

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEES
October 26, 2020
1:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 1:32 p.m.

Policy Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego, *represented by Joann Lindstrom*
- Supervisor Rick Materese, Town of Union
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by Brian Kelly, Region 9*
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development, *represented by Sarah Glose*
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8, *represented by Dot Richter*
- Supervisor JoAnne Klenovic, Town of Chenango

Policy Members Absent

- Legislator Mike Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Mayor Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott

Others Present

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Steven Gayle, RSG Consulting
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 24, 2020, POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Supervisor Schaffer motioned to approve the minutes; Mayor David seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, opened the floor for comment.

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

- BMTS Long Range Transportation Plan: Moving our Future Forward 2045**
[Resolution 2020-06, Approving the BMTS Long Range Transportation Plan: Moving our Future Forward 2045]
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, reported on this Action Item. Steven Gayle, RSG Consulting, and BMTS staff have been developing the plan. The 30-day public review ended on October 23,

2020. Comments from partners were received, reviewed, and incorporated. Jenn highlighted the substantial changes including:

Equity and Environmental Justice – Text was added to the beginning of the plan from FHWA.

Chapter 5 – “Center lane miles” was changed to “lane miles” to give a better indication of need, two tables were combined, and an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) section was added.

Chapter 6 – Coordinated Public Transit – Human Service Transportation Plan was referenced and interregional travel was elaborated on where larger regional events were added.

Safety Chapter – Crash rates could not be determined so crash frequency/density was used. Table was shown that has locations of high crash frequency.

Truck-Based Freight Chapter – Added two bridges carrying Route 17 over Route 17C that cannot accommodate high weight vehicles. Also added Railroad bridges that don’t meet standard vertical clearance.

Resiliency Chapter - Added paragraph noting that Broome County has achieved Climate Smart Community Bronze certification.

Chapter 11 / Financial – Anticipated revenue over the life of the plan table had the National Highway Freight Program was removed and Federal Highway requested a table be added regarding how funds will be spent.

Appendix – Statement regarding illustrative projects added.

Steve Gayle commented the BMTS will be working with graphic art company to develop a production version of the plan.

Rick Materese asked a question regarding charging stations in the future plan. Jenn replied that there is a section in the document that addresses this.

Steve Gayle stated that the Governor’s Office announced plans to install 50,000 charging stations statewide by 2025.

Brian Kelly motioned to approve the resolution; Mayor Deemie seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

□ **BC Transit Bus Stop Design and Sign Guideline Study**

Jenn gave an overview of this study where BMTS has worked with Creighton Manning that recently has been completed to look at bus stops ADA compliance and signage. Goal were to access existing conditions, develop a data driven plan, attract/retain ridership, and Promote the BC Transit brand.

There are 743 bus stops on the existing system. Based on certain factors, each bus stop was classified.

Ten-year plan to enhance the bus stops with new signage and to bring all to ADA compliance. The full study is on the BMTS web site.

Governor Cuomo Announcement – Pavement Renewal Projects

Brian Kelly, NYSDOT, reported about a Governors announcement for a large block of pavement renewal project which includes \$5.7 million overlay project on I81. A ballot will come out later this week.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No business was offered from the floor.

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting date will be December 10, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. An announcement will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Deemie; it was seconded by Supervisor Kniffen. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.