

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2025**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Hadassah Mativetsky (Binghamton City Council), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Brooke Traver (BCDOH), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Jacob Rotary (Broome United Way/Fresh Cycles), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning)

Convene: 1:35 PM

February 10 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p><b>Roadway Needs Report:</b></p> <p><b>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</b></p>	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Memorial Bridge Transformation Project – Binghamton:</u> During the February 10 Committee meeting, Scott shared that the City of Binghamton has submitted this project for BMTS Transportation Improvement Program’s (TIP) funding. The project evaluation process has not been completed. It is hoped that a decision will be made whether or not to add this project to the TIP soon enough to report at the April 14 Committee meeting.</li> <li>• <u>Ross Park Zoo Trails:</u> Hadassah said that the Zoo’s monthly meeting is this week, Tuesday. She will get minutes and news on the trail project. Stephanie added that Binghamton’s Commission on Architecture and Urban Design (CAUD) approved demolition of bridges in the old entrance to make way for the new trails.</li> </ul> <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of the <b>greenway garbage</b> related to homeless encampments at the 434 Greenway at the Pennsylvania Ave. Bridge loop and tunnel has been cleaned up, but some garbage still remains.</li> <li>• Lack of motorist compliance to yield to pedestrians at the <b>Vestal Ave. crossing at Ivanhoe Rd.</b> has been reported to Hadassah. It was agreed to take this issue to the Binghamton Traffic Board. The complaint also noted issues including speeding and sun restricting motorist visibility. A raised crosswalk was suggested as a possible treatment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>Hadassah to get Zoo Trail Project update.</p> <p>Hadassah to request the Vestal Ave. crossing at Ivanhoe Rd. be added to an upcoming Binghamton Traffic Board meeting.</p>
<p><b>Announcements and Status Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No new articles or notices.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

<p><b>Education and Outreach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>2025 Binghamton Bridge Pedal</b> –Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12:30pm.            Scott shared that the following bike ride stops have been confirmed: Lee Barta Community Center, the VINES building, and the MacArthur Park Trail Head. Permission to stop at Cutler Gardens has been granted by Cornell Cooperative Extension, however the Binghamton Police have not yet responded to confirm whether they are able to escort us north of the City line? The route will be about 11 miles long. Will promote the ride to be from 9 – 11:30AM. There will be no rain date, but if there is heavy rain, registrants can come to TechWorks! to pick up their shirt and tour the museum.            The shirts will be Kelly Green with white lettering. The registration pricing will remain the same as last year: Adults - \$15 / Over 60 Years - \$10 / Under 18 Years – FREE.            The next planning meeting is on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00AM via Zoom. Let Scott know if you'd like to be a part of the Planning Committee.</p> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
<p><b>Projects/ Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>The Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Report:</b> Monthly reports are available on the BMTS website and specific count data is available upon request. BMTS is considering focusing on quarterly reports that will be in a similar format to the Annual Counter Reviews.            Scott noted that BMTS is preparing for Eco-Counter to perform in-person maintenance on the counters during April 28-May 1.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>Tuesday, March 18 at 1:30pm will be the Municipality Representative and Stakeholders Meeting in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room in the Broome County Office Building, and with a Zoom option. At the meeting we'll review what the TRG is, progress made on building the trails, current and future trail plans. Additionally, the need and purpose of a volunteer-based Friends Group will be discussed along with how a volunteer-based group can assist municipalities with trail maintenance. Will look to gain buy-in from the municipalities and stakeholders to participate with and grow the Friends group.</p> </li> <li> <p>Trail cleanup event opportunities were also discussed. Hadassah is leading a trail cleanup team through the Binghamton University Alumni Global Day of Service program. The cleanup of the Rt 434 Greenway will be on Friday, April 25 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Register to participate at <a href="https://advance.binghamton.edu/s/1796/interior.aspx?sid=1796&amp;gid=2&amp;pgid=3438&amp;cid=7595">https://advance.binghamton.edu/s/1796/interior.aspx?sid=1796&amp;gid=2&amp;pgid=3438&amp;cid=7595</a>.</p> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b>            Download Counter Reports at:  <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts">https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</a></p>
<p><b>Agency/ Dept. Updates</b></p>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Report</li> </ul> <p>Broome County Health Dept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>Brooke shared that the CHSC Grant funded treatments on <b>Oak St. for the Binghamton High School</b> are on hold until a school funded study regarding pedestrian safety for Oak St. is completed.</p> </li> <li> <p>Brooke also shared that the CHSC Grant will be funding <b>benches for the Route 434 Greenway</b>. Some benches may be convertible to a table, and some will include sun shades. They are also looking into the possibility of installing trash receptacles.</p> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

<p><b>Other</b></p>	<p>Broome County Planning Dept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The contract is being finalized for the <b>Chugnut Trail west extension project</b> from Davis Ave. to Grippen Park. Tree cuts will begin March 31<sup>st</sup>, and trail construction is planned to be completed this year.</li> <li>• There is renewed interest in developing a <b>Rail Trail in the Windsor/Colesville area</b> to connect with the D&amp;H Rail Trail in Pennsylvania. The Broome County Planning Dept. may organize a meeting of stakeholders to discuss feasibility.</li> <li>• The Brandywine Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study will kickoff soon. This will include a connectivity study that will include the Brandywine Hwy. and Frederick St. intersection.</li> <li>• Expect to hear about the results of the <b>BUILD Grant application</b> for the trail connector planning study during June or July.</li> </ul> <p>Lee Barta Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacob shared that Fresh Cycles is organizing group bike rides for April through October.</li> </ul> <p>Binghamton / City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing else to report.</li> </ul> <p>Getthere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick shared that Getthere is building up its volunteer transportation network using the Compass Care Network. Health related transportation is the current emphasis. They are also looking to increase the number of volunteer drivers.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
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Adjourn: 2:38 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 14 at 1:30PM