

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2024**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT R-9), Devin Link (BCDOH), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Nikole Hulbert (BCDOH), Tanya Husick (Binghamton University), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Mark Goodwin (STBC)

Convene: 1:35 PM

June 10 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p><b>Roadway Needs Report:</b></p> <p><b>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</b></p>	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Roadway Safety Audit (RSA) for Leroy St. (Millard Ave. – Crestmont Ave.) will be led by BMTS on Tuesday, July 16 per request of the City of Binghamton’s Traffic Board due to several crashes that have occurred. The walking audit will look at safety factors for all modes of transportation, and try to find possible reasons for the crashes, which will inform recommendations for needed improvements that are made in a final report.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
<p><b>Announcements and Status Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper Articles/Notices</li> <li>• <b>BMTS Central Staff Status</b> – Brian Cohen, Transportation Analyst, has taken a position with a firm in New York City. We will miss him and all the work he has done here at BMTS. BMTS will be working on a staffing plan to fill and possibly reorganize Central Staff positions to be more attractive to prospective employees and to help improve retention of employees.</li> <li>• <b>2024 Walk, Bike, &amp; Roll NY Symposium</b> will be hosted at the <b>Double Tree Hotel-Downtown Binghamton</b> on <b>September 16-18</b>. Registration is \$75 for entire Symposium before August 16, and \$125 afterward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conference Information: <a href="https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/">https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/</a></li> <li>○ Scott reviewed to 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>Committee is asked to help spread the word about Walk, Bike, &amp; Roll NY Symposium and to register to attend at <a href="https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/">https://www.itsmr.org/event/2024-walk-bike-roll-new-york-symposium/</a>.</p>

<b>Education and Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>2024 Binghamton Bridge Pedal</b> –Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm. Register by buying a t-shirt at <a href="https://www.ctandi.org/products/inghamton-bridge-pedal-2024">https://www.ctandi.org/products/inghamton-bridge-pedal-2024</a>. Promotion for the event will be done with a press release, use of a Facebook event boost, emailings, and a Facebook LIVE interview with Judi Hess of the Binghamton Visitors Bureau. The Committee’s continued assistance in promoting the Bridge Pedal is much needed and appreciated. Volunteers are needed for day before event set up and folding shirts, as well as day of event registration.</li> </ul>	<b>Action Items:</b> Committee requested to spread the Binghamton Bridge Pedal registration information.
<b>Projects/ Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter <a href="#">Reports</a></b> are available on the BMTS website. The June report will be posted soon.            Scott showed photos of the visual barriers (shrub plantings) at the MacArthur Park and US 11 over I-81 counters. Scott was able to test the MacArthur counter, and the visual barrier was at least 90% effective. Will test the other counter ASAP. When the plantings grow and fill in, they should be 100% effective.            The counter at the Vestal Rail-Trail Shoppes was determined to be malfunctioning, likely due to moisture intrusion. It is being repaired and will be sent back to BMTS for reinstallation.            The S. Washington St. Bridge counter also malfunctioned and was deinstalled to be sent to Eco-counter for diagnostics &amp; repair. This is <b>unfortunate</b> since it is the busiest location on the Two Rivers Greenway.            BMTS began discussions with Eco-counter regarding our long-term strategy for trail counting which will consider ongoing costs and staff time required for maintenance.</li> <li>● <b>Update - Formation of a Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group</b> – Scott shared that with BMTS being very limited in staff now, it is difficult to put time into leading the effort of coordinating a Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway group. For now, we’ll try to keep in touch with the City of Binghamton regarding volunteer maintenance opportunities for maintaining the City’s portion of the 434 Greenway and the Chenango Riverwalk..</li> <li>● <b>BMTS Long Range Plan Update (LRTP)</b> – Scott reminded the Committee to complete the public survey (<a href="https://bmtsonline.com/Plan2050">https://bmtsonline.com/Plan2050</a>) by August 15 to be eligible to win a \$50 VISA gift card. The Committee is requested to also share the survey with others.            BMTS has also done outreach at events including the Strawberry Festival in Owego, Cars &amp; Bikes in Otsiningo Park, and Cars in the Park at Hickories Park.</li> </ul>	<b>Action Items:</b> Download Counter Reports at: <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts">https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</a>  Committee members are requested to complete the survey and share it with others.
<b>Agency/ Dept. Updates</b>	NYSDOT Region 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul> Binghamton University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>	<b>Action Items:</b>

	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephanie (<b>Broome County Planning Department</b>) shared that the Chugnut Extension to Grippen Park Project is in the midst of environmental review and permitting which needs to be completed before moving ahead to bid for construction.</li> <li><b>Broome County Health Department:</b> Nikole Hulbert was introduced to the Committee. She is coordinating the Creating Healthy Schools &amp; Communities Program.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	None	<b>Action Items:</b>

Adjourn: 2:46 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 9, 2024 at 1:30PM *(Note that there is no August meeting.)*