

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEES

June 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room
Also, via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:04 a.m.

Policy Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Supervisor JoAnne Klenovic, Town of Chenango, Vice-Chair
- Ron Ciotoli, Tioga County Legislator
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County
- Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by James Rusak, Region 9*
- Mayor Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott
- Mayor Jared Kraham, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Martin Meaney, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Supervisor Lew Grubham, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor Rob Mack, Town of Union

Policy Members Absent

- Mayor Mike Baratta, Village of Owego
- Highway Superintendent, Mike Roberts, Town of Owego
- Omar Sanders, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS

Scott Reigle, BMTS

Leigh McCullen, BMTS

Andy Stiles, NYSDOT

Katy Mangan, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 2, 2023, POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Supervisor Schaffer motioned to approve the minutes; County Executive Garnar seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

ACTION ITEMS

- NYSDOT Targets for Performance Measures – Bridge & Pavement Conditions, System and Freight Performance**
[Resolution 2023-02, Supporting the NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Bridge and Pavement Conditions and System and Freight Performance]

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, presented a resolution recommending that the BMTS Policy Committee support the NYSDOT Targets for Performance Measures related to Bridge and Pavement Conditions on the National Highway System (NHS) and System and Freight

Performance on the NHS. This is required under the FAST Act and current Transportation Bill. Historically, BMTS has accepted DOT targets.

Supervisor Grubham motioned to approve the resolution Supervisor Klenovic seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

□ **2023-2027 TIP Amendment**

[Resolution 2023-03, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 903828, Rt. 434 over Choconut Creek, increase cost and change schedule, NYSDOT]

[Resolution 2023-04, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 950123, Pedestrian Bridge over I-81, increase cost, NYSDOT]

[Resolution 2023-05, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 950127, I-81 over 990G, general bridge repairs, increase cost, NYSDOT]

Jennifer Yonkoski presented three TIP amendments, all are NYSDOT projects, all involve cost increases and one schedule shift, all additional funds are coming from the NYSDOT bridge block, and all are due to material cost increases.

Chairman Michael Marinaccio asked about the pedestrian bridge over I81 in the Town of Dickinson being removed. Andy Stiles, NYSDOT, stated there has been a design cost increase. It will not affect the construction cost or the schedule, it will be let in August 2023; the construction schedule will be determined after that.

Supervisor Shaffer asked how the traffic will be rerouted on the Route 434 over Choconut Creek project, as it is in front of the town hall and town police. James Rusak, NYSDOT, said the project has been delayed until next year; as NYSDOT works through the project, they will contact the town regarding these and other issues.

Supervisor Schaffer motioned to approve the resolution Mayor Jackson seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

□ **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program**

[Resolution 2023-06, Supporting a grant application for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that Safe Streets, under the current transportation bill, is allowing MPOs to apply. BMTS is going to take the opportunity to apply for comprehensive safety action plan funding. The plan will encompass the entire MPO area where a consultant will be hired to look at areas where there are safety concerns and come up with a plan.

BMTS is asking for around \$600,000. There is a 20 percent nonfederal share that is required. NYSDOT, Broome County, and Tioga County will put in the 20 percent share.

Supervisor Grubham motioned to approve the resolution Supervisor Schaffer seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Jenn said she is working through application and would appreciate letters of support.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ **2022 Signal Scorecard**

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that a company called INRIX collects data for signals across the US. It uses vehicle and cell phone data where you can see signal data. The data is published on a public web site.

□ **Binghamton Bridge Pedal**

Scott Reigle, BMTS, announced that the Binghamton Bridge Pedal event will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023. The event has been held since 2006. It is a police-escorted 9.5-mile bicycle ride throughout the Binghamton area that starts and ends at Tech Works Museum, on Water Street, Binghamton. The theme this year is “new pieces of trail”.

□ **Broome County Housing Needs Survey**

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that Broome County is conducting a housing assessment. Use the QR code to take the survey.



□ **Bike/Ped Counter Update**

Scott Reigle discussed new data on the site, which is located on the BMTS website. Three new counters have been added to the Route 434 Greenway at the MacArthur Park Connection, west of Normandy Court, and east of Plaza Drive. There are now 16 counters on the system.

□ **NYSDOT Project Updates**

Jim Rusak, NYSDOT, updated the status of the following projects:

The Greenway – Rt 434

- The final season of the Greenway Phase 2 construction is substantially complete. The project is expected to be completed July 2023.
- Remaining work includes:
 - Final plantings – mid-October
 - Completion of pathway lighting.
 - Completion of pedestrian hardware for crossings at each traffic signal.
 - Final grading and landscaping.
 - Other miscellaneous work to include bicycle railing, fencing, and signage.

I81 Pedestrian Crossing/Walking Bridge

- The schedule for the over I81 walking bridge removal:
 - Currently, the letting is scheduled for August 10, 2023, with an anticipated award near the end of September.
 - The start date is currently unknown.
 - The completion date is May 16, 2024, due to plantings.
- The project will consist of the removal of the pedestrian bridge with closures on I81.

- The walkway has been replaced with a shared use path over the new Route 11 over I81 bridge.

Route 434 Paving Project

- This project is ongoing with both nighttime and daytime operations with single lane closures.
- Project is estimated to be completed at the end of June 2023.

I81 Exit 7 to Cortland County Line – Mill and Fill

- The project is a milling and resurfacing project spanning two construction seasons.
- Last year's accomplishments included extensive joint repairs, milling, and binder course placement in both directions of I-81.
- The 2023 season began in May with pier protection barrier placement which has been completed.
- Remaining work will include top course paving, guiderail placement, and striping.
- The estimated completion date for this project is November 17, 2023.

Route 17 Crack and Seal

- From Apalachin to Broome County line.
- A revised project will be out to bid this year.

Andy Stiles, NYSDOT, reported:

Village of Owego

- Drainage and mill and fill project through the downtown village should start soon.

Route 11, Court Street

- A mill and fill project will begin from the Binghamton City line to Chapman Street.
- Work will begin next construction season.
- Temporary repairs have been done.

Route 11

- Near Front Street Dunkin'.
- There will be bridge overlays with traffic restrictions.
- Project will be let in November 2023.
- Work will begin next construction season.

Chairman Marinaccio requested that NYSDOT look into potholes in the bike lanes on Front Street.

Supervisor Grubham requested that NYSDOT look into potholes on Route 11 in Kirkwood on the south end.

Chairman Marinaccio thanked NYSDOT for work on the Front Street area near the school.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

Supervisor Mack discussed the 2003 study done for a bridge from Endwell to Vestal. He would like to propose another study be done and the possibility of a bridge be reconsidered. He would like it added to the BMTS wish list.

Discussion followed.

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting will September 14, 2023. An announcement will be sent out prior.

A motion to adjourn was made by James Rusak; it was seconded by Supervisor Schaffer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.