

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2021**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Steven Bard, Carlos Basualdo, Susan Pitely, Nick Cecconi, Stanley Kauffman, Ashley Seyfried,
Convene: 1:34 PM
September 13th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<p>No new needs.</p> <p>Crosswalk on Vestal Road Ramp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crosswalk is part of the 434 Greenway project. At Murray Hill Rd. they are crossing pedestrians to the north side of the roadway and using the coned off area to take them to the crosswalk at Vestal Rd. with the next opportunity to cross to the south side of the road at Campus Plaza, as well as further east at Clubhouse Road. The crosswalk will be there until the construction is completed. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Newspaper Articles/Notices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October is Pedestrian Safety Month. Christine has been sending out social media posts on the Traffic Safety Program Facebook page. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<p>Report:</p> <p>Complete Streets Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a virtual Complete Streets Workshop on September 27th. There were over 30 participants in the webinar. The webinar did an overview of basic Complete Streets design and policy information. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Project/Reports</p>	<p>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley gave the September Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts. The Confluence Tunnel, Vestal Rail Trail - Coal House, and South Washington Street Bridge Counters were undergoing maintenance during the month of September and are not included in the September report. Over 3.5 million counts so far since counter installation during summer of 2019. Vestal Rail Trail East – Shoppes had highest percentage of the bike/pedestrian counts. Otsiningo South had the highest decrease. • Scott reported that they are still dealing with maintenance issues. The Coalhouse counter needs to be removed and sent back to Eco-counter for diagnostics. 	

	<p>Two Rivers Greenway Trail Rating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott & Ashley will be going out to each trail to rate the pavement conditions and look at any maintenance issues such as vegetation or signs that need to be fixed. Trails will be rated biannually. <p>E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Spiedie Fest and Scarecrow Contest has delayed the implementation of the signs and new policies in the parks. <p>Bikeshare/Bike Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held in Otsiningo Park on October 5th with Shared Mobility from Buffalo. Partners for a prospective bike library service had the opportunity to test ride the pedal assist e-bikes, as well as an e-scooter. Broome would be one of five communities in NYS to take part in this Bike Library Project if they receive the grant from NYSERDA. The grant award is expected to be announce by the end of the year. The idea behind the library would be to offer this service in low-income communities. Logistical details still need to be determined such identifying a lead agency and establishing criteria for the e-bike loaning. This will be explored in the planning phase of the grant. The planning document will then be rated to determine if implementation funds will be awarded. <p>Roadway Safety Audit – North Street, Binghamton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMTS did an audit on North Street on safety concerns such as speeding and crash history. They met with community members, representatives from BPD, NYSDOT and the City Engineering Dept. They found some ramps to not be ADA compliant, no painted crosswalks and signage issues. There was a crash not more than a week after the audit was done. Scott will send out the final report with recommendations once it is done. <p>Bike Safety Streets/Bike Boulevards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven would like to identify some streets to be designated as Bike Boulevards/Bike Safe Streets. Scott shared the City of Ithaca Bicycle Boulevard Plan. These streets would have lower traffic volumes and be considered safer for bike use. Once streets have been identified, approval from the municipalities would be needed. 	<p>Action Items: Ask Committee members to think of streets that could be considered as a Bike Safety Street.</p>
<p>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</p>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications are in the midst of being reviewed, scored and ranked.. 	
<p>Other</p>		

Adjourn: 2:28 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 15, 2021 at 1:30PM