

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
May 10th, 2021**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Steven Bard, Mark Goodwin, Susan Pitely, Nick Cecconi, Liz Woidt, Carlos Basualdo

Convene 1:32 p.m.

April 12th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<p>Needs: None.</p> <p>Follow Up Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott could not get a list of ramps to be upgraded to ADA compliance in the city. He saw corner ramps being upgraded on Conklin Ave. at Tompkins St. & Otseningo St. • Scott noted that Old Vestal Road was repaved from the east end to the 201 Bridge. BMTS asked and Broome County will have bike lanes added in the restriping from Murray Hill Rd. to the Rt 201 ramps. 	
<p>Newspaper Articles/Notices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott brought up the issue of the illegal gas-powered motorized bikes being used in the area. These bikes travel at higher speeds and have caused crashes. This issue was originally generated by the Johnson City Police Department however they are becoming more and more common in other areas as well. <p>Article Link: https://wnbf.com/these-gas-powered-motorized-bicycles-are-illegal-on-public-streets/ JCPD Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JohnsonCityPoliceNY/posts/4021082817980935 NYS DMV Electric scooters and bicycles and other unregistered vehicles: https://dmv.ny.gov/registration/electric-scooters-and-bicycles-and-other-unregistered-vehicles?fbclid=IwAR0QT17_PKmdShOIiSHkH7VvOhdtT1tbhM7svJH4XXLa3hvoC6-dZAeirR0</p>	
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<p>Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 7th, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott reported they have another planning meeting on 5/14/21. They have updated their website and Facebook page. All registrations will be done online. Due to COVID restrictions, the event is limited to 150 participants. <p>Complete Streets Workshop – Johnson City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott will be submitting an application to hold the training for the Village of Johnson City in mid-September. The training will most likely be online, but in-person is preferred. 	

Project/Reports	<p>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott reported an increase in usage this month. When maintenance is done to the counters, the counts during that time tend to be undercounted. BMTS is starting to get year-to-year data for comparison. When replacing the batteries, additional improvements were made to the counters at Otsiningo Park by raising the manhole covers and waterproofing the bases. Scott showed pictures of some of the counter improvements. <p>Statewide Pedestrian/Bike Counter Subcommittee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group just had a meeting last week. Scott noted it was interesting to learn what other people around the state are using such as the portable counters. It is helpful to talk to others about the best ways to collect data and troubleshoot the issues they are having. <p>E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott shared the regulations created by Seattle Parks and Recreation. Trail etiquette and speed were the two prominent issues with the eBikes. Seattle established a speed limit and defined the types of eBikes. Seattle also has a significant education and outreach program. BMTS will work with BC Parks & Recreation to develop a trail use policy consistent with NYS eBike laws that can be used as a template for other municipalities with trails. <p><u>Seattle Trail Use Regulations PILOT Program</u> Fact Sheet: https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SeattlePedestrianAdvisoryBoard/SPR_TrailPilot_Infosheet_2018.pdf Report: http://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/BriefingPapers/Multi-use%20trail%20pilot%20briefing%20paper%20and%20attachments.pdf</p> <p>Bikeshare/Bike Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. 	
Other: Agency/Dept. Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSDOT – Susan reported on the following: • Work for the replacement of the US 11/Front St. bridge over I81 is underway. • Starting next week on 434 in Vestal, the traffic signal at Clayton Ave will be replaced and upgrades will be made to the intersection. This will include curb bump-outs at the car wash to shorten the crossing for pedestrians, adding sidewalks on Clayton Ave., installing a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at the Vestal Library during August and adding sidewalks on 434 as well. Work should be completed by the end of September. There was also discussion about educating the public and students on how to use the PHB. 	

Adjourn: 2:31 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.