

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle (BMTS) Nick Cecconi (MMSNY) Susan Pitely (NYSDOT) Christine Muss (BCHD) Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning)
Kristin Canjura (BCHD) Leigh McCullen (BMTS) Lonni Rawson (DOT)

Convene 1:34 p.m.

March 9th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott thanked Nick and GetThere for providing the Zoom link. Zoom meetings may be a good option for future meetings that could help increase attendance. • Stephanie reported that the city is putting in curb ramps and that there is reconstruction happening on Robinson Street. • Scott reported that there is no crossing on Park Avenue at Park and Morris. He will take some pictures and contact the city. Leigh also noted the removal of the traffic signal and the addition of a four way stop at that intersection. • Scott shared a graphic from a mailing from Smart Growth USA of a possible treatment (multi-use path) that could be used in the 363 Gateway Project at Washington Street from Northshore Drive to Hawley Street. BMTS Director, Jennifer Yonkoski has sent the graphic to NYSDOT Region 9. • There was discussion about taking the traffic loop out near the Arena. BMTS has concerns about the aggregate corners. A public meeting may take place in the future about this area. • Scott gave an update on the Pedestrian Counters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There has been an increase in the number of pedestrians and cyclists using the trails. This could be from the current situation with the pandemic or could just be seasonally as the weather gets warmer. BMTS does not have counts from last year to compare to because the counters had not been installed yet. ○ Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Counter in Owego has been out since November. It was sent out for diagnostic testing and water was found in the unit. A new counter will be installed however manhole holding the counter mechanisms needs to be elevated due to minor flooding. ▪ Batteries for the modems in the units with metal posts have died in a few of the counters in Binghamton. The modems enable data to automatically be uploaded daily. 	<p>Scott will contact the city about the crossing at Park Avenue.</p>

Newspaper Articles/Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report outside of items in Article Digest. 	
BMTS Long Range Transportation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leigh reported that the project ideas from the committee were passed along to the consultant. The next step is to hear from the public. Public outreach will be conducted through online town hall meetings and an online survey. Paper surveys may also be distributed for those who are unable to do it online. Additionally, they have been looking at creative ways to encourage walking/biking while maintaining social distancing. 	Scott will share the survey link with the Committee via email.
Subcommittee- Educational Outreach: Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon and RRFB Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More education needs to be done to raise awareness about HAWK and RRFB signals. Scott reported that the NYS PSAP Committee might develop at PSA that could be used by localities. Christine reported that she has incorporated this education into her younger driver programming and is distributing the DOT Brochure to places that teach the 5-hr pre-licensing course. Stephanie suggested adding this information to the Defensive Driving Course. 	Scott will look into who is now teaching Defensive Driving.
Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 22th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott expressed his concerns about having this year's event. There is so much uncertainty right now it is hard to determine whether there will still be gathering restrictions or even if the city would grant the permit. It was felt that the group should make a determination by June. Susan suggested waiting to see what summer camps will be doing and base the decision off that. Scott suggested a possibility of a virtual ride instead. 	
Project/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age Friendly Broome – Transportation Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFA is developing an action plan and Scott participated on the transportation group that looked at the transportation needs for the elderly and disabled. After the draft action plan is revised, there will look for public input in late May or June. ITE – Upstate NY Chapter Meeting – Doubletree Hilton, Binghamton, September 24-25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As far as Scott knows this meeting is still on. 	
Other: Agency/Dept. Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Dept. Updates There was a discussion about the 434 Trail Design. Scott reported on Parks and Trails NY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are developing a statewide Greenway Trail Plan. There will be a webinar tomorrow to gather data on existing trails and connections. A few BMTS staff members will be participating in the webinar. 	

Adjourn: 2:43 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.