

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Ashley Seyfried, Steven Bard, Mark Goodwin, Susan Pitely, Bill Wagner, Nick Ceconi, Stephanie Brewer, Liz Woidt, Jenn Yonkoski, Carlos Basualdo, Danielle Clemens

Convene 1:31 p.m.

March 8th minutes accepted as is.

| Topic | Discussion/Follow Up | Action |
|--|--|---|
| <p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p> | <p>Needs: Nick noticed there are areas on the West side that do not have curb cut outs or crosswalks. Scott stated that the City identifies a certain number of curb ramps each year to bring into ADA compliance.</p> <p>Follow Up Items: None.</p> | <p>Scott will check with the City of Binghamton re: the ADA curb ramp compliance list.</p> |
| <p>Newspaper Articles/Notices</p> | <p>Nothing to report</p> | |
| <p>Education and Outreach</p> | <p>Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 7th, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott shared the final map of the 9-mile route including all the stops. The route will begin at Tech Works then follow the Two Rivers Greenway to Confluence Park then down the Route 434 Greenway to Memorial Street Bridge to Recreation Park then to NoMa Community Center on Walnut Street, then on to Front St. and up the Front Street Trail to Otsiningo Park, then down Chenango Street to the Chenango Riverwalk at Cheri Lindsey Park, and finally back to TechWorks. • Speakers for the ride stops need to be confirmed, and pending acquisition of the event permit, the Binghamton Police are able to escort the riders, and control traffic at intersections. • There will be a planning meeting on Friday, April 16th. • The group still needs to submit a permit for the event. <p>Complete Streets Workshop – Johnson City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A free Complete Streets Workshop is available through Urban Cycling Solutions via a NYSDOH grant. BMTS selected to pursue a possible Workshop in the Village of Johnson City because of the new university and housing developments in the area, the Goodwill Theater District, the Central Business District, and the implementation of the JC Rail Trail. The workshop would discuss the basics of Complete Streets and include walking the area to help develop plans and ideas. | |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott will be reaching out to officials about holding the workshop in September. • Related to the training, Stephanie noted that a Downtown Revitalization Plan for JC was done that includes recommendations for improvements. The Village of JC has some funding to implement the plan but is looking for the needed funding match. • Nick asked about the status of the JC Greenway. Stephanie said that the biggest issue is how to acquire the rail from the railroad. An interagency meeting with JC is happening tomorrow, which might look at this issue. | |
| Project/Reports | <p>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley brought up the new BMTS website and reviewed some of the features as well as where to find the Ped/Bike Counters report. • Ashley reported that the counts were up overall since February. Vestal Rail Trail had the most counts for pedestrians and the South Washington Street Bridge had the most counts for bikes. • Scott reported on battery replacement and maintenance of some of the counters. They all have a battery lifespan of two years. Some of the counters had issues with the post anchors and with water getting inside the manholes. <p>E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott shared his proposed policy and reviewed the three different classifications of eBikes. Currently, the county charter bans anything that is not man powered in the parks. The group agreed that the key issues with these types of bikes and all wheeled travel devices is speed and overall trail etiquette. These issues might be resolved with things like education and enforcement efforts, signing, designated striping on the trails and solar speed indicators. <p>Bikeshare/Bike Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill reported that GetThere was approached by Shared Mobility Inc. out of Buffalo regarding an eBike Library/Bikeshare pilot program. These bikes would be set in impoverished communities to be used for little or no cost with the intention of helping people get to needed services. They would like to begin this program next bike season in 2022. They have been in touch with United Way (Fresh Cycles), BT Workforce and Urban League. They are looking for a lead agency who has the infrastructure to track and maintain the bikes as well keep them charged and collect data on their usage. There would also be a need for educational outreach component to offer community training. | <p>Scott will update the proposed policy to include ideas shared at this Committee meeting, and then work with Liz at BC Park & Recreation towards implementing the policies as a pilot project that other municipalities could emulate.</p> |
| Other: Agency/Dept. Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSDOT – Susan informed the Committee that the Front St. and Bevier St. intersection closing for the US 11/Front St. over I-81 Bridge Replacement has been delayed, perhaps until August. She also noted that the 434 Greenway construction is moving forward. | |

Adjourn: 2:50 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.