

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2021**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Steven Bard, Susan Link, Susan Pitely, Nick Cecconi, Stephanie Brewer, Nicole McGrath

Convene: 1:31PM

July 12<sup>th</sup> minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p><b>Roadway Needs Report:</b></p> <p><b>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunnel on Chenango Street will be closed for 3 months due to the abnormal rate of settling. It will be closed to traffic but open to pedestrians and bicyclists.</li> </ul> <p>None.</p>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
<p><b>Newspaper Articles/Notices</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott shared the flyer to the Annual Haudenosaunee Festival on September 25<sup>th</sup> on the Rail Trail.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b> Scott will share the flyer with the committee.</p>
<p><b>Education and Outreach</b></p>	<p><b>Report:</b> Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott shared some photos from the event. There were approximately 80 riders. Scott thanked all the volunteers and those that provided support. The Binghamton Police Dept. played a critical role in escorting the riders &amp; controlling intersections. Their partnership has been very much appreciated in each Bridge Pedal event. The four ride stops worked well and the riders appeared very interested in the presentations given at each location. Scott also overheard conversations indicating that there were several people new to the area that were riding, and were excited to see what the area offered for cycling and recreation. The Post Pedal Party also appeared successful with most participants staying after the ride. Bike helmets were given away to adults &amp; children. Broome County Planning was able to get public input for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Update. The snacks from local restaurants and fresh food providers were also enjoyed by the riders. Scott will be working with a marketing person who volunteered to help with promotion of next year’s event. Once couple spoke with Scott and said they would not have known about the Bridge Pedal if they didn’t hear the interview on WNBF.</li> </ul> <p>Complete Streets Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a virtual general Complete Streets Workshop on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b> Scott is requesting the committee to share the information about the Complete Streets Workshop webinar.</p>

<b>Project/Reports</b>	<p>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott shared the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Counting summary. The busiest counters are the S. Washington Street Bridge followed by the Vestal Rail Trail. The summary compared the monthly counts from 2019 to present. Total counts for this year for the total trail system are over a million. Monthly reports can be found on the BMTS website at <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts">https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</a>.</li> <li>• There are three counters that have had some issues with their metal clips. The clips have been removed and replacement parts will be used.</li> </ul> <p>E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMTS is continuing to work with the Broome County Parks Dept. to establish regulations on the trails. These regulations will prohibit combustion engines, allow the use of class 1 and 2 e-bikes, mandate riders to obey speed limits and ride according to the conditions on the trail as well as practice proper trail etiquette. Scott shared examples of signage.</li> </ul> <p>Bikeshare/Bike Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report. Nick said that they will be meeting again in October.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</b>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Pitely reported on the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon on Clayton Avenue in Vestal. The poles will be coming in at the end of October. If they do not come by November, the signal most likely not be installed until next spring. Outreach will be put on hold until the signal is installed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie asked Susan about a crosswalk that was added on 434 near Vestal Road. The crosswalk really doesn't connect to anything. Susan does not think it is part of the Greenway project but will find out what is going on with it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Editor's Note:</u> Susan's provided the following response after the meeting. We (NYSDOT Reg. 9) will soon be (or possibly already have) blocked off the shoulder on 434 Eastbound between Plaza Drive and Murray Hill Road. We will be delineating the shoulder on the westbound for pedestrians in both directions (I think barrels and cones) and the crosswalk there is where the shoulder ends for 434 and a pedestrian has to cross Vestal Road to continue using the shoulder to get down to Plaza Drive (or if you crossed at Plaza Drive, you would then use the crosswalk so you can stay on 434 rather than go up Vestal Road).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Adjourn: 2:17 PM

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, October 18, 2021 at 1:30PM