

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 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), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Allison Button (Village of JC), Jacob Rotary (HCLC/Fresh Cycles)

Convened: 1:30 PM

January 12 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
<p><b>Roadway Needs Report:</b></p> <p><b>Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:</b></p>	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Boscov’s Intersection, Binghamton</b> – Scott shared the background about a pedestrian crash that Hadassah shared with the Committee at the January meeting. A pedestrian crossing Court St. southbound (NW corner to SW corner) was hit by a northbound motorist turning left onto Court St. At last month’s meeting, it was determined that a leading pedestrian Interval (LPI) may be beneficial in improving pedestrian safety at this intersection. Per an email chain initiated by Hadassah with BMTS and the Deputy Mayor, Megan Heiman, Scott provided them both with the request for the City to add an LPI with the following information: <i>As stated on the USDOT website, leading pedestrian interval (LPI) gives pedestrians the opportunity to enter the crosswalk at an 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 right or left. See <a href="https://link.edgepilot.com/s/55ed3a77/CPIXFb0n3EmsFAKUc0-eBq?u=https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/leading-pedestrian-interval">https://link.edgepilot.com/s/55ed3a77/CPIXFb0n3EmsFAKUc0-eBq?u=https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/leading-pedestrian-interval</a>.</i> </li> </ul> <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Rt. 434 near New St., Binghamton</b> – Hadassah shared that a concern was brought up during a Southside Neighborhood Assembly meeting about the possible need for a guardrail on this area of Rt. 434 due to a past crash that sent a car into the area on New St. where a VINES Community Garden now exists. BMTS provided Hadassah crash data, but neither such a crash nor any bike or pedestrian crashes were evident. Hadassah was not sure how to move forward. Susan noted that if NYSDOT installs a guiderail, the City may be required to remove the steps to New St. from Rt. 434 or create an ADA compliant ramp. </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

	<p><b>EDITOR'S NOTE:</b> Susan Pitely provided Scott &amp; Haddasah with the following information on January 11<sup>th</sup> - <i>I reached out to our traffic safety and our operations folks. Traffic Safety did look at 3 incidents that happened (1 in 2019 and 2 in 2021) where vehicles had run off the road in that area. Unsafe speeds were the cause in all cases. And I understand one of the accident diagrams did show a vehicle down in the garden area, although the accident description didn't mention that. So I think a vehicle did end up going down there but 4-6 years ago.</i></p> <p><i>Traffic said they typically do not put guiderail on curves that are in 30 mph zones...which that is what the speed limit is there, even though we all know people drive much faster. I think they said their study actually recommended improving the delineation on the median island and the curve warning signs. 2025 we replaced the delineators on the median island, and I think this year the curve warning signs should be replaced also.</i></p> <p>Hadassah shared this information with the appropriate City officials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Snow Removal Issues</b> – Hadassah received calls from constituents about snow removal needs after the recent snow storm, as they observed people needing to walk in the street due to snow remaining on sidewalks and piled up at corners. Furthermore, the City doesn't have the capacity to send out employees to ticket property owners or to have staff shovel and bill property owners. Hadassah is looking for ideas of how other municipalities handle these difficulties. It was suggested to bring this topic up at each of the Neighborhood Assembly meetings.</li> <li>● <b>Sidewalk Feasibility on Rt. 434 (Airborne Ave and eastward)</b> Nick mentioned that Getthere has difficulty in arranging transportation to medical facilities in this area because there is no sidewalk east of Airborne Ave. to reach medical facilities from the transit bus stop just west of Airborne Ave. Susan explained that property owners need to initiate any sidewalk installation requests. NYSDOT can't force sidewalks to be installed outside of their right-of-way.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Announcements and Status Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Tioga County Rail with Trail Study</b> – Susan provided the following information about the rail line: <i>It is owned by the Tioga County IDA, but it is not an abandoned railroad. It was being used by some of the gas developers in the region and while it hasn't been used in ~2 years, apparently, they have been contacted recently by a company that would like to use it again. I understand they are looking at the ROW along the rail line to see if they could have a trail next to the rail. Which if it was like the one that runs along 17C and used to be a double rail line, I would think they would have enough right of way to have a safe space between a trail and the rails, but we think that it was only a single line.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
<p><b>Education and Outreach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>2026 Binghamton Bridge Pedal</b> –Saturday, August 1, 2026 Scott thanked the Committee for their input leading to the decision to hold the Binghamton Bridge Pedal on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

