

BMTS Article Digest
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The following is a compilation of articles that may be of interest to BMTS Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee members. This and past digests can also be accessed in the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee page of www.bmtsonline.com.

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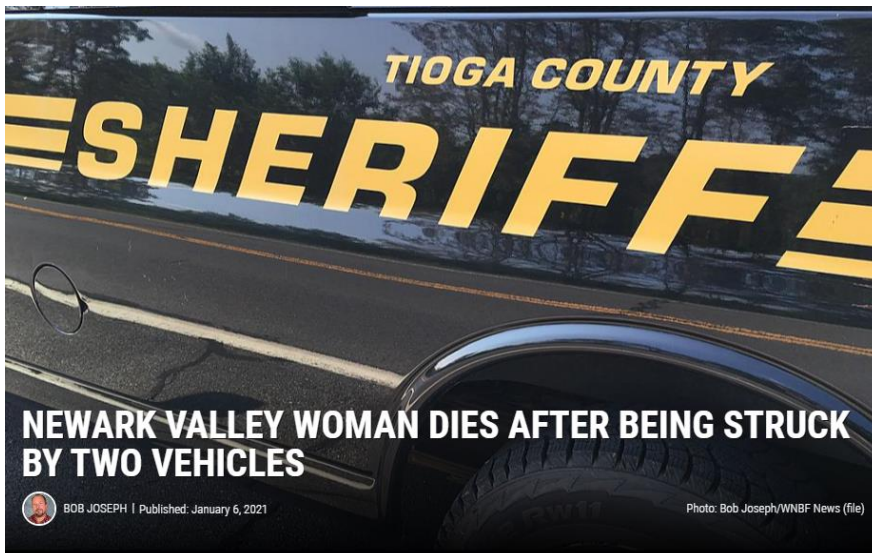
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December 2020 Bike/Ped Report

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Authorities say a Tioga County resident was killed after she was hit by two vehicles near her home.

79-year-old Irina Zaytseva of Newark Valley died late Monday afternoon.

According to the Tioga County Sheriff's Office,

Zaytseva was struck by the eastbound vehicles shortly before 5:30 p.m. on Route 38B near Snapp Road.

Investigators concluded "limited sight distance, clothing color and poor visibility due to atmospheric conditions contributed to the collision."

A news release indicated both drivers remained at the scene and they were cooperating with the investigation. The names of the drivers were not released.

No traffic or criminal charges are anticipated.

Elderly Newark Valley woman dies after being struck by two vehicles

Jeff Murray

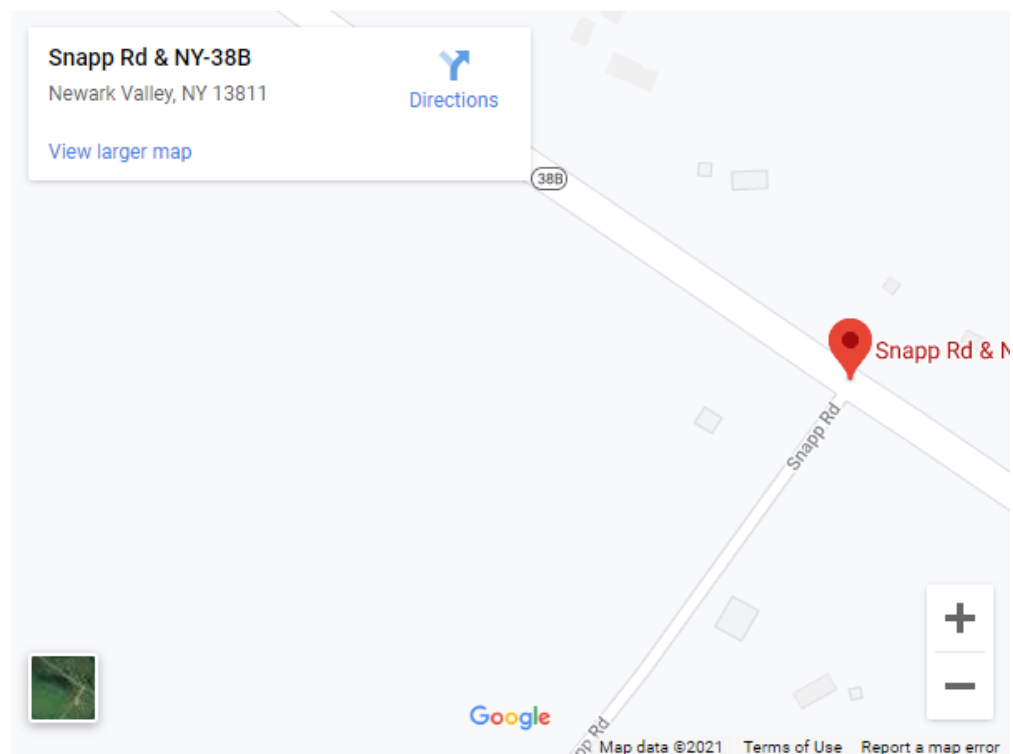
Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin

