

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Planning Committee Minutes  
Thursday, June 23, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Boulton at 11:00am.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Leslie Boulton, Chair, Broome County Public Works  
*Joe Bayer* for Vern Myers, Vice-Chair, Town of Vestal Engineering  
Josh Holland, Village of Johnson City Department of Public Services  
Beth Lucas, Broome County Planning  
Ron Lake, City of Binghamton Engineering  
Gregory Kilmer, Broome County Public Transportation  
Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works  
Lou Caforio, Town of Union Public Works  
Dan Maerkl, City of Binghamton Public Works  
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9 Planning  
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning  
Joel Kie, Town of Dickinson Public Works  
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango Engineering  
JoAnn Lindstrom, Town of Owego

Others Present:

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff  
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Central Staff  
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff  
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff  
Kathryn Mangan, NYSDOT  
Richard Brauer, Bergmann  
Younes Dimitri, Fisher Assoc.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- **2020-2024 TIP Amendments**  
[Resolution 2022-09, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, increasing the amount of FTA Section 5307 funds for FFY 2022 from \$2.286M to \$4.637M and utilizing this money for the following:

Preventive Maintenance	\$2,500,000
Bus Stop Sign Project	\$1,000,000
Cutaway buses	\$600,000
Generator	\$350,000
Operating Assistance (Bal)	\$2,154,760]

- J. Yonkoski stated that BC Transit has received additional FTA Section 5307 funds and proposes to use the funds for the projects listed.
- ✓ R. Lake made a motion, seconded by L. Caforio, to approve Resolution 2022-09. The resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

[Resolution 2022-10, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, adding \$1.819M in FTA discretionary Section 5307 American Rescue Plan funds for operating assistance]

- J. Yonkoski stated that BC Transit has received additional FTA Section 5307 funds through a competitive grant and proposes to use the funds for operating assistance.
- ✓ R. Lake made a motion, seconded by L. Caforio, to approve Resolution 2022-10. The resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES**

#### TIP Administrative Modifications

J. Yonkoski explained that there was an administrative modification approved at the TIP subcommittee to increase funding for PIN 975492, Lester Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement

J. Yonkoski explained that TIP Subcommittee approved a description change to PIN 982152, FTA Section 5339 to allow BC Transit to purchase bus lifts and a service truck.

#### Draft 2023–2027 TIP - Release for Public Review

J. Yonkoski provided the committee with amount of funding available versus the amount of funding that was requested during the call for projects. There was an ask of approximately \$40M and only \$21.6M in FHWA funding available. Yonkoski provided a list of local projects that were selected and also the eSTIP download that includes all NYSDOT and local projects. Yonkoski stated that the Draft 2023-2027 TIP will go out for public review by next week.

#### Complete Streets Workshop

S. Reigle let the Committee know that a virtual Active Transportation and Complete Streets Workshop will be held on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 1:00pm and that they should be receiving an invite to attend very soon. The workshop will cover the following topics:

- General Principles of Complete Streets
- Infrastructure Module - including a virtual Walk Audit
- Establishing a Policy Framework
- Implementing Complete Streets
- Education & Enforcement
- Evaluating Success

### 2022 Binghamton Bridge Pedal

S. Reigle provided the Committee with information regarding the 2022 Binghamton Bridge Pedal. The ride will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 9:00am – 11:00am. More information will be sent out once registration has opened.

### BC Transit Updates

G. Kilmer stated that BC Transit has completed their farebox upgrade and has also completed their shelter project. Kilmer stated that 60 new shelters have been installed. He provided an updated on the BC Transit sign project that came after the planning study funded by BMTS. Kilmer said that over 800 new signs will be installed on stand-alone posts utilizing the new design from the study. He also stated that BC Transit will be received 6 fully electric buses all with NYS manufactured systems.

### **BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR**

- P. Eshbaugh provided a brief update on the status of locally sponsored projects.
- P. Eshbaugh stated that Cornell Local Roads is holding a training titled *Federal Aid 101* on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42am.