

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 4, 2024

Members Present: Gary Hammond, Josh Holland, Katy Mangan, Nazar Logvis, Vern Myers, Elaine Jardine, Josh Paludi, Cameron Williams, Alex Urda, Joel Kie, Lou Caforio

Others Present: Christine Klein, Michael Zamierowski, Khana Beers

BMTS Staff Present: Jennifer Yonkoski, Leigh McCullen, Scott Reigle

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hammond at 2:01 pm.

Approval of June 4, 2024, minutes. Motion made by L. Caforio, seconded by G. Hammond. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair opened the floor for comment. None was offered.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Resolution 2024-14, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN 982201, capital purchase of busses, BC Transit.

J. Yonkoski also explained that BC Transit was awarded \$8.884M from the Section 5339 discretionary Low-No grant and that an amendment was needed to add this as a project to the TIP, PIN 982201, for the capital purchase of 7 fully electric buses. BC Transit also intends to use \$1M of Section 5307 funds from FFY24 that were previously programmed for operating assistance and Section 5339 funds from FFY24 and FFY25 to complete this purchase.

A motion was made by J. Kie and seconded by K. Mangan; the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-15, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 906797, Rt. 17 Resurfacing, Owego to Apalachin, NYSDOT.

K. Mangan explained the need for the amendment to PIN 906797. This project has been scoped down to a mill and fill from a crack and seat due to the high cost of full reconstruction. NYSDOT is exploring night work to avoid the need to build up shoulders and other measures to reduce costs. Final design is moving from FFY24 to FFY25, C & CI are moving from FFY25 to FFY26 and cost is decreasing from \$2.200M to \$1.250M. The cost savings will be returned to the pavement block that this project was originally carved from.

A motion was made by G. Hammond, seconded by V. Myers; the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions 2024-16 – 2024-20, Recommending Policy Committee approval of amendments to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new projects.

J. Yonkoski stated that there were 5 projects that were awarded during the last round of Bridge NY (2023) that were inside the MPO boundary and would need to be added to the TIP.

- PIN 975577, CR 13 over Bradley Creek, Broome County
- PIN 975578, Glenwood Road over Big Choconut Creek, Broome County
- PIN 975580, Baker Hill Rd over Tracy Creek, Town of Vestal
- PIN 975582, McNair Road over Tuscarora Creek, Town of Windsor
- PIN 975597, Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek, Tioga County

A motion was made by G. Hammond, seconded by J. Holland; the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-21, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN NEVI16, O&M of EV Charging Infrastructure, Court Street, Owego, NYSDOT

J. Yonkoski explained that this project is part of the NYSDOT NEVI Plan and is being programmed by NSYDOT Main Office. Since this project is within the MPO, it will need to be added to the TIP.

NEVI.16.421 - “Owego” (formerly Waverly)

NYSDOT NEVI16	THIS PROJECT PROVIDES FUNDING TO NYPA FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ON COURT STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF OWEGO, TIOGA COUNTY. THIS LOCATION PROVIDES CHARGING ACCESS ALONG NEW YORK’S TARGETED EV ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDOR (AFC) INTERSTATE 86 / NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 17	NEVI 2024 NFA 2024	0.780 0.195	OPER OPER	0.780 0.195
AQC: N/A	MULTI TPC: \$.473-\$1.263 M	TOTAL 4 YR COST:	0.975		0.975

A motion was made by K. Mangan, seconded by G. Hammond; the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

Administrative Modifications - J. Yonkoski informed the committee that there were multiple (15) requests from NYSDOT and local project sponsors to move project phases to the next fiscal year due to a delay in obligating funds prior to the end of the current fiscal year (September 30, 2024). J. Yonkoski also added that for PIN 975533, the village of Endicott requested to move construction from FFY26 to

FFY25 because the pavement was deteriorating faster than anticipated and they were receiving many complaints from the public.

Annual Traffic Count Program – L. McCullen informed the Committee that traffic counts would be taken this year at approximately 100 signalized intersections sometime between the end of September the end of October. 5-6 roadway counts would also be taken.

Pavement Ratings – S. Reigle explained that instead of the manual windshield surveys that BMTS has done in the past, Road AI (Vaisala) was being utilized to rate pavement conditions. BMTS collaborated with Broome County and, using a mounted cell phone on the windshield, has collected video of the roadways that will be uploaded and analyzed by the AI software and given a pavement score. The hope is that the AI ratings will be comparable to past ratings and can be used in the future as a more subjective way to provide pavement condition to local municipalities on Federal Aid eligible roadways. The software also has the capability to locate signage and pavement markings. Vaisala is working to improve the accuracy of the signage and pavement marking add-ons based on the feedback that BMTS and other clients for future use. Most of the driving has been completed and BMTS hopes to have reports completed by December for review.

Binghamton Bridge Pedal – S. Reigle updated the Committee on the Binghamton Bridge Pedal which took place on August 10. The ride saw over 90 cyclists this year and the weather turned out beautiful on the tail end of tropical storm Debbie.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – J. Yonkoski stated that a kick-off meeting was held with the consultant in August and that the agreement with FHWA was very close to being finalized.

Long Range Transportation Plan – J. Yonkoski stated that BMTS staff addended many events this summer as part of the public outreach for the Plan update. The online survey closed on August 15th and received 356 responses. L. McCullen briefly reviewed some of the preliminary findings of the survey responses and let the committee know that once a full analysis had been completed, they would receive the information for review.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

K. Mangan stated that effective immediate, the portion of Rt. 17 from the PA state line to Rt. 26 in Vestal has been officially designated I-86.

There being no other business offered, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53PM

NEXT MEETING DATE – December 3, 2024