

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Susan Pitely, Nick Cecconi, Stephanie Brewer, Ashley Seyfried, Marie Hebdon, Gay Canough

Convene 1:34 p.m.

September 14th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<p><u>Follow Up:</u> The BU student who lives at UClub continues to advocate for pedestrian safety improvements on Plaza Drive, Oxford Place and on Murray Hill Road. BMTS has worked with her and the Town Engineer to put together a proposal that includes edge striping to provide pedestrian space & narrow travel lanes, adding crosswalks, and pedestrian signs. She spoke during the Privilege of the Floor time at the September 16 Town Board meeting, presenting the need and proposed changes. Unfortunately, the Town Supervisor was not supportive, saying he thought the proposal would cost \$50,000. BMTS spoke with the Town Engineer who thought the cost would be closer to \$5,000. BMTS will continue provide technical assistance to the student upon her request. Committee members suggested that the student organize a fundraiser, for the proposed improvements since the estimated cost is so low. Susan said that Jillian (NYSDOT) thought it would be a stretch to fund striping the entire length of Plaza Dr. as part of the Rt. 434 Greenway Project. They may be able to stripe up to the U-Club driveway, however.</p> <p><u>Needs:</u> NONE</p>	<p>Scott will update the committee on the pedestrian safety issue in Vestal.</p>
<p>BMTS Long Range Transportation Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMTS posted the final draft of the Long Range Plan on its website for the required 30-day review before final approval. The review period's last day is October 23. The next update to the Long Range Plan will be in 5 years. 	
<p>Newspaper Articles/Notices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing in addition to the Article Digest. 	
<p>Subcommittee-Educational Outreach</p>	<p><u>RRFB/PHB Videos</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott shared that Karen Lorf (Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Director at NYSDOT Main Office) told him that the RRFB/PHB videos were delayed until Spring 2021 due to staffing constraints. • The brochure for using RRFBs & PHBs can be promoted in the meantime. Committee members asked if this information is included in new driver education material at the DMV. 	<p>Scott will follow-up with Karen during March 2021.</p> <p>Scott will see if RRFB/PHB</p>

	<p><u>Pedestrian Safety Month</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMTS has been posting pedestrian safety messages on its Facebook page throughout October. It was suggested to continuing to post safety information. An idea is to post examples of Complete Streets Projects done locally with before & after photos. 	information is included in driver education material.
Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binghamton Bridge Pedal – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning for 2021 has been on hold until there is a better understanding of what is going to happen with COVID. 	
Project/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashely gave an update on the Pedestrian & Bike Counters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The total number of trail user counts since installation about 1 year ago topped 2,000,000 during September. ○ Counts are down from previous months, but that is likely due to seasonal fluctuation. ○ The Owego counter will be re-installed this week. Scott & Ashley plan to use flex tape and paste to resolve the water issue with the manhole. • Route 434 Greenway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A contractor will be chosen during the first week of November. ○ Construction will take place in 2021 and 2022, though some construction may begin by the end of 2020. • Route 363 Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is no detailed update for this project. A dry-run for a public information meeting was cancelled at the last minute recently, and was not rescheduled. 	
Other: Agency/Dept. Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSDOT – Susan reported that the Clayton Ave. & Rt. 434 Signal Project is moving forward, though The Vestal Bakery opposes the sidewalk on Clayton Ave. that will block a side driveway. There appears to be plenty of room for access on the service road. • Chenango Canal Towpath Bike Ride – Ashley shared about her “century ride” from Utica to Binghamton following the Chenango Canal Towpath. The ride consisted of roadway and multi-use trail. They did ride on I-88 for the last stretch into Binghamton rather than using the steep Crocker Hill Rd. route. A police car passed by them and did not stop them from using the section of highway. The entire ride took about 7.5 hours of riding time, plus time at stops along the way. 	

Adjourn: 2:50 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.