

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2022**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Stephanie Brewer, Nick Cecconi, Susan Pitely, Meghan Webster-Fennel

Convene: 1:35 PM

June 13 minutes accepted as is.

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"> • Confluence Park Interpretive Signs – Accessibility: Scott checked with Pat McGinnis, Binghamton Parks & Rec. Commissioner, on the status of making the interpretive signs accessible. Pat responded that he told Dan Cullen that if none of the people involved with the installation would make the fix we (i.e. City Parks) would. He is still waiting on that information. • ADA Curb Ramp at Chadwick Rd. & Aldrich Ave.: Full corner curbs were installed at the southeast & southwest corners of the intersection replacing curb ramps. This situation was discussed at the City’s Traffic Board on June 6. Ron Lake, City Engineer, said he would take care of it. Engineering said they believed the full curbing was the correct thing to do because the sidewalk systems were incomplete. BMTS pursued expert input from NYSDOT Region 9 and STIC. Both stated that restoring the curb ramp is the correct thing to do. This was shared with the Deputy Mayor, Megan Heiman, who asked the Engineering Dept. to make the corners ADA compliant. The City contacted the contractor and the curb ramps have been restored. Scott shared photos of the completed curb ramps. Kudos to the responsiveness of the City of Binghamton. <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 NY Conference: Scott announced the decision of the Organizing Committee to hold the 2024 Conference in Binghamton at the Double Tree Hotel on September 24-25! We are excited to host the Conference during which we’ll likely have a walking &/or biking tour of the Rt. 434 Greenway and maybe the US11/Front St. Bridge over I-81. Scott also noted that he would like the BMTS Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory 	<p>Action Items:</p>

	Committee to attend the Conference, would likely need the Committee to help in organizing and executing the Conference.	
Education and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Streets Workshop focusing Johnson City: Scott reminded the Committee that the Workshop is scheduled for July 14 (11:30am-1:00pm). The Workshop is a free, Zoom-based training. Scott asked interested Committee members to RSVP to him soon by email to register. • Binghamton Bridge Pedal Saturday, August 13th 9am-12pm Except for a few details, this event is ready to go! Committee members were asked to spread the word about the event, as well as encouraged to register themselves. 	Action Items:
Project/Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters June Report available on the BMTS website. On-site maintenance with Eco-Counter was conducted on June 28-29. In general, the counters are working well. New counter equipment was installed at the Vestal Rail-Trail West Extension counter. Municipal assistance will be needed to clean-out & re-seal bike sensor induction loops at the Otsiningo Park counters and secure the metal post that's loose at the Noyes Island counter in Binghamton. Finally, the auto data transmission modems need to be upgraded to 4G compatibility since 3G infrastructure is being taken out of service. A quote for the upgrade amounts to \$7897.50. This should be able to be completed by the end of the calendar year. • Broome County LWRP Funding Application: Stephanie Brewer reported that Broome County is requesting funding from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) administered by New York State Department of State for a new waterfront project. The goal of this program is to help communities breathe new life into their waterfront and underused assets and spur economic development in these areas; there is a strong emphasis on the public benefit that the project will bring. Broome County is requesting letters from local agencies to support our application to extend the Chugnut Trail, adding about 0.6 miles of paved trails connecting from Davis Ave to S Grippen Ave, and make improvements to Grippen Park. • Bike Safety Streets/Bike Boulevards – Johnson City Recommendations: Scott talked with Southern Tier Bicycling Club President, Mark Goodwin about assessing the recommended bike safe streets. He said STBC hasn't begun the assessments but will get moving on that. 	Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts Scott/BMTS will provide a letter of support, which will include a notation that the BMTS Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee also supports the application.
Agency/Dept. Updates	NYSDOT Region 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route 434 Greenway: Susan P. said it is still on track to be completed next summer, 2023. The Clubhouse Rd. intersection will be closed soon for construction work. • US 11/Front St. Bridge over I-81: Susan reported that the second roundabout at Old Front St./Exit 5, should be opened before the Spiedie Festival. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vestal Rt. 434 Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) Signal: Susan reported that this signal will be turned on during the next week. A press conference is possible. • Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): The Town of Vestal has been awarded \$2.3 million toward the \$2.9 million Vestal Rail-Trail Phase 3 Project, which extends the trail eastward to Sycamore Road. The multi-use trail will run from African Rd. to Sycamore Rd. along the abandoned rail bed. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick informed the Committee that Getthere Assistant Director, Katie Blaine has moved on, but a new Assistant Director, Maegan Berliner is anticipated to come on-board during August. 	

Adjourn: 2:30 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 12, 2022 1:30PM *NO AUGUST MEETING.*