

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026**

In attendance: Scott Reigle (BMTS), Louisa Tornari (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT Region 9), Steven Bard (Public), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Gay Canough (Public)

Convened: 1:31 PM

May 11 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Roadway Needs Report:	<p>Follow-up Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Response to Front St. On-Street Parking Plan – Scott shared the Deputy Mayor’s responses to the Committee’s comments and questions shown in bold text below: <i>General Questions & Comments that can be reported to the BMTS Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee at a future meeting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What was the impetus for the proposal to add on-street parking? Advanced by the Mayor’s Office to expand parking options downtown and in the surrounding neighborhood</i> ○ <i>Will it be metered parking? No.</i> ○ <i>What pavement marking treatments produce the greatest benefit for all roadway users? BMTS could best weigh in on this.</i> ○ <i>Front St. is designated and signed as Local Bike Route 3 and NYS Bike Routes 11 & 17, which also provide connections to Two Rivers Greenway trail segments. Is the parking proposal in compliance with the Binghamton Complete Streets Policy? (See City Council Resolution R24-52.)</i> ○ <i>Were the following issues considered regarding the addition of on-street parking?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sight distance at corners and driveways. Yes. The Traffic Division handled measurements.</i> • <i>Lane width for transit buses. Yes. Same as above.</i> <p><i>Questions and Comments for Traffic Board Consideration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>When on-street parking is added:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Request installation of shared lane markings (a.k.a. sharrows) for cyclists at center of travel lane.</i> 	Action Items:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recommend tracking parking usage. If the parking is not used, consider changing parking to bike lanes, or buffered bike lanes. Without meters, I'm not sure there's a way to formally track usage, but we can certainly monitor.</i> • <i>Recommend tracking pedestrian and cyclist behavior and safety issues. For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § <i>Pedestrians parking on the east side of Front St., north of North St. will likely cross midblock rather than walk to a corner to cross to the west side.</i> § <i>Increased dooring risk for bicyclists.</i> § <i>Cyclists are forced to travel closer to the center of the travel lane.</i> ○ <i>The vegetation along the east sidewalk, from North St. north to the Botnick Service Garage, needs to be cut back and maintained frequently for the sidewalk to be useable. Will flag this for Code / Parks.</i> <p>Follow-up Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gay asked what the general plans are for continued development of the Two Rivers Greenway. Scott mentioned the Vestal Rail Trail east extension from African Rd. to Sycamore Rd. as the newest piece completed and noted that the Chugnut Trail expansion connecting to Grippen Park is under construction. The 363 Gateway Project in Binghamton will also add some trail segments to the system. <p>A priority for further expansion is to connect the 434 Greenway at Murray Hill Rd. to the Vestal Rail Trail and to the planned Johnson City Rail Trail. The first stage will need to be a feasibility study to recommend feasible trail location options, address any challenges such as right-of-way or flood plain regulations, develop design concepts, and cost estimates. This would be followed by creating a final design and then construction.</p>	
Announcements and Status Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott reminded the Committee about how the public can provide input on their ideas to revitalize the Binghamton Plaza area, and encouraged the Committee to take advantage of this opportunity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visit the project website: engagemksk.mysocialpinpoint.com/binghamton-plaza-plan ▪ Add your ideas to the Vision Board and tell us what you want to see on the site ▪ Share the link with neighbors, friends, and other engaged residents who want to stay informed and be part of shaping the future of the North Side. <p>Scott shared that the presentation slides and general redevelopment concepts from the Open House Public Outreach Meeting held on Tuesday, May 19 at Roosevelt Elementary School are now available on the project website! You can view comments submitted by community members about their vision for the site and “like” any ideas you support. Over the summer, the City, together with their project consultants at MKSK, will work to refine</p>	Action Items:

	<p>the redevelopment scenarios using the feedback gathered so far. This will result in a smaller number of more detailed scenarios that reflect community input. Stay tuned for another public engagement event in the fall to review these updated concepts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ REPORT - 2026 Walk, Bike and Roll NY – Scott shared a report of his experience at the Walk, Bike and Roll NY symposium in Tarrytown, NY on June 2-3, that included a NYBC organized bike ride on June 1st. Photos of the bike ride and the walking tour were shown. There were about 165 attendees. Unfortunately, there were conflicting NYSDOT trainings and a law enforcement conference that impacted attendance. Presentations were given on specific infrastructure projects, education and policy efforts, student research and more. A big highlight was the symposium finale discussion about e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-motos (i.e. not truly bikes) and how future regulations are needed and are currently being developed while taking care to avoid taking away an affordable transportation option. The next Walk, Bike and Roll NY will take place during 2028 and will be hosted somewhere in upstate New York. 	
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2026 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 1, 2026 Scott shared the latest version of the ride route map that Stephanie created. Promotion of the event will begin ASAP once the permit is approved, which should be in a week or two. 	<p>Action Items: Scott, Stephanie, Susan Sherwood and Hadassah need to determine the best timing and location to present the proclamation.</p>
<p>Projects/ Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott shared that a summer and fall cleanup need to be organized for the 434 Greenway or other trail pieces. There is a possible cleanup collaboration opportunity coming up with the October 17 Riverbank Cleanup organized by the Broome County Environmental Management Council. ○ A general Friends Group meeting will be arranged to assess where the Friends Group is, priorities and next steps, and how best to move forward. ● Bikes Buses –Scott will keep the Committee informed about the upcoming Parks & Trails NY webinar on creating Bike Buses, which will likely take place during August. There was a Facebook post with a news report of children riding their bikes to Clayton Ave. School. See https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15sKYzHTMBy/. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Scott will keep the Committee informed about the Parks & Trails NY Bike Bus Webinar.</p>

Agency/ Dept. Updates	<p>NYS DOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Pitely shared that the 363 Gateway Project contract has not been signed yet but should be soon. This delays construction but things should start this construction season. Hopefully, there will be more to report on at the July 13 Committee meeting. • Susan also shared that work on the Rt. 26 bridge connecting Vestal & Endicott will entail ramp closures that will likely create higher amounts of traffic on local roads nearby. • Susan shared that NYSDOT interns are checking BMTS pedestrian & bike counter accuracy again this summer. Scott said this is helpful and much appreciated. <p>Broome County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott shared that, unfortunately, the Broome County Health Department's Creating Healthy Schools and Communities grant funding was not renewed. Therefore, Devin Link will be transferred to another program at the Health Department and will no longer be participating on this Committee. We'll miss working with Devin but wish her the best on her new focus of public health at the Department. <p>Broome County Planning Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie reported that the Chugnut Trail West trail construction from Grippen Park eastward to a turnaround point should be completed this year but later than expected. • The Endicott Art Park is in the final stage of construction. It connects Washington Ave. to Ideal Alley and will likely be completed before July 4. 	Action Items:
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Adjourn: 2:35 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, July 13 at 1:30PM