

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Nick Cecconi, Stephanie Brewer, Susan Pitely

Convene: 1:35 PM

April 10 minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>New Needs Reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chenango St. Underpass of I-81 – Final work was done on the repair, taking out temporary concrete-like material along where the sidewalk and arch meet, and was replaced with permanent concrete. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Announcements and Status Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing new. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023 Binghamton Bridge Pedal is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 12th, 9am-12pm. Price structure will be the same – Adults \$15/60 & Over \$10/18 & under FREE. Scott reported that a new public address system has been purchased by BMTS. Also, arrangements have been made for a photographer who will also use a drone for an aerial perspective to also take video. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event to help register riders and set up for the post pedal party. Contact Scott if you are able to volunteer. 	<p>Action Items: Contact Scott (Scott.Reigle@broomecountyny.gov or 607-778-6147) if you are able to volunteer.</p>
<p>Project/Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter Reports are available on the BMTS website. The March counter report was not completed but be looking for it on the BMTS website. Scott’s observations of the data indicate continued increase in counts at all counters corresponding with the warmer weather and increased daylight of Spring. The bases for the three counters on the Route 434 Greenway have been installed and the counter installations should happen soon. Scott is waiting for the call to go out and initialize, test, and add the counters to the BMTS ped/bike counter system. The bi-annual battery replacements are just about complete. The last one to replace is in the Noyes Island counter, which will be done when the City of Binghamton installs a new concrete pad on which to re-anchor the counter. This should happen by the end of May. 	<p>Action Items: Download Counter Reports at: https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Safe Streets – Rating Propose Johnson City Roads – Scott needs to find the maps and GIS data of the recommended bike safe streets. 	<p>Action Items: Stephanie will reach out the Ashley at Southern Tier 8 to try to locate the information. Scott will touch base with STBC about rating the roads for bike friendliness.</p>
<p>Agency/Dept. Updates</p>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping is being done on the Rt. 434 Greenway as the project get close to being completed. Scott mentioned that he heard in conversation with Region 9 officials that they expect the trail to open to the public during June with a ribbon cutting during July. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie shared a link to a story about representatives of the Harriet Tubman Center at Binghamton University gathering on March 10 at the University Downtown Center to unveil the first of 12 markers on the Downtown Binghamton Freedom Trail. The markers will identify key Binghamton locations on the iconic Underground Railroad and other notable abolitionist sites. See https://www.binghamton.edu/news/story/4122/tubman-center-unveils-inaugural-marker-in-downtown-freedom-trail-project. 	<p>Action Items: Nick will see if it is permissible and possible to use the Getthere van as a sag wagon during the Binghamton Bridge Pedal.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broome County Housing Needs Assessment: Stephanie will share a link for the survey that all on this Committee can share. • Chugnut Trail extension to Grippen Park: Stephanie shared that the project is in the environmental review stage. Hope to go to bid for construction by the end of the year. • Vestal Rail Trail East Extension: Public meeting expected during June. • Centerville Bridge in Colesville: New bridge could use bike & pedestrian facilities, since the old bridge likely needs to be demolished rather than being converted to bike/pedestrian use. • FHWA Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program: Nick asked if BMTS is going to pursue this federal grant, which entails creating a SS4A Plan and identifying projects. The Plan phase funding can include demonstration projects. There is a separate application for implementation projects. 	<p>Action Items: BMTS will look into applying for SS4A planning funds, and report on decision at June meeting.</p>

Adjourn: 2:50 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 1:30PM