

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS), Hadassah Mativeski (Binghamton City Council), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Devin Link (BCDOH), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Mark Goodwin (STBC), Jacob Rotary (Broome United Way/Fresh Cycles), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT Region 9)

Convene: 1:33 PM

October 21 minutes accepted as written.

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"> • <u>Bunn Hill Rd. (Rt. 434 – Vestal Rd.) Sidewalk Status:</u> Broome County DPW Engineer, Martin Haley emailed Scott stating, this project has entered the Preliminary Design and Right of Way Acquisition phase. We expect to be signing with Hunt Engineering this week, with Detailed Design through 2025. Expected construction completion in 2026. <u>Editor Note:</u> Scott Mastin followed-up with a November 22 email stating, we are currently settling scope and fee with the designer for this project. Discussion continued regarding the <u>Rt. 434 pedestrian crossing at Bunn Hill Rd.</u>, noting that the sidewalk project won't include improvements to this crossing movement. Hadassah shared that it is not the most comfortable crossing, but it is not problematic when crossing with a group of adults while pressing the pedestrian push button and waiting for the walk signal phase. Devin shared that it is a scary crossing. Jacob said the crossing is tricky, yet doable and safe. • A question was asked about the status of the <u>Vestal Rail Trail Phase 3</u> project, African Road to Sycamore Road.. Scott shared the following update he received from Susan Pitely - The Town of Vestal has requested to modify their Vestal Rail Trail Phase 3 plans. They are having difficulty acquiring property needed for pedestrian signals and curb ramp/landing pads at the southeast corner of the intersection of Vestal Road and Sycamore, so have requested permission to remove the work planned on that corner with the promise to look for funding and continue working on acquiring the need ROW so the work can be completed as part of a Phase 4 of the Vestal Rail Trail. • Status of the <u>Ross Park Zoo Trails Project:</u> <u>Editor Note:</u> on November 22, Scott received the following email update from City Planner, Tito Martinez - This project is ready to go to bid, but we are waiting on a resolution from Albany to move forward. If all goes well, we may be able to break ground in 2025. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Scott to ask Susan Pitely if there are any plans for NYSDOT to improve the Rt. 343 pedestrian crossing at Bunn Hill Rd.</p>

	<p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hadassah asked if the counters at the <u>Vestal Ave. & S. Washington St. intersection</u> are BMTS's and if any video recorded can be used to document pedestrian safety issues? After the meeting Scott found that the counters were not coordinated by BMTS to be there. Hadassah noted that the crossing guard is often nearly hit at that intersection by vehicles turning onto S. Washington St. northbound. Scott will provide Hadassah with a Roadway Safety Audit report from several years ago to be able to use as a reference for potential improvements at the intersection. 	<p>Scott will provide Hadassah with a Roadway Safety Audit report that includes the Vestal Ave. & S. Washington St. intersection.</p>
Announcements and Status Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new articles or notices. 	Action Items:
Education and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 9th, 9am-12pm. A coordinating team meeting is set up for November 21 to debrief on the 2024 event and begin planning for 2025. Any others interested in joining the coordinating team are welcome. Scott asked for suggestions for places of interest for ride route stops. Stephanie volunteered to create a list of past stops for reference in planning new stops. 	<p>Action Items: Stephanie to create list of past Bridge Pedal ride stops.</p>
Projects/ Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Report for October is available on the BMTS website. BMTS reinstalled the Vestal Rail-Trail Shoppes counter on September 27 and the S. Washington St. Bridge counter on October 4 which were inactive and needed repairs, but both have not been automatically sending data. Eco-Counter will be sending new loggers for each counter. They will likely be installed in early December. Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – Scott showed a photo from a Facebook post of the November 8 cleanup. Six volunteers were able to almost finish pulling out growth along the guardrail between the trail and highway. A Springtime walk through will be organized by NYSDOT that will include City of Binghamton Parks officials, Friends Group members to identify flora along the trail and the best maintenance approach. Hadassah noted that the eagle nest viewer has been installed where the MacArthur trail spur meets the 434 Greenway. Interpretive sign will soon be installed as well. 	<p>Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</p>
Agency/ Dept. Updates	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 363 Gateway Project:: Susan's email stated that the 363 Gateway does not have design approval yet, so there is no new information other than NYSDOT is still waiting for approvals (she believes after SHPO ok's, then it can go to FHWA for their approval). 	Action Items:

	<p>Binghamton University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broome County Health Dept: Devin shared that they are working on the following projects with the City of Binghamton using Creating Healthy Schools & Communities Grant funding: 1) Benches with shade covers on the 434 Greenway. Looking for feedback by Wednesday morning., 2) Walking trail repair in Recreation Park; 3) Oak St. crosswalk at Binghamton High School. • Nick Cecconi, Getthere, asked general questions about I-District plans in Endicott, Johnson City, and Binghamton. Binghamton DECO District & Stadium District information should be on the City’s website. • Questions were asked about the status of the Memorial Bridge Transformation Project. Scott will try to get an update for the January 13 meeting. 	<p>Scott will try to get an update on the Memorial Bridge Transformation Project for the January 13 meeting.</p>
Other	None	Action Items:

Adjourn: 2:55 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, January 13 at 1:30PM