fair to find out their 2020 event date.</b></p>
<b>Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 22<sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee will be meeting next week to discuss the event. They are hoping to develop a new ride route and move the ride towards the West side of Binghamton with a stop at Recreation Park.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Project/Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Maine – NY 26 Bike/Pedestrian Improvement Study               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee members approved the study sent by Ashley. It will now be presented to the BMTS Planning and Policy Committees. Once adopted, funding options will be explored.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 33 South Washington Street Development Proposal               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A public hearing is being held tonight at the Binghamton Planning Commission meeting. Committee members discussed their concerns about the additional traffic this will generate in this area. Access from Mary Street will be difficult for trucks. Trucks will not be able to make the turn exiting the parking lot onto Mary St. due to how narrow the street it. Trucks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>would have to enter and exit from Vestal Avenue. BMTS submitted a recommendation to consider bicycle and pedestrian accommodations such as sidewalks and bike parking due to the anticipated number of bikers and walkers to the mini-mart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johnson City Rail Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stephanie discussed and displayed pictures of the different design options for the trail. This trail is located on the unused rail starting from Main Street near Olums to Rt. 201. There was also discussion about potential connections to other trails. Currently, the railroad still owns the property. They still need an entity to acquire the property, purchasing the entire section from Vestal to Binghamton. The total cost of the project is around \$10 million.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Grand Blvd. Mini Roundabout Feasibility Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were three intersections identified for the construction of a mini-roundabout: Crary Avenue., Crestmont Road and Helen Street. These three areas had the highest crash rates, with the majority being right-angle crashes. The series of mini-roundabouts would be designed to slow traffic down along the entire length of Grand Blvd., as well as at the three intersections. They would also work to eliminate the right-angle crashes. The mini-roundabout center and splitter islands would be mountable for trucks to be able to use the intersections. Additionally, bike lanes would be added to the length of Grand Blvd. and on street parking would be preserved. The total cost of the project is around \$750,000. City approval of the plan and funding is still needed. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a possible source for funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Age Friendly Broome-Transportation Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The group is currently working on their action plan and reviewing transportation concerns for all ages, including being able to walk and bike safely. E-bike legislation will help people bike longer. The committee will review and provide input once the draft plan is done.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Walk-Bike NY 2020 in Rochester, June 11-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See <a href="https://www.itsmr.org/events/">https://www.itsmr.org/events/</a> for more information.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYSDOT – Rt. 434 Greenway Phase 2 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Susan reported that the public hearing went well, and people were overall supportive. The planned trail access spur at Ivanhoe Rd. is one item that is contentious. The letting is scheduled in August and construction may start in October.</li> <li>○ Susan distributed DOT’s new Pedestrian Signals brochure and there was discussion about the lack of education on how to properly use RRFB and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (a.k.a. HAWK Signals). There have been concerns over drivers not stopping at the HAWK signal near the Arena.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Adjourn: 3:18 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.