	<p>Scott also mentioned that the shirt color will likely be a blue hue. Hadassah asked when the first Bridge Pedal was. Scott answered 2006, with the event not happening during 2013 and 2020. The Committee agreed that we can call this the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the event. Hadassah will look into the possibility of a City Proclamation for the anniversary of this event.</p>	<p><b>Hadassah</b> will look into the possibility of a City Proclamation for the anniversary of this event.</p>
<p><b>Projects/ Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Johnson City Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application:</b> Allison shared some details regarding Johnson City’s TAP application. The proposed project will install sidewalks on the east side of Reynolds Rd. from the northern Oakdale Commons entrance/exit to the JC High School. Pedestrian crossings would be installed at the Oakdale Common entrance/exit and at the Overbrook Rd. intersection. Bike lanes will also be improved. It was asked if this project would fill in the sidewalk gap on Fairview St.? Allison said, no, but that will be addressed in association with the planned housing development on Columbia Drive. It was asked if there are any plans for sidewalks on Reynolds Rd. south of Fairview St. so those in emergency housing at the Red Roof Inn can access Aldi’s and the Oakdale Commons? Allison said this was not included in the TAP application due to right-of-way constraints. Devin noted that there is an effort to move families housed in the Red Roof Inn to another location, so only adults will be there. Allison said that the new JC Mayor has been considering the pedestrian needs south of Fairview St. but there are no project plans yet. The Committee encouraged JC to work with the Oakdale Commons owners to establish safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the Commons, as well as develop an internal pedestrian and bike circulation plan to implement.</li> <li>• <b>Two Rivers Greenway Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Count Program:</b> Scott presented the 2025 Annual Report (Two Rivers Greenway 2025 in Review) that is available on the BMTS website at <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts/">https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts/</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Two Rivers Greenway Trail Maintenance Report:</b> Louisa walked the Committee through the report which also available on the BMTS website at <a href="https://bmtsonline.com/data/pavement-ratings/">https://bmtsonline.com/data/pavement-ratings/</a>. Stephanie recommended working with the DEC now before pursuing a repaving project along the river and/or a flood control structure, like the Chugnut Trail. The maintenance project would likely trigger permitting, and specific requirements for carrying out the project.</li> <li>• <b>Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group</b> – Two greenway cleanups are being organized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mike Haas is organizing a greenway cleanup as part of the Southside Neighborhood Assembly’s Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 4. Time is to be determined.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Bikes Buses</b> – The Committee continued discussion about how a bike bus could be initiated to enable adults to lead kids on a bike ride to and from school. Scott noted that Steven Bard put him in touch with Susan Hendery, a former Principal at Calvin Coolidge Elementary in</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p><b>Stephanie</b> will provide BMTS with her DEC contacts.</p>

	<p>Binghamton and an avid cyclist. She was not available to participate in this Committee meeting but would like to join us at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p>Jacob acknowledged that creating a bike bus is a large undertaking, necessitating a plan and a champion to move it forward. This would need to start with a one-time event to build on.</p> <p>Devin stated that the Health Department’s Creating Healthy Schools &amp; Communities (CHSC) grant could help with this effort.</p> <p>Nick suggested that it may be most feasible for parents to take it upon themselves to begin leading their children and perhaps their friends on informal bike rides to school. It shouldn’t be much of an ask to request the school to provide secure bike racks on which to lock the bikes.</p> <p>The Binghamton Bridge Pedal could be a forum to network regarding creating a bike bus. It would also be a good idea to involve the Binghamton Police Department, like the Bridge Pedal does, for any bike to school special events.</p>	
<p><b>Agency/ Dept. Updates</b></p>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An announcement regarding the 363 Gateway Project will hopefully happen on Thursday, February 12. Once that takes place, Susan can share more details about the project with the Committee.</li> </ul> <p>Broome County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devin shared that the CHSC grant is funding a Recreation Park walkability project that will also include bike parking racks designed by B-T BOCES students. A project at Ross Park Zoo to install wayfinding signs to direct people to eateries within a mile or so from the Zoo may also take place.</li> </ul> <p>Broome County Planning Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephanie reported that it was decided to not reapply for the federal BUILD Grant due to shifting Department priorities and based on input received from state representatives.</li> </ul> <p>Healthy Lifestyles Coalition/Lee Barta Community Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jacob mentioned that a tandem bike group ride and a single speed bike ride are being planned.</li> </ul> <p>GetThere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick shared that they are hiring a scheduler for volunteer driver transportation and call center personnel.</li> <li>GetThere will be certified as a Medicaid Transportation Provider through their volunteer driver program.</li> <li>Travel training services will mainly be shift to operate like it had been in the past though request via the call center. Current staff will be fit into a new title with new responsibilities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

Adjourn: 3:24 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 9 at 1:30PM