

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEES

December 9, 2021

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
- Legislator Mike Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County, represented by Katie Cahill
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor Lew Grubham, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego, *represented by Joann Lindstrom*
- Supervisor Rick Materese, Town of Union
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by Brian Kelly, Region 9*
- Bob Sweet, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Supervisor JoAnne Klenovic, Town of Chenango

Policy Members Absent

- Mayor Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Ashley Seyfried, BMTS
Leigh McCullen, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Ray Tomczak, Federal Transit Administration
Judi Hess, Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the minutes; Supervisor Grubham seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Chairman Marinaccio presented the following certificates:

To Vice-Chair Roberts; in recognition of your outstanding service; January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2021.
Vice-Chair Roberts stated that he enjoyed serving on the committee.

To Mayor David; in recognition of your outstanding service; January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2021.
Mayor David thanked Mike.

To Mayor Deemie; in recognition of your outstanding service; January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2021.
Mayor Deemie thanked everyone.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, reported that the two-year term for BMTS Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is expiring at the end of 2021. Chairman Marinaccio accept the nomination for Chairperson and Supervisor Klenovic accept the nomination for Vice-Chairperson.

Brian Kelly motioned to approve the nominations; Mayor Deemie seconded. The nomination was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- **2020-2024 TIP Amendments**
[Resolution 2021-11, Approving an amendment to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of new project, PIN 980756, Geotech Subsurface Exploration]

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS reported that in this TIP amendment, DOT is requesting to add a new project to the TIP, for Geotech subsurface exploration. Brian Kelly, NYSDOT, reported that it is a technical specialty to get the samples we need and we have difficulty performing it with in-house staff. It is a critical path item that needs to be maintained through external support. The cost will be split 50/50 between state and federal funds.

Supervisor Materese motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Deemie seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- **Host Agency Agreement Renewal**
[Resolution 2021-12, Approving the Renewal of the BMTS Host Agency Contract, between New York State Department of Transportation and Broome County Government]

Jennifer Yonkoski asked for Policy Committee approval of the BMTS Host Agency Agreement, which is required by federal legislation to provide administrative, legal, and contractual support. The current 10-year agreement expires on March 31, 2022. NYSDOT is requesting another 10-year contract from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2032.

Mayor Deemie motioned to approve the resolution; Supervisor Grubham seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- **BMTS 2021 Pavement Ratings**
Jennifer Yonkoski reported for Scott Reigle, BMTS. The Pavement Condition Rating Summary is an annual rating. The scale is from 1 to 10; very poor to excellent. Bike

lanes, shoulders, and shared lanes have been added to this year's inventory. Scott Reigle and Ashley Seyfried, BMTS, rated all the nonstate, federal-aid roadways within the BMTS planning area. Municipalities were sent reports of fair and poor roads to review. Jennifer then reviewed the condition goals and reported that we are well below our goals. Jennifer showed charts depicting each municipality and the percent mileage for each rating classification. This information can be found on the BMTS website in both static map form and interactive map form.

□ **Un-Amended STIP Performance**

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, reported on the STIP Performance. This is an annual report from FHWA that shows if NYSDOT meets their performance goals of letting 75 percent of their program for projects and by costs by projects. BMTS missed the goal by number but met the goal by cost.

Brian Kelly added that this is a useful metric but does not hold any consequences.

Jennifer agreed that there are no federal consequences. Local consequences = cost increase. Staying on schedule helps with cost savings.

□ **Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Plan**

Ashley Seyfried reported that in 2019 BMTS staff made recommendations for improvements, including that the trail conditions should be updated every two years. Scott and Ashley rated the trail pavement in October using a 1 - 4 scale; poor – excellent. For maintenance, a 1 – 3 scale was used; poorly maintained – well maintained. Signage was also looked at. A GIS collector app was used. 72 percent of the overall trail system is in excellent or good condition with 98 percent being well maintained. The report is on the BMTS website along with an interactive map.

□ **2021 Turning Movement Counts**

Leigh McCullen, BMTS, reported that the consultant hired for traffic counts went out September – October to collect turning movement counts at mostly signalized intersections. This is on a 3-year cycle. Past counts were compared to current counts and were found to be generally back to pre-pandemic normal. This data is on BMTS website, including prior year's data.

□ **North Street, City of Binghamton, RSA**

Leigh McCullen, BMTS, reported on a Road Safety Assessment done on North Street from Front Street to Edwards Street in September 2021. The findings were standard. There were pavement marking and signage deficiencies and lack of pedestrian accommodations. The deficiencies were identified and recommendations for improvements will be made. Their report was put out in October 2021. They are waiting for final adoption from the City Traffic Board.

□ **Bike/Ped Counter Data and Update/Cost Share Request**

Ashley Seyfried reported on the BMTS monthly bike/ped reports. The reports are posted on the BMTS website monthly with an interactive map. The trend indicates that the 2021 counts line up with 2019 counts, 2020 use was higher. Information about each counter is on the BMTS website.

Any of the municipalities that currently have a counter in their municipality will be asked to split the maintenance and data transfer cost with BMTS.

□ **TIP Update: 2023-2027 Call for Projects**

Jennifer Yonkoski reminded the committee that she sent out a call for TIP projects a few weeks ago. It is due on December 9, 2021, at COB.

□ **Federal Transportation Legislation Update**

Jennifer Yonkoski spoke about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA) that has been approved. There are not a lot of details yet. FHWA is currently the best resource.

□ **NYSDOT Project Updates**

Brian Kelly reported that:

Regarding future projects on Route 17 and Route 434 in Tioga; on Route 17, NYSDOT has a heavy rehab planned from the Broome County line – Apalachin in 2023-2024.

This summer NYSDOT did extensive emergency repairs done west of that and have a maintenance overlay project planned to Owego.

On Route 434, an overlay will be done in 2022-23 from Marshland Road to the Broome County line.

On the Route 434 Greenway project, construction progressed this summer. It will shut down largely over the winter and will pick back up next year.

Regarding the I81/Route 11 Exit 5 bridge project, the contractor is wrapping up for the winter. Next year, the bridge and roundabouts are expected to be completed.

Route 79 over the Chenango River, this is a two-year project where the existing bridge will be used during construction and then removed. The project was let on November 4, 2021, Tioga Construction was the apparent low bidder.

Pavement friction treatment will be done in the I81 – Route 17 Interchange area. The bulk of the work will be done in 2022.

Route 11/12 ADA ramps are expected to be completed in the spring of 2022.

On the Clayton Avenue, Vestal, signal replacement project; the contractor is currently waiting for equipment and material to arrive. As it arrives, it will be placed throughout the winter. The signal contractor will be addressing signal timing issues. Milling and paving of Clayton Avenue will occur in the spring of 2022.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

Jennifer Yonkoski stated that the next BMTS meeting may be in person for the voting members. Jennifer will update.

Mayor Deemie thanked everyone for the hard work they have done for BMTS.

Mayor David thanked everybody on BMTS board for support of projects in the City of Binghamton. Jared Kraham will continue with BMTS.

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting date will be March 3, 2022. An announcement will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Deemie; it was seconded by Mayor David. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.