

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2024**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT R-9), Brian Cohen (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Tanya Husick (Binghamton University), Jacob Rotary (Public), Alicia Spencer (BCDOH)

Convene: 1:35 PM

March 11 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"> • Decorative crosswalks at the State & Henry and State & Lewis intersections: Scott contacted the City of Binghamton Public Works Commissioner, Josh Paludi, and asked if the parallel white stripes of the decorative crosswalks were scheduled to be repainted. Josh P. responded that they will be repainted this spring <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Announcements and Status Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024 Walk, Bike, & Roll NY Symposium will be hosted at the Double Tree Hotel-Downtown Binghamton on September 16-18. Registration is \$75 for entire Symposium. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conference Information: https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/ ▪ Registration to open on June 2. <p>Scott is organizing a walking and bike tour that will feature the new greenway trails. For the walking tour, BC Transit confirmed that the bus/trolley will take the group to a few stops. For the biking tour, Mark Goodwin (STBC President) and Kevin Calegari (STBC Vice President) will lead a ride. Scott asked Tanya if the BU Bike Share bikes can be made available for riders to borrow. She will contact the bike share company to ask about that possibility.</p> <p>Scott reminded the Committee that NYSDOT Region 9 will give a presentation about how NYSDOT has worked to include multi-use trails as part of their transportation projects. Scott will be part of the presentation to provide context for the trail projects within the overall Two Rivers Greenway.</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Committee is asked to help spread the word about Walk, Bike, & Roll NY Symposium and encourage submission of presentation abstracts.</p> <p>Tanya to contact the bike share company to ask about the possibility making bikes available for riders to borrow.</p>

<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 10th, 9am-12pm. Scott showed the updated Binghamton Bridge Pedal website and Facebook page. Promotion of the event will begin during May once the event permits are approved. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Projects/ Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Reports are available on the BMTS website. Scott provided a quick overview of the March counter report which showed increases in counts since February, which is expected with longer days and warming temperatures. Scott showed the Committee the count data for the Rt. 434 Greenway counters using the interactive map, as the counters are not on monthly report since they have been installed less than one year. Scott also reported that Lonni Rawson of NYSDOT Region 9 informed him that they are looking into planting a few Blue Spruce across from the MacArthur counter to act as a visual barrier so it will not count eastbound automobile traffic. Scott asked about the same treatment being used for the US11 over I-81 counter, and Lonni said that she'd look into a different type of tree for that location but will see if it can be added to the MacArthur job. • Binghamton Levee Repair Project – Scott informed the Committee that BMTS sent a letter to the Ron Lake, City Engineer on March 28th that expressing the importance of this segment of trail and offering its technical assistance to the City to make rebuilding and possibly extending the trail a priority. Franco Incitti, Assistant City Engineer and Juliet Berling, Director of the Planning Dept. were copied on the letter. The North Side Neighborhood Assembly (NSNA) was made aware of the levee project and planned removal of the trail. Janet McHenry, leader of the NSNA, will be contacting the Mayor's office to obtain more information and a timeline for the project. • Update - Formation of a Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – Scott shared that an April 18 meeting is planned to walk the Binghamton portion of the Rt. 434 Greenway to pick up garbage and scope out volunteer maintenance opportunities. We'll be meeting at MacArthur Park, near the tennis courts and baseball fields. All were invited to join! • Partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) – Scott shared that the TPL is seeking an opportunity to apply for planning funds to work toward constructing multi-use trails and on-street improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians. BMTS was asked for and provided the TPL with our priorities for building out the Two Rivers Greenway, which is connecting the Rt. 434 Greenway with the Vestal Rail-Trail and to connect to and build the Johnson City Rail Trail. TPL said that these are not in-line with the Binghamton University priorities nor the City's, plus TPL needs to have projects within areas of underserved populations. Tanya mentioned that the point of Binghamton University's (BU) priority is to connect where people want to go and where it makes sense. BU wants connections to the University campuses in Vestal, JC, 	<p>Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</p>

	and Binghamton, but that doesn't necessarily usurp the community's wishes. She agreed that projects need to be where there are underserved populations.	
Agency/ Dept. Updates	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Binghamton University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Husick shared that BU is developing bike safety training for BU students. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott shared that BMTS is participating on a Committee led by with the Broome County Health Department, but also includes the Tioga County Health Department to address railroad safety and pedestrian trespassing on the railroads. There are situations where railroad tracks are a transportation barrier, especially for pedestrians who would rather cross railroad tracks than take a long route to avoid them. Will be working with the railroad to document trespassing, develop education programs, develop barriers to inhibit trespassing, and look for reasonable alternative routes to avoid railroad tracks. • New BMTS Unified Planning Work Program for April 2024 – March 2025. A couple of projects that will ask this Committee for input is the Long Range Transportation Plan update, especially with public outreach efforts. Additionally, BMTS will be updating it Complete Streets Policy. • Endicott Washington Ave. Project: Stephanie shared that this is a streetscaping project, as well as road reconstruction. Amenities will include trees, mid-block crossings, benches. Not sure if bike lanes will be installed. 	Action Items:
Other	None	Action Items:

Adjourn: 2:25 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024 at 1:30PM *(May cancel meeting if no new agenda items or updates to share.)*