

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT R-9), Brian Cohen (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Evan (BC Planning), Tanya Husick (Binghamton University), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Mark Goodwin (STBC)

Convene: 1:35 PM

April 15 minutes accepted as written. There was no May meeting.

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"> • None <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 • 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/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration is NOW OPEN! <p>Committee members are encouraged to register and attend. Additionally, the Committee is asked to help spread information about the symposium.</p> <p>Scott reviewed tentative conference schedule, and reminded the Committee that he is organizing a walking and bike tour that will feature the new greenway trails. Scott is leading the walking tour, with BC Transit providing a bus/trolley that will take the group to a few stops. For the biking tour, Mark Goodwin (STBC President) and Kevin Calegar (STBC Vice President) will lead the bike ride.</p> 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Committee is asked to help spread the word about Walk, Bike, & Roll NY Symposium and to register to attend at https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/.</p>
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 10th, 9am-12pm. Register by buying a t-shirt at https://www.ctandi.org/products/inghamton-bridge-pedal-2024. Scott showed the updated Binghamton Bridge Pedal website and Facebook page. Promotion of the event is now beginning. A Facebook Live with Judi Hess will take place at 2:00pm on July 31 at TechWorks. Email, 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Committee requested to spread the Binghamton Bridge Pedal registration information.</p>

	<p>Facebook, radio & TV media will be used for promotional efforts. The Committee’s assistance to promote the Bridge Pedal is much needed and appreciated.</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 May counter report which showed decreases in counts compared to the previous year. The exception is significant increases were found in counters that were not operating for portions of 2024. Scott also reported that Lonni Rawson of NYSDOT Region 9 informed him that she and Drew Newby were going to arrange to purchase plantings to act as visual barriers for the MacArthur and US11 over I-81 counters. The counter at the Vestal Rail-Trail Shoppes location has malfunctioned. Therefore, it needed to be disconnected, taken out and sent back for analysis. Scott showed photos of the new mural being painted within the Confluence Park Tunnel. The artwork is beautiful and hopefully will deter graffiti. ● Binghamton Levee Repair Project – Scott informed the Committee that BMTS followed-up with Ron Lake, City Engineer. We are very pleased to share that the City was able to include paving & re-installing the greenway trail as a part of the levee repair project. Ron thinks that the City should be able to advertise for construction of the levee repair during June, and is hopeful to be under construction during July. This will likely affect the Bridge Pedal route, but an alternative route has been planned should the levee not be available for the bike ride. ● Update - Formation of a Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – Scott shared that several people in the Friends Group met with Nick Ballard, City Acting Parks Commissioner, and another Parks employees to walk the Binghamton portion of the Rt. 434 Greenway to discuss maintenance plans and volunteer maintenance opportunities. It was agreed for the City to mow from the trail edge to the lighting line, which will allow wildflowers and other plantings to grow and spread. The City is also willing for Kris G. and other nearby residents to maintain plantings. Organized cleanups and adding trail enhancements need to be discussed with and approved by Nick Ballard. The next step is for the Friends group to develop a volunteer maintenance plan to be approved by City Parks. ● BMTS Long Range Plan Update (LRTP) – BMTS is beginning update of its LRTP which is required every five years. Public outreach is a very important part of the update process to inform the contents of the Plan. BMTS created a survey for the public at https://bmtsonline.com/Plan2050. The Committee is requested to complete the survey and share it with others. 	<p>Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</p> <p>Committee members are requested to complete the survey and share it with others.</p>
<p>Agency/ Dept. Updates</p>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None. <p>Binghamton University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None <p>Other</p>	<p>Action Items:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie shared that the Broome County Planning Department is updating the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A draft Plan is on the website at https://www.gobroomecounty.com/planning/hazardmitigation/2024HazardMitigationPlanUpdate for review and comments. A hybrid public meeting will be held at 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 12th to give an overview of the update. A public survey is also available through July 5th to take your input at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BroomeCounty2024HMP_Review. 	
Other	None	Action Items:

Adjourn: 2:25 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2024 at 1:30PM *(Note that this is the third Monday of the month.)*