

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Nick Cecconi, Jennifer Taylor, Susan Pitely, Stephanie Brewer, Carlos Basualdo, Mark Goodwin

Convene: 1:32 PM

June 12 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"> • None <p>New Needs Reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick mentioned that he has observed corner ramp replacements for ADA compliance taking place on Binghamton’s west side. Asked if there is a requirement to post a notice of the need to cross the street in advance before one reaches a corner that’s under construction? No one on the Committee was aware of such a requirement. 	<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"> ○ Discussion occurred regarding plans for revitalizing and creating new trails within Ross Park in Binghamton. Scott said that he’d try to find a link to the study that was completed by Cornell’s AAP Design Connect Team. 	<p>Action Items: Below is a link to the Cornell Design Connect blog site: https://blogs.cornell.edu/crp/2019/02/21/design-connect-proposal-for-binghamton-park-gets-warm-reception-from-city-officials/</p>
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023 Binghamton Bridge Pedal is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 12th, 9am-12pm. Price structure will be the same – Adults \$15/60 & Over \$10/18 & under FREE. Event logistics are pretty much in place. Scott will send out an email to the Committee with a Bridge Pedal announcement for one final push to spread information about the Bridge Pedal event. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Project/Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Reports are available on the BMTS website. The June counter report is available on the BMTS website. Scott’s observations of the data indicate continued increase in counts at all counters corresponding with the warmer weather and increased daylight of Summer. • Route 434 Greenway: A grand opening event is being planned. If it involves the NYS Governor, less people may be able to attend. Scott will keep the Committee informed of when a Press Conference is 	<p>Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</p>

	<p>scheduled. Susan will add Mark Goodwin (STBC) to Scott Cook's (NYSDOT Communications Specialist) contact list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Safe Streets – Rating Propose Johnson City Roads – Scott received the link to the online ArcView map of the recommended JC bike safe streets. The link was sent to Mark G.. Scott will send Mark a rating form for rating bicycle safety for the roadways. It was recommended that that a Google Form be created with the list of the proposed bike safe streets to evaluate. Scott mentioned that designating bike safe streets may be something that can be included in Johnson City's efforts to become a certified Climate Smart Community. 	<p>Action Items: Scott will send Mark a rating form for rating bicycle safety for the roadways, and will try to create a Google Form with the list of the proposed bike safe streets to evaluate.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Site Plan Review Processes were discussed:</p> <p>NYSDOT Region 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Jennifer Taylor of NYSDOT, for joining us for this discussion. • NYSDOT's site plan review process is mainly through the Section 239 Review process for development activity that impacts State roadways. • NYSDOT's Site Plan Committee has representatives from its different divisions, as well as BMTS. Susan also has an opportunity to provide input from the pedestrian & bike accommodation/safety perspective. • NYSDOT has more authority in prescribing what must be done when issuing a permit through NYSDOT is required. Otherwise, NYSDOT provides recommendations in more of an advisory role. • NYSDOT also reviews and comments on environmental impacts of developments through the SEQR application process. <p>Broome County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Planning (Lora Zier) leads the Section 239 review process. BC Planning often defers to BMTS & NYSDOT on transportation related comments for developments. They focus more on land use issues. • Broome County coordinates with local municipalities in it general planning efforts. <p>Local Municipalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They ultimately have the final say in site plan approvals and what to ask of the developer to include in the site design. They should make decisions based on law, code, and being compliant with their Comprehensive Plan. • The municipality should also be aware of other County, Regional (e.g. BMTS), and State plans that should be complied with, which would impact site plan design and all land use decisions. • For the public to effectively advocate for pedestrian & bicycle infrastructure in development projects, they must actively engage in required public comment opportunities for municipal boards/councils, planning committees, and zoning board of appeals. 	

Agency/Dept. Updates	<p>NYS DOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rt. 434 Apalachin: Susan shared that rumble strips were added to the paving project. NYS DOT normally hasn't put them in, but data has shown an increase of running off the road crashes, so they'll be installing rumble strips more often. NYS DOT is requiring 4-foot minimum shoulder widths, but some retraining is needed to be sure contractors comply. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broome County Planning: Stephanie mentioned the BC Brownfield Opportunity Area application is being submitted that will enable streetscape improvements and a connectivity plan. Letters of support may be requested from BMTS and other stakeholders. • It was asked if there are plans for the former BAE site in Westover. Stephanie replied that there is an application to add fill to the site to raise it above the flood plain and make it developable. • It was asked if the new Dick's Sports Experience can be accessed by pedestrian or cyclist? There are no dedicated facilities, from the roadway to within Oakdale Commons and specifically Dick's that anyone is aware of. 	Action Items:
Other	<p>The following surveys are open for public input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated Plan Update Public Survey – Complete by July 21. https://forms.office.com/g/hxNsHwpTcM • Binghamton's Memorial Bridge Reimagined Project – Public Survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/X8KSLTY 	Action Items:

Adjourn: 2:46 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1:30PM – *NO AUGUST MEETING.*