

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE

December 12, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Broome County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Legislative Conference Room and via Zoom

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The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:03 a.m.

Members Present

- Michael Marinaccio, Supervisor, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Derin Kraak, Highway Superintendent, Town of Chenango, *represented by Joy Kasmarcik*
- Andrew Stiles, Director, NYSDOT Region 9 *for Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner,*
- Jason Garnar, County Executive, Broome County
- Jared Kraham, Mayor, City of Binghamton
- Martin Meaney, Mayor, Village of Johnson City
- Lew Grubham, Supervisor, Town of Kirkwood
- Rob Mack, Supervisor, Town of Union
- Ashley Seyfried, Southern Tier 8

Policy Members Absent

- Nick Burlingame, Mayor, Village of Endicott
- Mike Baratta, Mayor, Village of Owego
- Don Castellucci, Supervisor, Town of Owego
- Omar Sanders, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Ron Ciotoli, Tioga County Legislator

Policy Committee Advisory Members Absent

Celeste Harp, Community Planner, FHWA NY Division

Ayla Schermer, Community Planner, FTA Region II

Others Present

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS

Scott Reigle, BMTS

Leigh McCullen, BMTS

Erin Cavanagh, NYSDOT

Kathryn Mangan, NYSDOT

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 3, 2024. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING***

Ashley Seyfried motioned to approve the minutes; Jason Garner seconded. Unanimous approval.

No discussion

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

There was no public comment.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

There is an amended agenda for today's meeting, which includes an additional action item, Resolution 2024-26.

***ACTION ITEMS***

- **NYSDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures**  
[Resolution 2024-23, Supporting the 2025 NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Safety]

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, asked the committee to approve a resolution supporting NYSDOT's

safety performance targets for 2025. Committee will program projects to help NYSDOT obtain their safety targets.

Martin Meaney motioned to approve; Kathryn Mangan seconded. Unanimous approval

- **2023-2027 TIP Amendments**

[Resolution 2024-24, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of new project, PIN 950132, I81 over Stratton Mill Creek, NYSDOT]

On September 3, 2024, the Office of Policy, Planning and Performance provided regions with a list of projects receiving National Highway Freight Program Funding. PIN 950132 was awarded \$5.500M in Freight Funding. Remainder of project costs, \$4.100M is funded with BFP Main funds, coming from a project outside MPO Area, also selected for NHFP.

Rob Mack motioned to approve; Lew Grubham seconded. Unanimous approval

No Discussion

[Resolution 2024-25, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 9PM025, 2025 Pavement Marking Contract, increase construction, NYSDOT]

Kathryn Mangan announced this is for an annual contract. This year it is for principal highways. There was an initial increase from ~1.5 to ~ 4.1 million dollars mostly due to cost of materials and inflation. This cost was spread out as it's only a portion of this project that is in the MPO. Other contracts were reduced to make up for that. In addition, new guidelines from NYSDOT Main Office have instructed Regions to mark all Urban Interstates with grooved-in pavement markings to increase visibility and durability (EI 24-002). This method of pavement marking is substantially more costly than regular epoxy markings, and NYSDOT Main Office will allow Regions to use Statewide HSIP funding \$4.845m for the initial application in order to hold Regional Planning Targets harmless.

Jason Garner motioned to approve; Martin Meaney seconded. Unanimous approval

No Discussion

[Resolution 2024-26, Approving an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 975437, Main Street Safety Project, increase construction, City of Binghamton]

Jennifer Yonkoski stated that City of Binghamton Main Street Safety project went out to bid with an updated estimate and the lowest bid was still more than \$1 million over the updated estimate. Broome County is willing to shift \$502,000 from one of their projects to the City's Main Street Project but would ask that \$600,000 be added back to the project during the next TIP update this winter. The increase is because their project will be moved from FFY26 to FFY27 as a result.

This amendment seeks approval for the addition of \$502,000 to the City's Main Street Project, taking funds from Broome County's project; approval for replenishment of these funds plus another \$98,000 to the County's project, and moving that construction and CI from FFY26 to FFY27.

This is a repeat of the E-Ballot that was sent out two days ago to allow the Planning Committee

time to review and vote on this. Planning Committee approved but not enough Policy Committee members voted so Policy Committee is being asked to vote today with a quorum present.

All current money programmed for this project is HSIP Funds. The City of Binghamton is also spending much more than the 20% local share on this project.

Jason Garner motioned to approve; Lew Grubham seconded. Unanimous approval.

No Discussion

Mayor Kraham did take a moment to thank BMTS and NYSDOT for the project and approval; that it is an important project for the City of Binghamton, especially as it affects a low-income area of the city.

### ***DISCUSSION ITEMS***

- **Annual Traffic Count Program**

Leigh McCullen

The 2025 Annual Traffic Count Program has been completed and posted to BMTS' website.

Typically counts are turning movements at traffic signals, however there are a few instances when a non-signalized intersection may be counted. Some segments are also done by request, others are screen line counts to help inform BMTS' traffic model.