January 7, 2021 (Updated 1:31pm)

A Tioga County, N.Y., woman is dead after she was reportedly struck by two vehicles Monday while crossing a highway.

The Tioga County Sheriff's Office identified the victim as 79-year-old Irina A. Zaytseva, of Newark Valley.

The sheriff's office received a 911 call shortly before 5:30 p.m. Monday about a car/pedestrian collision on State Route 38B near Snapp Road in the Town of Newark Valley.



The initial investigation determined that Zaytseva was walking across state Route 38B when she was struck by two eastbound vehicles.

Members of the Tioga County Sheriff's Office Collision Investigation Team also responded to the scene and further determined that factors including limited sight distance, clothing color and poor visibility due to atmospheric conditions contributed to the collision, the sheriff's office said.

The drivers of both vehicles involved remained on the scene and are cooperating with the ongoing investigation. Officials don't expect to file any criminal or vehicle and traffic charges against either driver.

The Tioga County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Broome County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, Newark Valley Fire Department, Maine Emergency Squad Inc. and the New York State Department of Transportation.

New York's Empire State Trail is complete. Now you can bike or hike from NYC to Buffalo.

Jon Campbell

New York State Team

ALBANY – New York has finished work on the final connections for the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile collection of new and existing paths that will allow for direct hiking or biking from New York City to the Canadian border and Albany to Buffalo.

State officials held a ribbon-cutting event near Utica on Friday to mark the completion of the final stretches of the multi-use pathway, which is designed to attract adventure-minded tourists who will spend days traveling the state.

The trail project was first announced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2017.

About 400 miles of what is now known as the Empire State Trail had already existed in 30 disconnected segments long before Cuomo announced the plan. But since then, the

state completed 58 separate projects totaling more than \$200 million to connect the various paths and ensure hikers and bikers can traverse the whole state without disembarking.



All told, about 180 miles of new, off-road trail was added, while signage and other improvements were added to on-road portions of the trail (which are better suited for bicyclists) leading to the northern Canadian border.

"There's no trail like it in the nation – 750 miles of multi-use trail literally from Manhattan to the Canadian border, from Buffalo to Albany," Cuomo said Thursday.

"Not only does it provide an opportunity to experience the natural beauty and history of New York, but it also gives New Yorkers from every corner of the state a safe outlet for recreation as we continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic."

Cuomo's administration is hoping the trail will compete with some of the top multiuse paths in the nation.

The state is estimating 8.6 million people will use the trail each year, which includes multi-day adventurers and locals who may use just a small portion of the path.



At 750 miles, it will be the longest state-run, multiuse trail in the nation, according to Cuomo's administration. For comparison, the Appalachian Trail, the famed national trail open only to hikers, is about 2,200 miles long.

The three main branches of the Empire State Trail are the Erie Canalway Trail, which connects Buffalo to Albany; the Hudson Valley Greenway Trail to the south; and the Champlain Valley Trail to the north.

Assemblyman Brian Miller, D-New Hartford, Oneida County, was among those who attended the ribbon cutting in the town of Mohawk, saying that the trail area around Lock 18 was especially beautiful and that future events can be planned around such infrastructure.

"This year one of the things that's happened because of COVID is the outdoors and the trail systems have been used much much more," Miller said.

Includes reporting by Alex Cooper of the Utica Observer-Dispatch.