

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
March 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), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Mark Bowers (Public), Julian Shepherd (BU/City Council Conservation Committee)

Convened: 1:32 PM

February 9 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>• None</li> </ul> <p>New Needs Reports</p> <p>Mark Bowers shared the following proposals for the City of Binghamton to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Riverside Dr. Bike Lanes (Beethoven St. to Chapin St.)</b> – Mark would like to see dedicated bike lanes extended east from Beethoven Street to Chapin Street. The City added dedicated bike lanes when it reconstructed Riverside Drive from Margaret Street (at the City Line) east to Beethoven Street. However, when the portion of Riverside Drive was reconstructed from Beethoven Street east to Chapin Street no bike lanes were included in that project. Currently, there is little evidence that anyone parks on Riverside Drive in the area in question. All of the homes have driveways and there are numerous intersecting side streets to accommodate the current on street parking spaces. The curb-to-curb width on Riverside Drive can accommodate the travel lanes for vehicles and the required five-foot dedicated bike lane (both sides). <p>Mark further noted that for years efforts have been made to encourage residents to bike or walk to downtown, and these dedicated bike lanes do a great deal to provide a safe haven for cyclists. Recent additions to the area’s bike infrastructure, including the recently opened portion of the Two Rivers Greenway (Rte. 434 S. Washington Street to Binghamton University), the current 363 Gateway Project and the proposed pedestrian/bike improvements to the Memorial Bridge make this an easy decision. Additionally, Riverside Drive is signed and designated as part of the NYS Bike Route 17 and is also designated as a secondary bike route by BMTS.</p> </li></ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p><b>Hadassah</b> recommended that <b>Mark</b> present both recommendations at the next Binghamton Traffic Board meeting, which he agreed to do.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>East Clinton St. / Washington St. Intersection</b> – Mark’s question is, does the proposed work for the DECO District involve re-evaluating the intersection of East Clinton Street and Washington Street? Specifically, is there any consideration for changing the current lane configurations? He believes that the intersection of East Clinton Street and Washington could function better with single lanes on all three approaches, whether it is an all way stop or continues with a traffic signal.</li> <li>• <b>Close call at S. Washington St. and Vestal Ave.</b> – Hadassah shared that she was almost hit by a car while crossing from the northeast to northwest corners of S. Washington St. at the Vestal Ave. intersection. This is a common issue at this intersection. Is a Leading Pedestrian Interval possible at this intersection?</li> </ul>	<p><b>BMTS</b> will find traffic count data for this intersection and provide it to Hadassah for the Traffic Board.</p>
<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>2026 Walk, Bike and Roll NY</b> – Scott shared that registration opens soon for this event which will take place in <b>Tarrytown, NY</b> on <b>June 2-3</b>, with an optional <b>NYBC organized bike ride</b> on <b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b>  <b>Register</b> for Bike, Walk and Roll as well as the NYBC Ride &amp; Dine event at <a href="#">Home - 2026 Walk, Bike &amp; Roll New York Symposium</a>.  <a href="#">Online registration by Cvent</a>.</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 shared the proposed ride route and four stops with the Committee. It was suggested to replace the MacArthur Park stop with a stop at the new Hanagan’s Heroes Monument in Veterans Par, near the S. Washington St. Bridge.  The ride will still pause at MacArthur Park for the riders to catch up to each other and use the bathroom if needed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b>  <b>Mark</b> will provide Scott with a contact to possibly be the speaker at the Hanagan’s Heroes Monument stop.</p>
<p><b>Projects/ Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BMTS Complete Streets Policy Update:</b> Scott shared that Louisa Tornari &amp; Leigh McCullen produced an update to the 2016 BMTS Complete Streets Policy by looking at what has evolved, what has changed, looking at some best practices since 2016. The update condensed this policy by multiple pages, because some of it was a repeat of the process for doing a federal aid project, for which it is required to complete the New York State Department of Transportation Complete Streets Checklist, so some of the language was taken out, making it more concise and easier to read. The updated Complete Streets Policy is very similar to what has been said before: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMTS considers all users and complete streets design elements when doing planning studies and construction projects.</li> <li>• The context of the project setting will be used to determine recommended design elements in planning studies and for construction projects.</li> <li>• BMTS will promote Complete Streets concepts throughout the planning area.</li> <li>• BMTS will support the adoption of Complete Streets Policies by its member agencies. BMTS is glad to assist member agencies wanting to adopt new or update current Complete Streets Policies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

- BMTS commits that future transportation projects will consider the needs of all users as early as practicable and throughout the transportation planning process.
- BMTS will also promote multi-use trail development as an integral element in creating multimodal transportation network.

One of the more significant changes was bringing the Policy back into our planning documents that we do. We usually consider complete streets when we do a road safety assessment, or when we do a corridor study, and the original Complete Streets Policy didn't really address that. We wanted the updated Policy to include those to really reflect the work that we do.

The Updated CS Policy is posted on the BMTS website at <https://bmtsonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2026-Complete-Streets-Policy-Update-FINAL.pdf>.

- **Two Rivers Greenway Pedestrian & Bicycle Count Program:** Scott shared that BMTS will produce quarterly counter reports in a similar format to the Two Rivers Greenway 2025 in Review report that is available on the BMTS website at <https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts/>.
- **Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group** – Two greenway cleanups are being organized:
  - 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.
  - 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.
- **Bikes Buses** – Scott shared the Kansas Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Idea Book that Devin sent to him, which has guidance on doing bike buses. Devin provided additional information about that resource. Scott also shared the SafeRoutes Bike Buses: Let's Bike to School Together guidebook.
- **Two Rivers Greenway Sign Guide Adherence** – Mark shared about the disappointment with a few trail projects that installed signage that did not comply with the [Two Rivers Greenway Sign Guide](#) design specifications. Devis said that the BCDOH will use the Guide for signs done on trails with CHSC funding. Susan stated that any new signs on the 434 Greenway would be in the City of Binghamton's hands. Scott shared that it will be good for BMTS to remind municipalities and entities pursuing trail sign or trail projects about the Sign Guide.

**SR2S Resource links:**

- [Walking School Bus — Kansas Safe Routes to School](#)
- [SRTS+Idea+Book+v13+20250618.pdf](#)
- [SafeRoutes Bike Buses: Let's Bike to School Together](#)

<b>Agency/ Dept. Updates</b>	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan shared general information about the Route 363 and 434 Gateway Project using a concept graphic from the design report. Trees have been cleared from the construction area before the bat nesting season. NYSDOT does have the Two Rivers Greenway Sign Design Guide to use for trail signage. There will be public information meetings in an open house format. Construction will likely start this year and take two construction seasons to complete.</li> <li>• Julian asked if trees will be replanted. Susan said, yes, there is a landscaping plan that will include planting trees.</li> </ul> <p>Broome County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devin shared that she has a meeting on Thursday, March 12 about bench installation on the 434 Greenway. She also has a meeting set up with the City on Friday, March 13 regarding Recreation Park trail improvements.</li> </ul> <p>Broome County Planning Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie asked if maps could be included in any road closure announcements by the City of Binghamton.</li> <li>• Stephanie reported that the Chugnut Trail West trail construction is moving along. The Two Rivers Greenway Sign Design Guide will be used for directional and interpretive signs.</li> </ul> <p>Hadassah thought she saw some lights out near the Clubhouse Rd. intersection of the 434 Greenway, but will confirm it.</p>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>Find more information and design plans for the Route 363 and 434 Gateway Project at <a href="https://www.dot.ny.gov/363gateway">https://www.dot.ny.gov/363gateway</a>.</p>
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Adjourn: 3:16 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 13 at 1:30PM