

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Nick Cecconi, Susan Link, Carlos Basualdo, Mark Goodwin, Lonni Rawson, Greg Patinka

Convene: 1:33 PM

January 9 minutes accepted as is.

| Topic | Discussion/Follow Up | Action |
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| <p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p> | <p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>New Needs Reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg asked if NYSDOT Region 9 had plans to study the possibility of installing a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) to cross Upper Front St. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Lonni said that she will check with Traffic & Safety. • Scott shared that BMTS received a call from a NYSEG employee requesting safety improvements for the pedestrian crossing of Vestal Rd. from the UHS Medical Building to the NYSEG Office Building. Several NYSEG employees take the transit bus to work and use the bus stop at the UHS Medical building. When they try to cross at the crosswalk, they are often getting beeped at. <p>Scott shared photos from his site visit that showed proper advance crosswalk warning and crosswalk warning signs were installed for both travel directions. The crosswalk design is two parallel lines. The crossing may not be lit well as it is in the middle of street light poles. BMTS recommended installation of a high visibility ladder-style crosswalk, adding reflective panels to the crosswalk warning sign posts, and providing a portable in-road yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk sign for NYSEG or UHS to put in and take out as needed. It was not recommended to install an RRFB signal at this time.</p> <p>Scott contacted the Broome County DPW since they have jurisdiction. Their response noted that the pedestrian warning signs as well as the advance warning signs with the “250 feet” plaques are new, probably installed 10 days earlier. They agreed that the location could use a ladder style crosswalk and some high visibility plaques for the sign posts. It was also agreed that the installation of an RRFB is probably not warranted at the moment. It will be considered for future installation should they get some new information regarding accidents or</p> | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Lonni to inquire with Reg. 9 Traffic & Safety about the possible PHB study on Upper Front Street.</p> |

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| | <p>pedestrian volume. The placement of an in-street Yield to Pedestrian sign will be considered if UHS or NYSEG would be willing to maintain it. They will talk to Highways about that one and get back with BMTS.</p> | |
| Announcements and Status Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No new articles or notices. | Action Items: |
| Education and Outreach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2023 Binghamton Bridge Pedal is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 12th 9am-12pm. A Bridge Pedal Planning Meeting was held on January 26th and the next one is scheduled for February 16th. Scott shared the planned bike route with the Committee along with proposed stops and speakers for each stop listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Confluence Park</u>: City of Binghamton rep. to speak about Memorial Bridge Transformation Project. ○ <u>Ivanhoe Rd. Trail Head</u>: NYSDOT rep. to speak about Rt. 434 Greenway. Scott to talk about other new trail projects (Vestal Rail-Trail east to Sycamore St. and Chugnut Trail West extension to Grippen Park.) ○ <u>Roberson Museum</u>: Roberson rep. to speak about Roberson Museum and upcoming events. ○ <u>Parklet on US-11 over I-81 Trail</u>: Cornell Cooperative Extension rep. to speak about CCE programs, the Farmers Market, Taste of NY, and Cutler Gardens. <p>Price structure will be the same – Adults \$15/60 & Over \$10/18 & under FREE.</p> ● Broome County Health Dept. Creating Healthy Schools & Communities (CHSC) Grant: Scott reported the BC Health Dept. is partnering with BMTS and Broome County Planning to work with the City of Binghamton to update its Complete Streets Policy and to implement a small-scale project that will meet the focus of the grant which is connecting routes to destinations. | Action Items: |
| Project/Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Reports are available on the BMTS website. For December, we are seeing typical seasonal trends of counts that are down in comparison with November with cooler temperatures and less hours of daylight. In comparison with December 2022, total counts were mostly lower with the exception of counters at the Court St. Bridge and the Vestal Rail-Trail Coalhouse. Operational issues with those counters are the likely cause, especially with the Court St. Bridge counter that has been experiencing electromagnetic interference (EMI) that creates very high bike counts. BMTS has been manually correcting the high bike counts daily. An EMI tester was provided by Eco-Counter to confirm the interference, but that won't help to identify the source. BMTS was notified by the City of Binghamton that the DEC identified this counter as an encroachment to the flood control wall and wants it removed. We asked the City to arrange a meeting so we | Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts |

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| | <p>can request not to have to move it. If moving the counter is necessary, we won't have to address the EMI situation. Semi-annual battery replacements will take place this spring. Three more counters will be added to the system during the spring/summer on the Rt. 434 Greenway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrian Bridge over I-81 Removal – NYSDOT provided BMTS with a notice of this project. This notice was emailed to the Committee as a part of the past two Committee emails. The letting date for the project is scheduled for August 2023 so the project will take place after that date. Scott found out that: NYSDOT plans to keep this bridge closed since the trail over the new bridge is open and being used. The new trail will remain open during the bridge removal except for short periods when needed. Given the August letting date, the removal project will not conflict with the Binghamton Bridge Pedal. Scott encouraged Committee members to send comments and questions regarding the Pedestrian Bridge over I-81 Removal should be sent to Job Manager, John Emm. Watson Blvd. Complete Streets Implementation Project – Scott reported that the Kickoff Meeting for this project took place on February 9th. The project will be completed during December 2023/January 2024. A field visit was part of the Kickoff Meeting. Here are a few of the findings. | <p>Comments and questions regarding the Pedestrian Bridge over I-81 Removal should be sent to Job Manager, John Emm at:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> Region 9 Design 44 Hawley St. Binghamton, NY 13901 607-721-8191 John.Emm@dot.ny.gov </p> |
| Agency/Dept. Updates | NYSDOT Region 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. | |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick shared that the Getthere Advisory Committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 16 at 12pm. | |

Adjourn: 2:35 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 1:30PM