

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2025

Members Present: Gary Hammond, Nazar Logvis, Josh Holland, Tony Fiala, Alex Urda, Joel Kie, Lou Caforio, Katy Mangan, Greg Kilmer, Cameron Williams, Josh Paludi, Mike Roberts, Vern Myers, Elaine Jardine

Others Present: Jillian Newby

BMTS Staff Present: Jennifer Yonkoski, Leigh McCullen, Scott Reigle

The meeting was called to order by J. Yonkoski, facilitating in place of G. Hammond, at 2:01pm.

Approval of December 3, 2024 minutes. Motion made by K. Mangan, seconded by G. Kilmer.
Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Yonkoski opened the floor for comment. None was offered.

ACTION ITEMS

2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program

Resolution 2025-01, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program and associated grant budgets

J. Yonkoski shared minor changes made in the draft UPWP including deleting some planning emphasis areas by FHWA and FTA due to executive orders. Planning Factors and National Planning Goals that the UPWP addresses were shared. Carryover task items were reviewed along with new task items. The Organizational Chart for BMTS Central Staff shows a change to fund a Senior Transportation Analyst position. The Financial Certification was reviewed. There is an estimated Unprogrammed Funds balance of \$607,364

A motion was made by J. Holland and seconded by K. Mangan; the motion passed unanimously.

NYSDOT Targets for Performance Measures – Bridge & Pavement Conditions, System & Freight Performance

Resolution 2025-02, Recommending Policy Committee support the NYSDOT Performance Standards related to Bridge & Pavement Conditions and System & Freight Performance

J. Yonkoski explained that after two years, NYSDOT took the opportunity to change some of its 2022 performance targets for the National Highway System. NYSDOT has retained all the targets that were developed for 2022's Baseline Performance Period Report except for the four-year targets for pavements. NYSDOT revised all four of the pavement targets, which was driven by its decision to update its pavement model to better conform to the Pavement and Bridge Condition pavement measure

regulations.

A motion was made by G. Kilmer to approve the amendment, seconded by J. Holland; the motion passed unanimously.

BC Transit Safety Plan Safety Targets

Resolution 2025-03, Recommending Policy Committee support the Safety Performance Targets established by Broome County Transit in its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

J. Yonkoski explained that the FTA Transit Asset Management Rule, which became effective on July 19, 2019, requires transit operators such as BC Transit to develop and adopt a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan that establishes processes and procedures to support the implementation of Safety Management Systems (SMS), a comprehensive, collaborative approach to managing safety. Broome County Transit has submitted its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan to BMTS for approval, including necessary performance targets as shown in the attachment to the resolution.

A motion was made by N. Logvis to approve the amendment, seconded by K. Mangan; the motion passed unanimously.

BC Transit Targets for Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan Performance Measures

Resolution 2025-04, Recommending Policy Committee support BC Transit's TAM Plan Performance Targets

J. Yonkoski explained that the Federal Transit Administration published the final rule on Transit Asset Management (TAM) on July 26, 2016, requiring MPOs to coordinate with transit providers to set Transit Asset Management performance targets, and integrate those performance targets into their planning documents. BC Transit has established targets for (1) Rolling Stock; and (2) equipment; and (3) Facilities. BMTS, in consultation with BC Transit, has decided to agree to program investments in support of the transit operator's performance targets

A motion was made by K. Mangan to approve the amendment, seconded by G. Kilmer; the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

Administrative Modifications - J. Yonkoski informed the committee that the TIP modification for the 9LC101 Large Culvert Rehabilitation Project, Broome and Otsego Counties is an adjustment in funding sources and there is no change in overall cost. The fund source amounts will be balanced between all 9LCXXX projects as a whole.

Long Range Transportation Plan Update – J. Yonkoski informed the Committee about the progress in updating the LRTP. The demographic outlook shown in population projections was explained. The Committee was asked if they were comfortable staying with the projection of a 1.7% population

decrease for Broome and Tioga Counties combined out to the year 2050. G. Kilmer said comfortable with this more conservative projection. E. Jardine was comfortable with the Tioga projection. J. Yonkoski went on to summarize updates and next steps. Currently updating the current conditions of the transportation system: pavement & bridges, traffic signals, bicycle & pedestrian facilities, public transit. Next steps are updating needs of the transportation system. And updating the safety chapter. Planning to use some of the data that has been collected and analyzed as part of the SS4A Safety Plan project. It was noted that the Planning Committee serves as the Steering Committee. Timeline: Draft ready during June and have the Final Draft ready for September approval.

Bike/Ped Counter Data – Year in Review – L. McCullen informed the Committee that the report is available on the BMTS website at <https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts>, continued to summarize the elements and details of the report. Individual counter reports indicate the location of the counter on a map, display the total counts per month along with the pedestrian and bike count splits, show an annual comparison of monthly total counts, and displays the monthly counts compared to average temperature. Regarding systemwide counts, in 2024, 1,465,867 pedestrian and bicycle counts were taken along the Two Rivers Greenway at the 15 active counter locations. 8,386,578 total counts have been taken since the initial installation of counters in the summer of 2019. A chart also shows the total counts for each counter which indicates the relative amount of trail use at the counter locations along the Two Rivers Greenway. The Shoppes Counter would usually be number 2 or 3 in having the highest counts, and the South Washington St. Bridge Counter normally has the highest counts, but both were not operating for a few months during 2024. Finally, the report shows the percentage of bike use (14%) for all the counters as compared to pedestrian use (86%). It is also noted that the counters on the 434 Greenway indicate significantly more cyclist use (39%). BMTS can produce custom count reports upon request.

2026-2030 TIP Update - J. Yonkoski informed the Committee that there were nine candidate projects totaling \$24,496,565. The TIP Subcommittee is working to address the funding shortfall for these projects. Hoping to hold a virtual April Planning Committee meeting to approve the draft TIP update to have it ready for final approval at the June meeting.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – J. Yonkoski informed the Committee that consultant is in the process of creating the high-risk roadway network based on crash data, in addition to other factors listed on the presentation slide.

There has been one Steering Committee meeting with another planned for April.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

K. Mangan introduced Jillian Newby as the new Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager.

E. Jardine asked about possible delays. K. Mangan responded that the 434 eastbound paving project was let and will take place. Otherwise, NYSDOT is continuing to move forward with authorized funding it has and will be monitoring funding situations at the federal level.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32PM