

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEES
January 28, 2021
11:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
MINUTES

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 Kevin McManus*
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Supervisor Rick Materese, Town of Union
- Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by Brian Kelly, Region 9*
- Bob Sweet, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8
- Supervisor JoAnne Klenovic, Town of Chenango

Policy Members Absent

- Mayor Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott
- Supervisor Lew Grubham, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Ashley Seyfried, BMTS
Carlos Gonzales, FHWA
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 26, 2020, POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Jennifer Gregory motioned to approve the minutes; Kevin McManus 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.

ACTION ITEMS

- Unified Operations Plan**
[Resolution 2021-01, Approving amendments to the Unified Operations Plan]
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, reported that the committee would be approving amendments to the 2021 plan that begins April 1st.

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

□ **2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program**
[Resolution 2021-02, Approving the Draft 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets]

Jennifer Yonkoski presented the proposed 2021-22 Work Program reviewing tasks, staffing, available/allocation of funds, and highlighting:

- Public Participation and Website Update – BMTS worked with Broome County IT to update the website, this will allow the public to access the information.
- Transportation Infrastructure Monitoring System – Will include Two Rivers Greenway trails.
- Binghamton Regional Travel Model – Due to the retirement of the BMTS modeler, they are looking for a consultant to provide modeling service and train BMTS staff in modeling.
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning – Include the research of best practices for regulating electric vehicles on off-road trails and a study to implement a regional bike share program.
- NYSDOT Regional Planning Assistance – Will partner with NYSDOT to update surveys and collect information.
- Local Traffic Engineering Assistance – Tool for local municipalities to use.
- Transit Planning Assistance – Will work with BC Transit to investigate the need for enhanced bus routes along the most traveled corridors.
- Local Project Development Assistance and Tracking – Will work with NYSDOT to create a database for locally monitored federal-aid projects.

Carlos Gonzales, FHWA, thanked Jennifer and BMTS for the quality work they do and for their professionalism.

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

□ **BC Transit Safety Plan Safety Targets**
[Resolution 2021-03, Supporting the Safety Performance Targets established by Broome County Transit in its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.]

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that this was a FAST Act requirement. BC Transit developed a safety plan including performance targets.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ **Village of Endicott Sign Inventory**

Ashley Seyfried, BMTS, reported on the sign inventory project that began in April 2020, checking existing signs for MUTCD compliance in the Village of Endicott. Data on 2709 signs was collected. Two deliverables, including a “living document”, were provided to the village as a result of this inventory. Ashley reviewed the capabilities of the programs.

□ **Full-Year Summary of TRG Bike/Ped Counts**

Ashley Seyfried and Scott Reigle, BMTS, reviewed the 2020 Summary of the Two Rivers Greenway Cyclist and Pedestrian Counts. Counters were installed in 2019. Data received from the counters is posted on the BMTS website including an interactive map and an overall and per-site report. Maintenance including replacing batteries, cleaning, and testing of equipment is completed as necessary.

Bob Sweet, NYS Department of Economic Development, asked questioned the official name of the bridge, is it designated the South Washington Street Bridge or the Washington Street Bridge? The City of Binghamton will be consulted regarding this question.

□ **NYSDOT Project Updates**

Brian Kelly, NYSDOT reported on:

- Route 343 Greenway – This project was awarded to Bothar Construction on October 28, 2020. They began placing equipment on the project site. Next week they will begin cutting trees, as weather permits. The pile wall construction will be underway within the next couple weeks along with utility relocation. The majority of work will occur during the 2021 and 2022 construction seasons.
- Route 363 Gateway – A Virtual Public Meeting will be held tonight (January 28, 2021) at 5 p.m. proposing two alternatives.
- Route 79 Bridge over the Chenango River – This will be a two-year project where the existing bridge will be used during construction.
- I81 Paving and Joint Work – Exit 2 to Exit 3 will be resurfaced (mill and fill) this construction season. It includes night work provisions.
- Routes 11 and 12, Town of Chenango Resurfacing – Project will include installation of some missing sidewall systems and will be let this spring.
- Route 11 Bridge over I81 Replacement – This project was let in December 2020. It is expected to be completed in the fall of 2022.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

Jennifer Yonkoski announced that the graphic designer has completed work on the Long-Range Plan. It can be found on the BMTS website.

There was no additional business offered from the floor.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting date will be June 10, 2021. An announcement will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Deemie; it was seconded by Kevin McManus. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.