

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEES

March 2, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room
Also, via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:05 a.m.

Policy Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Ron Ciotoli, Tioga County Legislator
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County
- Mayor Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott
- Mayor Martin Meaney, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor Lew Grubham, Town of Kirkwood
- Highway Superintendent, Mike Roberts, Town of Owego
- Supervisor Rob Mack, Town of Union
- Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by Andy Stiles, Region 9*

Policy Members Absent

- Supervisor JoAnne Klenovic, Town of Chenango, Vice-Chair
- Mayor Jared Kraham, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Mike Baratta, Village of Owego
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Bob Sweet, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Leigh McCullen, BMTS
Katy Mangan, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2022, POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

M. Roberts motioned to approve the minutes; Supervisor Grubham seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

ACTION ITEMS

- 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program**
[Resolution 2023-01, Approving the Draft 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets]

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, reviewed the federal requirements and primary tasks of BMTS' Unified Planning Work Program, which are:

- Implement national transportation policy of the current Federal Transportation Bill which is the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- Address Planning Emphasis Areas issued by FHWA and FTA.
- Address the emphasis areas of the New York State Department of Transportation.
- Address transportation issues specific to the Binghamton metropolitan area as identified by member governments, agencies, or staff.
- Ensure that projects conceived by BMTS to fulfill federal or state policies or address local issues are progressed in an expeditious, coordinated, and cost-effective manner.

The Planning Factors are the same as in the plan last year.

Tasks to undertake this year:

- The 2020 US census information has been released. Current urban area data needs to be reviewed with NYSDOT. The MPO boundary may need to be updated.
- A consultant will be hired to conduct turning movement counts/volume counts in the fall of 2023.
- BMTS staff will continue its update of the Coordinated Transportation Plan during this work program with adoption in December 2023.
- Staff will analyze the type/condition of locally owned traffic signals and provide a priority list for replacement (in current UPWP).
- BMTS has initiated a curbside inventory and management project/plan started during 2022-2023 UPWP.
- BMTS has hired a consultant for the Complete Streets Plan along Watson Boulevard in the Town of Union from Hooper Road to Valley Plaza (started February 2023 UPWP). Plan should be complete in February 2024. Looking to add Complete Streets elements.
- BMTS staff will be putting out an RFP for a consultant to develop a Local Road Safety Action Plan. This plan will include crash data analysis, identification of safety emphasis areas and will describe strategies, programs, and policies that local governments can consider for implementation to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes and reduce crash rates on local roads. (In current workplan).
- Staff will conduct a Road Safety Assessment on Burbank Avenue in the Village of Johnson City and along Watson Boulevard, west of Hooper Road in the Town of Union.

The organizational chart is the same as in previous years with the same number of employees and the same titles.

Regarding Unprogrammed Funds: BMTS will have a carryover amount of \$117,808. The goal will be to keep that amount in reserve to address unexpected needs and to program a portion of towards the future Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

County Executive Garnar motioned to approve the resolution, A. Stiles seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ BRIDGE NY Update

Jennifer Yonkoski reported that the applications were turned over to the MPO. The TIP subcommittee is in the process of scoring the projects. The NYSDOT will receive the recommendations, do a final check, and prepare an announcement for April 1, 2023.

- **Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan**
Scott Reigle, BMTS, reported on the Coordinated Plan update. The plan identifies transportation services for the targeted population in Broome and Tioga Counties. It will identify transportation gaps and redundancies and creates strategies to address those. The plan is required for any funding awarded from the Federal Transit Administration. BMTS is preparing surveys to be distributed to the transportation provider and the public.

- **CLEAR – Bike/Ped Crash Locations**
Leigh McCullen, BMTS, reported on the “NYSDOT CLEAR Crash Data Viewer”. The application can be found here: <https://clear.dot.ny.gov/clear/cdv/>.

Municipalities have access to the application. It provides a large amount of searchable information including interactive maps, police reports, and spreadsheets. The data can be exported into GIS. The search engine can pull out specific characteristics, type of crash, and/or location of the crashes as well.

- **Watson Boulevard Complete Streets Plan**
Jennifer Yonkoski reported that the Watson Boulevard Complete Streets Plan has started. The consultant, Bergmann, is currently gathering data and will continue for the next two months. Bergmann will work with BMTS with different scenarios/alternatives with completion in February 2024.

- **Local Road Safety Action Plan**
Jennifer Yonkoski reported that BMTS is working on an RFP for this now. Should be underway next April or May. A consultant has not yet been selected.

- **Bike/Ped Counter Data**
Scott Reigle discussed the data on the site. A new counter was added to the trail on US 11 over I81, near Front Street. Three new counters will be added on the Route 434 Greenway upon completion of the project.

The new traffic signal on Route 434 and Plaza Drive in Vestal was discussed.

- **NYSDOT Project Updates**
Andy Stiles, NYSDOT, updated the status of the following projects:

The Greenway – Rt 434

- The final season of the Greenway Phase 2 construction will begin up soon. The project is expected to be completed late summer/early fall 2023.
- Remaining work includes:
 - Grading and paving of the multi-use pathway
 - Driveway reconstruction
 - Completion of pathway lighting
 - Installation of a new traffic signal at the University Plaza entrance to state route 434
 - Completion of pedestrian hardware for crossings at each traffic signal
 - Service Road pavement resurfacing
 - Completing the construction of a retaining wall near Clubhouse Road

- Final grading and landscaping
- Miscellaneous milling and paving throughout the project
- Other miscellaneous work includes bicycle railing, fencing and guiderail installation, and installation of emergency call boxes within the City of Binghamton limits.

Route 11/I81

- The project completion date is March 1, 2023.
- Remaining work to be completed on an uncompleted work agreement include:
 - Patching the shared use path.
 - Replacing 2 defective pedestrian light LED drivers on the shared use path.
 - Replacing a defective Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) unit at roundabout B.
 - Install the Emergency Call Station.
 - Seeding and mulching at the site.

Walking Bridge Over I81 Removal

- Currently, the letting is scheduled for August 11, 2023, with an anticipated award near the end of September.
- The actual construction anticipated to start in October.
- Traffic impacts should be minimal.
- The project will consist of the removal of the pedestrian bridge with closures on I81.
- The walkway has been replaced with a shared use path over the new Route 11 over I81 bridge.

Route 434 Paving/Tioga County

- This project is anticipated to start in April with milling and paving operations.
- This project will have both nighttime and daytime operations with a single lane closure.
- The completion of this project is estimated to be in August.

Route 17 Crack and Seat

- The Route 17 crack and seat project will be from Apalachin to the Broome County line.
- The project consists of both roadway reconstruction and bridge work for the 2023 and 2024 season.
- Crossovers on Route 17 will be incorporated along with some detours for ramp closures thought the project.

Chenango Street Arch

- The Chenango Street arch project will be completed in the spring of 2023.
- Work remaining includes sidewalks and general cleanup of the site.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

There was no business offered from the floor.

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting will be June 8, 2023. An announcement will be sent out prior.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Mack; it was seconded by County Executive Garnar. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.