

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Susan Pitely, Christine Muss, Stephanie Brewer, Lonni Rawson, Ashley Seyfried, Marie Hebdon, Gay Canough, Liz Woidt, Nick Cecconi,

Convene 1:38 p.m.

June 8th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<p>Needs: Gay reported that the light at Main St. and Loder Street is not detecting bikes. This also seems to be true for the light at Exchange Ave/Naticoke Ave and Main St.</p> <p>Follow Up: Scott reported on the light at Hayes and Kentucky Ave and North Street. Steven had reported that light was not detecting bicycles. Scott contacted the Town of Union who acted quickly to correct the signal. Steven tested the light and it is now working properly.</p>	<p>Susan will follow up to see if NYSDOT is responsible for the lights mentioned in “Needs”.</p>
<p>BMTS Long Range Transportation Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMTS has finished their public outreach regarding the plan and they are in the process now of finishing the draft plan. The plan will be done and approved by September. This plan will look at identifying more specific projects than previous Long Range Plans. 	
<p>Newspaper Articles/Notices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broome County Department of Public Works will hold an in-person meeting for the general public on Monday, July 20th at 6pm at the Children’s Home Galloway Building at 1182 Chenango Street, Binghamton. This meeting will discuss the Chenango Street Pedestrian Project. This project is designed to remove sidewalks on the west side of Chenango Street and install new sidewalks that are ADA compliant on the east side of the street from Mead Road to Cornish Avenue. The project will also restore driveways and their adjacent lawn areas. 	
<p>Subcommittee- Educational Outreach: Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon and RRFB Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott has been in touch with the NYS DOT Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator and the state Main Office is in the process of developing a PSA video to educate the general public about how to properly use HAWK and RRFB signals. 	
<p>Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binghamton Bridge Pedal – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 2020 event has been canceled and the committee is looking at Saturday, August 21st as a possible date for next year (2021). The committee is still encouraging the public to participate in self-guided rides using routes from previous rides that are available to download. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susan mentioned that the Rt. 11 Bridge of I81 may be under construction at that time and to avoid that area. Scott reported that they are planning the next ride route to go towards the west side of Binghamton and possibly using Recreation Park as a stop. 	
Project/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scott gave an update on the Pedestrian Counters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Washington Street counter has been replaced and is working properly again. ▪ Owego – This counter had issues with water, so the counter had to be removed. BMTS was looking at ways to raise the manhole above ground, however, it appears the quickest solution will be to try to waterproof the manhole until an above ground design can be devised.. ▪ The NYSAMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group created a bike and pedestrian counter user group where others are able to share problems and solutions found with the counters, plus have general discussions about how to best count pedestrian & bicyclists. ▪ Ashely reported the counts for June: the daily average is up 17% and cycling across the board has been up since May. Vestal Rail Trail West had the most activity. Scott noted that many of the walking or biking events were canceled this year and yet the counts are still up. See reports at http://bmtsonline.com/node/41 for more details. ● Regulating Electric Vehicles of Multi-Use Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BMTS will be developing a best practice guide for eBikes and eScooters. This will entail defining what an electric vehicle is among other things. BMTS will look at what others are doing in the state and try to be consistent across the trail system. ● Age Friendly Broome – Transportation Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The review period for the Action Plan is over and they will be working on their final document. ● ITE – Upstate NY Chapter Meeting – Doubletree Hilton, Binghamton, September 24-25 CANCELED 	
Other: Agency/Dept. Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYSDOT – Susan reported that the design plan for the Rt. 11 Bridge replacement will be signed off in August. There will be a virtual public information meeting in February before construction. This meeting will be mainly for the residents and businesses of that neighborhood. ● Stephanie asked why Park Ave. is being repaved now since they will be adding raised crosswalks in the future? 	

Adjourn: 2:43 PM

Next Meeting: No August Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.