

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEES

September 24, 2020

1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Policy Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 1:39 p.m.

Planning Members Present

- Robert Bennett, P.E., Village of Johnson, City Director of Public Services, Chair
- Vern Myers, P.E., Town of Vestal, Engineer, Vice-Chair
- Beth Lucas, Broome County, Director of Planning
- Gregory Kilmer, Broome County, Commissioner of Public Transportation
- Leslie Boulton, Broome County, Commissioner of Public Works
- Gary Hammond, P.E., Tioga County, Commissioner of Public Works
- Elaine Jardine, Tioga County, Planning Director
- Ray Standish, P.E., City of Binghamton, City Engineer
- John Paddock, City of Binghamton, DPW Commissioner
- Cameron Williams, Village of Endicott
- JoAnn Lindstrom, Town of Owego, Planning and Zoning Administrator
- Louis Caforio, Town of Union, Commissioner of Public Works
- Pamela Eshbaugh, P.E., NYSDOT Region 9, Planning and Program Manager

Planning Members Absent

- Alexander Urda, P.E., Town of Chenango, Engineer
- Ron Lake, P.E., Town of Dickinson, Engineer

Policy Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- County Executive Jason Garnar, Broome County
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Linda Jackson, Village of Endicott, *represented by Anthony Bates*
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Supervisor Rick Materese, Town of Union
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, NYSDOT, *represented by Nick Choubah, Region 9*
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development, *represented by Sarah Glose*
- Jennifer Gregory, Southern Tier 8

Policy Members Absent

- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Legislator Mike Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Supervisor Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood
- Supervisor JoAnne Klenovic, Town of Chenango

Others Present

Lisa McCafferty, Advisory
Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Leigh McCullen, BMTS
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS

Shoba Agneshwar, BMTS
Dot Richter, Southern Tier 8
Younes Drimhi
Jennifer Terry, FTA
Carlos Gonzales, FHWA
Steven Gayle, RSG Consulting
M. Donovan
Lisa McCafferty
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2020 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Kilmer motioned to approve the minutes; Commissioner Boulton seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2020 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Mayor David motioned to approve the minutes; Brian Kelly seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

- **NYSDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Planning Committee**
[Resolution 2020-05, Recommending Policy Committee support the 2021 NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Safety]

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, spoke on this Action Item and shared a PowerPoint slide indicating the below information. BMTS commits to the NYSDOT safety targets every year.

The slide features an orange vertical bar on the left containing the title. To the right, a list of five bullet points provides specific target values for various safety metrics.

Metric	Target Value
Fatalities	1,012.7
Fatalities per 100M VMT	0.824
Serious Injuries	10,896.8
Serious Injuries per 100M VMT	8.865
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	2,583.5

Ray Standish motioned to approve the resolution; Louis Caforio seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

- **NYSDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Policy Committee**
[Resolution 2020-05, Supporting the 2021 NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Safety]

Brian Kelly motioned to approve the resolution; Jennifer Gregory seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- **BC Transit Bus Stop Design and Sign Guideline Study**
Jenn reported that this agenda item will be postponed until next meeting.
- **Long Range Transportation Plan – Moving our Future Forward 2045**
Jenn reported this update has been ongoing and showed the logo. The draft document can be reviewed on the BMTS web site. BMTS will be awaiting approval after the 30-day public review. Jenn then gave a chapter-by-chapter review and asked for comments from the committee members.
- **Adaptive Signal Study**
Jenn reported that this was a project in the BMTS Unified Planning Work Program. A consultant was hired for the project to identify any corridor that would benefit from adaptive signal technology. Due to consultant personnel changes, the original schedule was delayed. An existing fiber optic cable inventory was unsuccessfully attempted to be done as well. The project was later scaled down to a traffic signal inventory, mapping, and one company's fire optic cable placement. This study is considered complete.
- **BMTS FA System Pavement Ratings (non-state roads)**
Scott Reigle, BMTS, reported on the pavement ratings. From August 26th to September 3rd, Ashley Seyfried, BMTS, and Scott did the annual pavement ratings using the former NYSDOT pavement rating scale and an inventory of bicycle facilities and an inventory of pedestrian facilities in the BMTS area. Scores are sent to the municipalities that have fair or poor scores. BMTS' goal is to maintain arterial pavement sufficiency at no more than 10 percent poor and to maintain collector street pavement sufficiency at no more than 25 percent poor as funding permits, once arterial goals are met. Pavement condition information will be posted online.
- **Hooper Road Corridor Study**
Leigh McCullen, BMTS, reported the study produced 13 recommendations, many of which have been implemented. The corridor continues to experience congestion. Countermeasures were also recommended. The study is on the BMTS website.
- **JC Signal Warrant Study**
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, reported the study was completed in June. No signals were recommended for removal in Johnson City, however there were recommendations for improvements in striping, pedestrian crossings, etc. The study is on the BMTS website.
- **Functional Class Changes**
Cyndi Paddick reported all the streets are designated either principal arterial, minor arterial, collector, or local. Federal money can be spent on all but local. Periodically, the streets are reviewed for redesignation. BMTS will have their recommendations ready later this fall.

☐ **Local Projects Updates**

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, reported a list of local projects in the MPO and who they are let by and the milestones of the projects.

☐ **NYSDOT Project Updates**

Brian Kelly, NYSDOT, reported:

- Route 17C resurfacing in Endicott and Endwell and enhanced crosswalks – substantially complete.
- Joint repairs on I81 – grinding should be done this week NB; grinding on SB should be complete within two weeks.
- 960J bridges at Route 17 Owego Exit – all three decks have been replaced.
- Greenway/Route 343 – Project went to bid this morning. Five bids were received. Expected to begin in 2021.
- Binghamton Gateway/Route 363 – Consultant created traffic models for the alternatives. A public meeting will be held in the future.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No business was offered from the floor.

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ The next Policy Meeting date is yet to be determined. An announcement will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Schaffer ; it was seconded by Mayor David. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.