- **2024 Pavement Ratings**

Scott Reigle

Every year BMTS goes out to do pavement condition ratings for the non-State Federal aid-eligible roadways. This year BMTS partnered with Broome County DPW and contracted with Vaisala Road AI to have an AI based method of rating pavement conditions. The algorithm finds the road deficiencies and creates a score. Looked to make prior data comparable scores. There is poor, good, fair and excellent scores determined by the amount of deductions. Roadway sign inventory data was also collected.

Pavement scoring was easier as it allowed just one person to collect the data, however signage requires driving in both directions as most signs are one sided.

Pavement video can be viewed by BMTS on the Road AI software.

BMTS did meet our performance target for collector roadways of no more than 25% mileage that is rated poor. There was a jump of minor arterials rated poor to 10.9%, slightly above the performance target of 10%. It is possible that this increase can be attributed to the AI assisted scoring conversion. BMTS will continue to watch the % of poor mileage for minor arterials to determine if this trend will continue or if it was an anomaly.

This year each municipality will receive a report that includes all the non-state, federal-aid eligible roads and their corresponding pavement score.

BMTS will work with Broome County DPW to evaluate this new program and consult with other

municipalities to see if we will continue with RoadAI.

- **2026-2030 TIP Update**  
Jennifer Yonkoski

Candidate projects due December 12, 2024, using a Google form.

STBG- Flex Target - \$22,773,750 (Total, \$18,219,000 (Federal) Flex Funds can be used on the Federal Aid system for paving bridges, traffic signals, trails, and sidewalks. Mainly programming construction for newly submitted projects for Federal fiscal years 28, 29, and 30. The current TIP is 2023 to 2027.

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) - \$1,600,863 (Total), \$1,280,690 (Federal) Federal fiscal year 27, 28, 29. 30. Similar to TIP funding, will be two projects: addition of a sidewalk along the West Side, East of the Oakdale Road in Johnson City and adding a sidewalk to the west side of Bunn Hill Road from 434 to Old Vestal Road. Still doing a call for projects.

HSIP – Safety Funds. 25% of Region 9’s regional target is to be spent on local projects. There is criteria that must be met. The FS4A grant from USDOT and when the plan is completed will have a list of projects and the safety money can be spent on.

- **Leroy Street RSA**  
Leigh McCullen

City of Binghamton requested a road safety assessment for the segment between Crestmont and Front Street due to a series of accidents at a few of the intersections and speeding.

Used a large walking team for this Road Safety Assessment (RSA) for perspective and auditing as it’s over a mile in length. There are character differences from the west to the east sections of the corridor. Two walks, one in June and another in September. Also did a crash analysis using the State’s Clear Program to identify the types of crashes.

We prepared low-cost recommendations and quick build strategies the city could implement to address safety issues such as signage and striping. The City is currently reviewing the draft and should have it on the Traffic Board Agenda soon.

RSA audits are annual, if you are interested in having one, please let us know.

Rob Mack asked about a study for the housing project at the old IBM Country Club location, noting the lack of shoulders or sidewalks on Watson Boulevard. Jennifer Yonkoski advised one was done a few years ago as a complete street feasibility study, when the housing development was a possibility, but she feels is still relevant. It looked at potential of adding wider than normal sidewalks (trails) for pedestrians and bicyclists and vehicle improvements for speeding from the Town of Union to Hooper Road. Broken into a couple of phases; from a cost and construction perspective the most feasible is from the Village line to Country Club Road. The report is available on BMTS’ website.

- **NYSDOT Project Updates**  
Andrew Stiles

- I 88 to I81 bridge connector is complete and open.

- Route 17 crack and seat done for winter months. Traffic restored in both eastbound and westbound.
- Laughlin Road pile retrofit is complete.
- I81 over 990G is almost complete.
- Route 11 Court Street resurfacing is mostly complete, but some pavement markings and crosswalk work that will need to be done in the spring when the weather breaks.
- Route 11 bridge overlays on Front Street and Castle Creek Road is complete. Signal work will be completed in the spring when equipment is delivered.
- Route 26 culvert project, Town of Maine is complete.
- Route 17C and 26 Broome County signal will be completed next year.
- US Route 11 retaining wall project was awarded. Another wall section failure with the recent rains. Work will be next year. Traffic will be reduced to one lane each direction to shift traffic away from the wall.
- 363 Gateway Project has been moved from March to December 2025 due to the ongoing cultural resource study. Report being finalized, thereafter design, approval and permitting. Letting will be late next year (2025).

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

Martin Meaney –

Question about lights on the traffic circle and the bridge going to Vestal. Was advised by Mr. Stiles that the repairs are ongoing, and he will check on the status.

### ***NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE***

- Scheduled for March 6, 2025

**A motion to adjourn was made by Martin Meaney, it was seconded by Jason Garnar, County Executive**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.