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

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Steven Bard, Mark Goodwin, Nick Cecconi, Ashley Seyfried, Stephanie Brewer, Stan Kauffman, Nick Cecconi, Bill Wagner, Carlos Basualdo

Convene

June 14th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Roadway Needs	Needs:	Action Items:
Report: Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:	• Two Rivers Greenways signs at Confluence Park are difficult for people with any physical challenges to access. The interpretive sign near the confluence overlook is too high, while the interpretive sign close to the S. Washington St. Bridge is inaccessible because of a raised curb along the trail. The City of Binghamton has been notified.	
	 Follow Up Items: Exit 72 Concerns – There is no green arrow exiting the ramp but there is a pedestrian leading interval of about 3 seconds,), so the white walk ped person comes on while all lights are red, and then the ramp does get the green light. Susan is going to request a "Yield to Pedestrian" or "No Turn on Red" sign be added as many motorists fail to yield coming off the ramp. US 11 Concerns regarding turning left onto Howell Drive into North Otsiningo Park. Susan followed up and it does warrant a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon for a marked crosswalk in that area. This will be added to a list of things to try to add when future projects that come about. The Committee asked if there is any possibility for an interim treatment. Scott will ask Susan about that. Morgan Road (Park Ave -Zoo/Discovery Center Entrance) – Scott and Cyndi took a look at this section of roadway recently. They are looking at the feasibility of adding edge stripes to define space for pedestrians on Morgan Road as there are no sidewalks. It was determined that there is not enough width for adding edge stripes as this would only create a space 3.5 feet wide for pedestrians & bikes, which is below the minimum 4 foot width, and a 5 - 6 foot width would be desired. It is recommended that the City prioritize implementing the new Ross Park entrance and trail project created by Cornell students under the direction of the City. The trails recommended for re-development in the Plan would provide pedestrian and bike access to Ross Park & the Discovery Center from Park Ave., just south of Morgan Road. Scott showed photos of the area and the outline of the plan done by Cornell. 	Scott will ask Susan about the possibility of an interim treatment to improve access to North Otsiningo Park from US 11.

Newspaper Articles/Notices	• None	Action Items:
Education and Outreach	 Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 7th, 2021 Scott thanked everyone for their help in promoting the event and volunteering where needed. Registration is now open. Susan Sherwood would like help in cleaning up the area around TechWorks. PHB Education at Vestal High School PHB that will be added at Clayton Avenue will be delayed and installed after the beginning of school. Christine is working with Vestal's SRO to do education with the students on how to use the signal. Hopefully the DOT created video will be ready by the time the signal is completed. Complete Streets Workshop – Johnson City Scott announced that the date will be September 20th – time TBD. He is still determining if it will be virtual or in-person. He discussed potential participants. Space will be limited to 20 people. 	Action Items: If you are interested in volunteering to help clean up TechWorks prior to the event, let Scott know.
Project/Reports	 Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report Ashley reported on June's counts. The counts were down 4.4% since last month with over 150,000 counts. The Vestal Rail Trail East had the most counts for pedestrians and the South Washington Street Bridge for cyclists. For cyclists all sites saw an increase and for pedestrians almost all sites experienced a decrease. E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails The temporary signs about trail etiquette and rules will be added to parks soon. Scott will be putting together the trail user survey. Bikeshare/Bike Library 	
	• Bill reported that they have been asked to be part of an application to bring in a Bikeshare/Bike Library to this area. Part of the application includes identifying a financial partner and additional ideas for improvement projects. This program would be potentially implemented in 2022.	
Other: Agency/Dept. Updates	• Nothing to report.	
Other	• Stephanie is working on the Broome County Local Waterfront Revitalization Project. They are planning to have a public workshop in August for people to comment on proposed projects.	

Adjourn: 2:21 PM

Next Meeting: No August Meeting Monday, September 13, 2021 at 1:30PM