

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Planning Committee Meeting
June 6th, 2019
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bennett at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Robert Bennett, Chair, Village of Johnson City Public Services
Vernon Myers, Vice-Chair, Town of Vestal
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works
Greg Kilmer, BC Transit
Lou Caforio, Town of Union
Katy Mangan, for Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning
Marty Shaw, Village of Endicott
Tom Sullivan, for Leslie Boulton, Broome County Public Works

Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff
Steve Gayle, RSG

- Approval of minutes of the April 11th, 2019 meeting. Motion made G. Hammond, seconded by G. Kilmer. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

- **2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program**
[Resolution 2019-06, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the draft 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program]

J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the TIP development process and noted that the draft TIP had been out for public review since April. She the following overview of changes that have been made to the draft based on comments received:

- Add NYSDOT Culvert Block PIN 9TCR23
- Add the following 5 paving projects in Tioga County to the “Illustrative List”
 1. Bodle Hill Road, Taylor Road, Day Hollow Rd. (Spur section). All are interconnected 3.80 miles

2. Southside Drive, Sulphur Springs Road (connecting section), Stanton Hill Road. 4.42 miles
3. Glenmary Drive 5.65 miles
4. West Creek Road 14.00 miles
 - West Creek Road is a Rural Major Collector for all of its length in Tioga County, and thus Federal Aid Eligible. However, only 5.69 of the total 14 miles is within the BMTS MPA (i.e., the segments within the Town of Owego and Town of Candor). The segments within Berkshire, Newark Valley, and Richford are outside the BMTS MPA.
5. Halsey Valley Road 13.35 miles
 - Halsey Valley Road is a Rural Major Collector for all of its length in Tioga County, and thus Federal Aid Eligible. However only the 8.48 miles of the total 13.35 miles is within the BMTS MPA (i.e., the segments within the Town of Tioga). The segments within Spencer and Barton are outside the BMTS MPA.

✓ L. Caforio made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-06. M. Shaw seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

- **MPO Self Certification**

[[Resolution 2019-07](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of the BMTS MPO Self Certification, certifying a finding of compliance of the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study with Federal metropolitan planning requirements]

J. Yonkoski stated that the self-certification process involves reviewing the previous year's activities carried out by the MPO and certifying that those activities followed federal law. She noted that this is an ongoing federal requirement to be eligible to continue to receive federal funds.

✓ T. Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-07. F. Evangelisti seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

- **2017-2021 TIP Amendments**

[[Resolution 2019-08](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, FAST Act requirement – TIP Description of Anticipated Effects]

J. Yonkoski stated that this amendment would add text to the TIP describing its anticipated effects toward achieving bridge and pavement condition performance measures and targets.

✓ G. Kilmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-08. F. Evangelisti seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

[[Resolution 2019-09](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of TAP project, Design and ROW Incidental phases]

J. Yonkoski stated that this amendment would allow Broome County to begin the design and right-of-way phases of this project under the current TIP with construction and CI phases remaining on the 2020-2024 TIP.

- ✓ V. Meyers made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-09. T. Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.
- **UPWP Amendment**
[Resolution 2019-10, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2019-2020 UPWP]

J. Yonkoski stated that this amendment would add planning funds to the UPWP to allow the preparation of two feasibility studies for future trail development along Vestal Road and in Windor.

✓ V. Meyers made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10. M. Shaw seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

Eric Hathaway, Transportation Engineer, City of Ithaca discussed Vision Zero and importance of setting Speed Limits to reduce traffic fatalities. He stated that state law prohibits municipalities, other than NYC, from reducing speed limits below 30 mph except in school zones. He is interested in developing a coalition of municipalities who are interested in advocating a change to this law to permit local jurisdictions to set appropriate speeds for their communities based upon best engineering practices.

Steve Gayle, RSG, provided an overview of BMTS' current efforts to update the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Katy Mangan provided an update on local projects.

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 5th @ 1:30pm

Motion to adjourn by T. Sullivan, seconded by F. Evangelisti. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm