


**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2022**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Nick Cecconi, Stephanie Brewer, Carlos Basualdo, Susan Pitely

Convene: 1:33 PM

October 17 minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p><b>Roadway Needs Report:</b></p> <p><b>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</b></p>	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confluence Park Interpretive Signs – Accessibility: Scott shared before and after photos of the finished improvements to the interpretive signs, making them readable for those using wheelchairs.</li> </ul> <p>New Needs Reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hawley St. &amp; State St. Intersection – Using Google Maps, Scott described the common experience of eastbound motorists on Hawley St. turning right onto State St. not yielding to pedestrians crossing State St. eastbound when the pedestrian signal indicates WALK. After consulting with Cyndi Paddick of BMTS, she informed the City of Binghamton Traffic Board. Dan Maerkl, Commissioner of Public Works, replied that they will work on placing a R10-15 (see example in Action Items) sign likely on the State St. median to alert turning motorists to yield to pedestrians. Scott will update the Committee when the sign is installed. To inform and educate the public, the Committee recommended that the City issue a press release when the sign is installed.</li> <li>Stephanie asked for clarification about what the signed in Otsiningo Park are prohibiting regarding motorized or electric mobility devices on the trails. She saw someone on the trails using an e-scooter. Scott said that he informed Liz Woidt, BC Parks Commissioner, about the need to update the sign to allow e-bikes since they adopted the BMTS recommended e-bike trail use guidelines. Liz agreed. Scot said that it appears the current signed regulations are not strictly enforced. If the users of e-mobility devices follow trail etiquette, there should not be a problem with their use of the trails.</li> <li>Stephanie asked if it's possible to see if the vehicle on-street parking spaces are set back 30 ft. from the new crosswalk and RRFB across Park Ave.,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign proposed for the vehicular right-turn from Hawley St. eastbound onto State St. southbound.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>R10-15</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott will take a look at this area on Park Ave. and consult Cyndi Paddick if anything needs to be taken to the City's Traffic Board.</li> </ul>

	<p>near the Emergency Room entrance. Scott will take a look at this area and consult Cyndi Paddick if anything needs to be taken to the City's Traffic Board.</p>	
<b>Announcements and Status Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No new articles or notices.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Action Items:</b>
<b>Education and Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scott shared with the Committee that the <b>2023 Binghamton Bridge Pedal</b> is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm.</li> <li>● <b>RRFB &amp; PHB Videos:</b> Scott shared that the NYSDOT produced Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) instructional video is posted on both the NYSDOT and BMTS YouTube channels. A link to the video is also on the bicycle &amp; pedestrian page of the BMTS website. See the links in the Action Items. Regarding the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) instructional video, NYSDOT is working on a script now and is in the process of hiring a new videographer who will produce it.</li> </ul>	<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The RRFB video is available for public use at the following sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NYSDOT YouTube Channel: <a href="https://youtu.be/bBs41h-wvo8">https://youtu.be/bBs41h-wvo8</a></li> <li>○ BMTS YouTube Channel: <a href="https://youtu.be/kyUo1tKiLyA">https://youtu.be/kyUo1tKiLyA</a></li> <li>○ BMTS website: <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/bikeped">https://bmtsonline.com/bikeped</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Project/Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pedestrian and Bicycle Counter <a href="#">Reports</a> are available on the BMTS website. BMTS is looking into creating reports that are more meaningful, since counters that are not working properly throw-off total numbers &amp; trends. For September, we are seeing typical seasonal trends of counts that are starting to decline with cooler temperatures and less hours of daylight. It is good to see count spikes due to resumption of special events and fund raiser walks on or near the trails. Scott showed the clear count spikes at the S. Washington St. Bridge counter due to Blues on the Bridge during September of 2019 and this year. The count spike at the Otsiningo South counter was a result of the Scarecrow Contest. The Court St. Bridge counter is still having issues with high bike counts from 6pm-8pm. It is likely an electromagnetic interference that we'll try to track down and mitigate. For now, we are able to manually correct the counts. During November 4 &amp; 7-9, BMTS successfully upgraded all the counters to 4G compatibility. We were thankful for the mild &amp; dry weather. All the counters are now automatically transmitting data daily again.</li> <li>● Watson Blvd. Complete Streets Implementation Plan – BMTS is in the final stages of choosing a consultant to conduct this study that analyzes the 2.1 mile section of Watson Blvd from Valley Plaza Dr. to Hooper Rd. Recommendations for Complete Streets design elements including pedestrian, bicycle, public transit facilities will be made. Proposed design elements will be</li> </ul>	<b>Action Items:</b> Download Counter Reports at: <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts">https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts</a>

	limited to what can be fit into the existing Right-of-Way (ROW). Work of the Plan is scheduled to start during February and take 9-12 months to complete.	
<b>Agency/Dept. Updates</b>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Route 434 Greenway:</b> Susan P. said it is still on track to be completed next summer, 2023.</li> <li>● <b>US 11/Front St. Bridge over I-81:</b> Susan reported that the multi-use trail is expected to be done by the end of November. Susan will inquire why horizontal wood slat railing with wide openings between slats were installed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion on how to improve the effectiveness &amp; attendance of this Committee. Committee comments are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Having the meetings during the afternoon and via Zoom is more convenient.</li> <li>○ The Needs Reports seem to work well with needs addressed in a timely manner.</li> <li>○ Provide more opportunities for the Committee to provide input and feedback on projects &amp; studies.</li> <li>○ Have presentations from managers of new projects. For example, asking Vern Myers, Town of Vestal Engineer, to present on the new east extension of the Vestal Rail-Trail along with time for Q&amp;A.</li> <li>○ Promote the Committee on social media?</li> <li>○ Try to get more representation on the Committee from: municipalities, AVRE, STIC, Broome &amp; Tioga OFA's &amp; Health Departments, Cyclists/STBC</li> <li>○ Partner to do and promote more community health education. For example, "Walk with Ease" by the Arthritis Foundation</li> <li>○ Avoid non-feasible list of Action Items for BMTS to do alone.</li> <li>○ Monthly frequency of meetings works well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>During November &amp; December, Committee members are requested to provide ideas of how to make Committee meetings more beneficial and encourage better attendance.</b>

Adjourn: 2:35 PM

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 1:30PM – **NO DECEMBER MEETING.**