

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

In attendance: Scott Reigle (BMTS), Louisa Tornari (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Hadassah Mativetsky (City Council), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT Region 9), Steven Bard (Public), Devin Link (BCDOH), Mark Goodwin (STBC)

Convened: 1:33 PM

November 17 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Roadway Needs Report: Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Parking Signage for Water St. Parking Garage, Binghamton – Scott shared that the bike parking signs have been installed and showed photos of the sign locations. It was noticed that two of the signs need to swap locations. Pablo Escamilla with LAZ was informed of this and said that he would see to it that the signs would be swapped. <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawley St./Water St./Court St Intersection at Boscov's: Hadassah shared about a pedestrian who was hit by a motorist while crossing Court St. southbound from Boscov's. Unfortunately, the pedestrian was injured, needed treatment, and is now rehabilitating. The Committee acknowledged that this is a problem intersection with a fatal pedestrian crash occurring earlier in 2025 and discussed possible design improvements. It was determined that adding a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) to the signal timing for the pedestrian crossings could be helpful by giving pedestrians the opportunity to enter the crosswalk at the intersection 3-7 seconds before vehicles are given a green indication. Pedestrians can better establish their presence in the crosswalk before vehicles have priority to turn left. Hadassah mentioned that she also saw that there was a bike crash at the Henry St. entrance/exit to the Water St. Parking Garage before Christmas. • Bunn Hill Rd./Rt. 434 pedestrian crossing safety concerns were shared in light of the new student housing being built at the northeast corner of the intersection. Susan shared that NYSDOT is doing some investigation on improving safety of the pedestrian crossings. • Broad Ave. at Robinson St and at E. Frederick St. have signals but no push buttons are present. After looking at Google Streetview, there are no pedestrian crossing signal heads at the E. Frederick St. intersection, but they are present at the Robinson St. intersection. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Hadassah to obtain more information about the crash. Scott will provide LPI information to Hadassah and the appropriate City officials for consideration at this intersection.</p> <p>A Committee Member needs to go to the intersection to confirm that walk phases automatically occur.</p>

Announcements and Status Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott found a WBNG story announcing that the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has been awarded \$450,000 from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Environmental Protection Agency. The IDA plans to use the funds to develop plans for a potential “rail-with-trail” project. Plans for the project would explore a trail design running alongside the Owego Hartford Railroad and stretch from the Newark Valley Fire Station to George Smith Park in Berkshire. County officials say the trail would be constructed safely alongside the active rail line in the county. The grant will only fund the preliminary design and engineering plans, not the actual construction of the trail. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Susan Pitely will obtain information on the rail’s operational status and ownership.</p>
Education and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 1st or 8th, 2026 The Committee discussed possible dates since the Spiedie & Balloon Festival will be on the weekend of August 8th. Saturday, August 1st seemed like the best option for the Binghamton Police Dept. to escort the ride since August 15th is when Binghamton University students return. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Hadassah will check with Jasmin Mujcic of the Binghamton Police Dept. to see if August 1st would be good for them to be able to escort the Bridge Pedal bike ride.</p>
Projects/ Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Rivers Greenway Pedestrian & Bicycle Count Program: Scott shared that a 2025 Annual Report is being created and will be available on the BMTS website. Will present it to the Committee at next month’s meeting. • Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – Hadassah is organizing a southside greenway cleanup as a part of the Global Days of Service. The cleanup even will be Friday, April 24 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Hadassah will also ask Councilperson Hotchkiss if he’s able to organize a separate cleanup for the trail behind Binghamton Plaza. Next steps for the Friends Group: meet with municipalities to set the stage for initiating groups to adopt-a-trail for maintenance; create a website. Stephanie notes that a 434 Greenway light pole on along the Rt. 434 highway section has fallen or been knocked down. • Two Rivers Greenway Trail Guide: Scott shared that the Trail Guide is complete. The PDF version is available on the BMTS website under the Bicyclist & Pedestrian heading at https://bmtsonline.com/reports/. • Bikes Buses – Scott shared an article that Steven Bard provided about Bikes Buses or Trains where adults lead children on a bike ride to and from school. Scott said he’d love to see a Bike Bus start locally and believes a successful program would create a demand for them at other local schools. Three things came to Scott’s mind: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We'd need to find a champion at the school and/or champion parents. 2. It would be necessary for the school to provide secure bike parking. 3. Working with fresh cycles and other organizations to supply bikes would help ensure equity and maximum participation by students. Maybe a parent that earned a bike at Fresh Cycles may be a champion? 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Hadassah will try to get a photo of the light post and report it to the City and NYSDOT.</p>

	<p>Steven talked with Jacob Rotary about the possibility of creating a bike bus for Calvin Coolidge Elementary in Binghamton. They need to get a parent champion to work with Jacob. MacArthur Elementary may have more bike accessibility. The Southside Neighborhood Assembly may be able to be of help. Steven is willing to contact a PTA leader to talk about a bike bus. Devin, Hadassah, and Scott may be able to find a contact and could also be a part of such a meeting.</p>	
Agency/ Dept. Updates	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An announcement regarding the 363/434 Gateway Project is expected soon. Once that takes place, Susan can share more details about the project with the Committee. <p>Broome County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devin mentioned about working with Ross Park Zoo to install benches, signs, and repair walkways. Hadassah asked if signs could be made to direct people to eateries within a mile or so from the Zoo? Devin will look into that. <p>Broome County Planning Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie reported it is planned to narrow the previous scope and reapply for the federal BUILD Grant due during February 2026. The focus would be a feasibility study of connecting the 434 Greenway to the Vestal Rail Trail and future Johnson City Rail Trail. <p>Binghamton City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hadassah asked about the status of the temporary raised crosswalk on Oak Street. Devin said that High School officials are big fans and believe it is very effective. The City plans to uninstall it for the winter. They will replace the crosswalk with an interim treatment while working on a permanent solution to install. Hadassah also asked about the status of benches on the 434 Greenway. Devin replied that she does not have an update yet. Scott said he saw markings for the locations along the trail. No update on a pedestrian crossing of Park Ave. at Morris St.. Lack of response on this issue may indicate that the crosswalk is not possible. 	Action Items:

Adjourn: 3:00 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9 at 1:30PM