

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Planning Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hammond at 11:01am.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Gary Hammond, Tioga County Public Works (Chair)
Vern Myers, Town of Vestal Engineering (Vice-Chair)
Nazar Logvis for Roger Brown, Broome County Public Works
Josh Holland, Village of Johnson City Department of Public Services
Beth Lucas, Broome County Planning
Greg Kilmer, Broome County Department of Public Transportation
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning
Josh Paludi, City of Binghamton Public Works
Cameron Williams, Village of Endicott
Alex Urda, Town of Chenango
Mike Roberts, Town of Owego
Katy Mangan, NYSDOT Region 9, Acting Planning and Program Manager

Others Present:

Jim Cummings, Hunt Engineers
Christine Klein, NYSDOT Region 9
Tom Sullivan, Broome County Public Works
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Staff
Scott Reigle, BMTS Staff
Leigh McCullen, BMTS Staff
Brian Cohen, BMTS Staff
Shelley Johnson
Danielle Naylor

Approval of December 5, 2023, minutes. Motion made by G. Hammond, seconded by G. Kilmer.
Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

1. ACTION ITEMS

- **2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program**

[[Resolution 2024-01](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets]

J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the Unified Planning Work Program from 2024-2025 including federal requirements, specific projects, staffing and the budget.

Motion made by K. Mangan, seconded by J. Holland
Approved by consensus.

- **Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan**

[[Resolution 2024-02](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of the 2024 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan]

J. Yonkoski stated the public comment period for the draft Plan had passed. She stated that a presentation on the draft Plan had been made at the December meeting and that no substantive changes had been made to the Plan since that time.

Motion made by K. Mangan, seconded by C. Williams
Approved by consensus.

- **Limited English Proficiency Plan Update**

[[Resolution 2024-03](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of the proposed update to the BMTS Limited English Proficiency Plan]

J. Yonkoski stated that the Limited English Proficiency Plan was updated to reflect the new 2020 Census data. She noted that the BMTS area is below the required thresholds to required translation services but that if translation was required by a person or organization that it would be provided.

Motion made by G. Kilmer, seconded by J. Holland
Approved by consensus.

- **2023-2027 TIP Amendments**

[[Resolution 2024-04](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of new project, PIN 975565, Bunn Hill Road Pedestrian Connection, Broome County]

J. Yonkoski stated that this amendment would add a pedestrian project along Bunn Hill Road to the current TIP to be funded with Carbon Reduction Funds.

Motion made by N. Logvis, seconded by G. Hammond
Approved by consensus.

[[Resolution 2024-05](#), Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, Addition of funds, PIN 982187, Purchase Hybrid Electric Buses, Broome County]

Jennifer stated that the amendment would add additional funds from SDF and FTA to an existing project.

Motion made by G. Kilmer, seconded by L. Caforio
Approved by consensus.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- Administrative Modifications – J. Yonkoski provided an overview of TIP Modifications approved by the TIP Subcommittee.
- Bridge NY Update – J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the 2023 Bridge NY solicitation process for Broome and Tioga Counties. She stated that the projects had been reviewed and scored by the TIP Subcommittee.
- Bike/Ped Counter Data – Year in Review – L. McCullen provided an overview of Two Rivers Green bike and pedestrian counts for 2023. An interactive story map can be found here: <https://arcg.is/1fXHSq>
- TIP Update Cycle – J. Yonkoski stated that there will be a call for TIP projects in the fall of this year, followed by project ranking by the TIP Subcommittee over the winter, and final adoption of the 2025-2030 TIP in June 2025. Planning targets have not yet been provided by Main Office. New projects will be programmed for FY 28,29 and 30.
- 2020 Urban Area Boundary – J. Yonkoski stated that an update to BMTS' Urban Area Boundary based on the 2020 Census had been accepted by FHWA. The primary change is the remove of the Pennsylvania segment from the BMTS urban area.
- 2023 Pavement Ratings – Road and Trail – S. Reigle and B. Cohen provided an overview of Road and Trail ratings for 2023. They directed committee members to [Pavement Ratings | bmtsonline](#) for maps and information of the ratings.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – J. Yonkoski stated the an RFP for the project was posted on January 21, 2024 and will be out for 5 weeks. She anticipates that a firm will be selected, and a contract approved by June 2024.
- Watson Boulevard Complete Streets Implementation Study – J. Yonkoski stated that this study was completed in January 2024. It is a planning level feasibility study that the County could potentially use to pursue project funding in the future.

3. BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

NEXT MEETING DATE – **Tuesday, June 4th**

Motion to Adjourn made by G. Hammond, seconded by J. Holland
Approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.