

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle, Steven Bard, Susan Pitely, Nick Cecconi, Stanley Kauffman, Ashley Seyfried, Stephanie Brewer, Stephanie Yezzi, Dan Cullen

Convene: 1:34 PM

October 18th minutes accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p>Roadway Needs Report:</p> <p>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</p>	<p>No Follow-up Reports.</p> <p>New Reports:</p> <p>New Curb Ramps – Not ADA Compliant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that some new curb ramp replacements in the City of Binghamton are not ADA compliant. Photos of new curb ramp installations on the west side of Binghamton showing that some tactile strips don't extend continuously across the bottom of the ramp; some ramps are not flush with the pavement, having about a 2-inch lip; and some crosswalks need to be re-aligned. • Another new ramp not flush with the pavement is at Exchange St., near the Culinary School. • It was also brought up that some ADA ramps in Endicott didn't have tactile strips yet. Susan will report if they have been installed yet at the January 15 Committee meeting. <p>Plaza Dr. Edge Lines – Vestal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that the edge stripes installed on Plaza Dr., in Vestal created narrow shoulders, narrower than what was present after the original 2020 edge line installation. Scott measured the roadway and found that the travel lanes were 12 to 12.5 feet wide. The shoulders were wider on the east side of the road, ranging from 2.8 - 4 feet wide. The shoulders on the west side of the road ranged from 2 – 2.5 feet wide. Scott displayed photos of the roadway that compared the 2020 striping with the 2021 striping. A BMTS letter (dated 9/9/20) to the Town Board of Vestal also recommended 11-foot wide travel lanes with edge stripes that would create 4-foot wide shoulders. Drainage grates are also an issue. They are significantly depressed below the roadway surface and are the parallel bar design that grab bike tires. Scott will share this with the Town Engineer to see how the situation can be corrected. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Scott to contact City of Binghamton Engineering Dept. about the ADA curb ramps.</p> <p>Susan will check if tactile strips are installed on new curb ramps in Endicott, and report during the Jan. 15 Committee meeting.</p> <p>Scott will share this with the Town of Vestal Engineer to see how the situation can be corrected.</p>
<p>Newspaper Articles/Notices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binghamton Bridge Pedal 2022: Event planning meetings will be scheduled in January. The location and time of the event will likely stay the same, and the date will be a Saturday during August. • Vestal High School – Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB): Scott contacted Karen Lorf, Bike/Ped. Coordinator with NYSDOT Main Office. She said that the educational video for how to use RRFB’s and PHB’s has been recorded and a script created. Voice-over and editing work still needs to be done. 	
<p>Project/Reports</p>	<p>Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley gave the October Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts report. See https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts. • The Vestal Rail Trail - Coal House and Chugnut Trail counters needed to be uninstalled to diagnose the reason for the malfunctioning, and then be repaired. It is hoped that both can be returned and re-installed before the end of the year. <p>Two Rivers Greenway Trail Rating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley presented the report with the results of the bi-annual Two Rivers Greenway trail rating of the the pavement conditions and maintenance issues such as vegetation or signs that need to be fixed. The report and interactive map are available at https://bmtsonline.com/data/pavement-ratings. <p>E-Bike Regulations – Multi-use Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott reported that the Otsiningo Park e-bike regulations (see right column) will be added to the Broome County Parks Administrative Guidelines by the end of the year. The lawn signs with the new regulations have been installed along the trails throughout Otsiningo Park. <p>Bikeshare/Bike Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Bard had informed Scott that Rent-A-Center is now offering e-bikes. Scott investigated this on their website (https://www.rentacenter.com/en/search/?text=bike), and it appears the bike are all rent-to-own with no short-term rental. Though it is good to have this option of acquiring an e-bike, it is concerning whether some of the bikes they offer comply with current NYS e-bike legislation. <p>Roadway Safety Audit (RSA) – North Street, Binghamton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMTS did an audit on North Street on safety concerns such as speeding and crash history. The report is out for review, and once finalized, will be available in the Publications section of the BMTS website at https://bmtsonline.com/reports. A couple of weeks after the RSA was conducted, the City responded by installing crosswalks at intersections all along North Street. 	<p><u>BC E-bike Policy</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combustion engine powered bikes are prohibited on trails. 2. Use of Class 1 & 2 E-bikes are permitted on trails. 3. Riders must abide by the speed limit signs posted along the trail at all times. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Riders must ride at a safe speed (15 MPH Speed Limit). Slow down and form a single file in congested conditions, reduced visibility, and other hazardous conditions. 4. Trail users must practice proper trail etiquette. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be courteous to all trail users and yield to pedestrians. b. Give audible warning when passing pedestrians or other bicyclists. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Keep right and pass left c. Riders are responsible for the safe operation of the vehicle under City, Park, County, and State Codes.

	<p>Bike Safety Streets/Bike Boulevards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee was briefed on the concept of Bike Safe Streets, which in general are designated bike routes using low-traffic, low-volume streets that connect popular destinations such as parks, schools, and shopping centers. Signs & pavement markings would be used to identify the routes. Further safety improvements to the streets would be pursued as needed when opportunities and funding are available. Scott shared the City of Ithaca Bicycle Boulevard Plan and their approach. Some potential Bike Safe Street routes that Steven provided were shared with the Committee. <p>Discussion took place to decide the approach and next steps to work toward Bike Safe Streets being designated. It was decided to ask Committee members to send their recommendations for bike safe street routes in Johnson City to Ashley by email. She will put them into GIS and send them to Stephanie Yezzi. Stephanie and the Committee will review the recommendations during our monthly Committee meeting before she presents them to the Village Board to see if they will support creating the Bike Safe Routes.</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Committee members to send their recommendations for bike safe street routes in Johnson City to Ashley at ashley.seyfried@broomecounty.us.</p>
<p>Other: Agency/Dept. Updates</p>	<p>NYS DOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vestal Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) signal installation is delayed until Spring 2022. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application reviews are taking place and are due by Nov. 24. There are three applications from municipalities within the BMTS area. Decisions are expected to take place during late winter, which may mean March 2022. 	
<p>Other</p>		

Adjourn: 3:14 PM

Next Meeting: NO DECEMBER MEETING

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 1:30PM