## Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee

## Zoom Meeting Minutes September 8, 2025

<u>In attendance:</u> Scott Reigle (BMTS), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Louisa Tornari (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Hadassah Mativetsky (City Council), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT Region 9), Carlos Basualdo (Public)

Convened: 1:33 PM

July 14 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Roadway	Follow-up Items	Action Items:
Needs Report:	• Scott shared that the <b>levee repair project and trail replacement</b> appears to be done. From August 1 – September 7, the Noyes Island counter's average daily count is 185. 55% (102) were cyclists while 45% (83) were pedestrians.	
Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:	<ul> <li>Scott informed the Committee that the RRFB at the Ivanhoe Rd. access to the 434 Greenway has been fixed. The flashing lights on the signals now appear on both sides of the road. It was also noted that vegetation needs to be cut back as it partially blocks the RRFB on the southside of the street for westward motorists. This trimming could be done as part of a greenway cleanup day.</li> <li>Crosswalk south of Morris St., Binghamton – Hadassah shared that the City DPW Commissioner said that there are no curb cuts for the crosswalk yet, which may be hard to construct due to a fire hydrant and a utility pole. The DPW Commissioner will take a look at the site soon. Hadassah will provide an update at the October meeting.</li> </ul>	Hadassah will follow-up with the City DPW and Engineering Dept. about installing a crosswalk and ramps across Park Ave. at Morris Rd.
	<ul> <li>New Needs Reports</li> <li>Lighting gaps on the 434 Greenway were reported to Scott via the Two Rivers Grenway Facebook page. Scott informed the City of Binghamton Parks &amp; Recreation Dept. and will keep checking if fixes are made.</li> <li>Maragret Opalka of AVRE reported to Scott/BMTS that she was working with a sight impaired woman on a route that included the S. Washington St. and Vestal Ave. intersection. She said the whole intersection is dangerous but particularly the northeast corner, a telephone pole obstructs the drivers view of pedestrians and creates a sound barrier for blind individuals. This is a busy intersection, and an Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) button would make it less challenging for pedestrians.</li> </ul>	Scott will monitor if fixes are made to the lighting.  Hadassah will follow-up on this intersection.

Announce- ments and Status	Scott followed up by contacting Hadassah Mativetsky (City Council Rep. to the City Traffic Board) and Rebecca Rathmell (Councilperson for this district) to suggest this be reviewed by the City Traffic Board. Hadassah will follow-up on this, agreeing that it is a problematic intersection.  • Newspaper Articles/Notices  • No additional articles or notices.	Action Items:
Reports  Education and Outreach	• <u>REPORT</u> - 2025 Binghamton Bridge Pedal – Saturday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> Scott shared that the event had perfect weather and went really well. About 85-90 bicyclists participated, which has been the average number of participants over the last several years. About 50% were new participants.  A video created by third-year Bridge Pedal photographer/videographer, Nehemiah Jahn was played. It is available at <a href="https://youtu.be/8ssJ1wJl-EM?si=n_33qU6stJlrvVD3">https://youtu.be/8ssJ1wJl-EM?si=n_33qU6stJlrvVD3</a> . Photos are available on the Binghamton Bridge Pedal Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1195348692636005&amp;type=3">https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1195348692636005&amp;type=3</a> . Fuchsia was suggested as a possible shirt color for the 2026 Bridge Pedal.	Action Items:
Projects/ Reports	<ul> <li>TRG Trail Network Guide: Scott share the latest edits on the Trail Network Guide. A draft was attached to the Article Digest email for the Committee to review and provide comments to Scott until our October meeting. It was recommended to obtain photos that show people using the trails. Perhaps have a call for photos and/or hold a photo contest. Triple Cities Running Club or the St. Tier Bicycle Club members may have photos of the TRG.</li> <li>Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – Scott shared that hi still needs to meet with Broome County IT to discuss development of a True Rivers Greenway website. It is also desired to do a fall cleanup effort.</li> </ul>	Action Items: Committee asked to provide comments on the TRG Trail Guide to Scott until the October 20 meeting. Committee asked to seek and share TRG photos that show the trail in use. Scott will set up a meeting with the county IT department to discuss the development of a standalone website for the Two Rivers Greenway Scott to contact Mike Haas about organizing a Fall cleanup of the 434 Greenway.

## Agency/ Dept. Updates

## NYSDOT Region 9

• Susan reported that the installation of the pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) at 17C in front of U-E High School is complete and operating. She attended a freshman orientation with Devin Link (BC Health Dept.) to provide information and educate on using & complying with the PHB. They will also be at a September 17 parent orientation to do the same.

Broome County Health Department

Scott shared, in place of Devin, that the Oak St. temporary raised crosswalk/speed hump has been installed. Photos were shown to the Committee. Hadassah stated that she hopes this project will facilitate more pilot projects to be done related to traffic, pedestrian & bike safety.

Broome County Planning Department

- Stephanie reported that the **Chugnut West Extension trail project** has had some challenges in the area where a boardwalk or retaining wall has been proposed due to the results of geotech reports that say the soils will make it hard to find a sufficient treatment for that section. Planning and DPW will be meeting to develop a plan to move forward and then bring that to the County Executive.
- Stephanie also shared that the **second Public Meeting for the Brandywine BOA** will take place at the STIC building at 135 E. Frederick St., Binghamton on **Monday, September 22** at **6:00-7:30pm**. At this second public meeting, the project team will present findings from the existing conditions analysis, update the vision statement and goals, and brainstorm ideas for future development with all in attendance.

Binghamton City Council - Hadassah reported the following:

- Regarding a possible Audible Pedestrian Signals at Vestal Ave. & S. Washington St., the DPW is working on a revisioning plan for Vestal Ave. from Pennsylvania Ave. to Mary St., which would include the S. Washington St. intersection.
- City Council voted to approve apply for a **climate change grant** to be used for the **Clinton St. Revitalization Project**, to enhance pedestrian & bicycle improvements as part of the revitalization project.

Turn on Red Restrictions along 434 Greenway

• It was asked what the decision-making process was to allow Right Turn on Red at intersections along the 434 Greenway. Susan will ask about this.

**Action Items:** 

**Susan** will ask about the decision-making process about whether to allow Right Turn on Red at intersections along the 434 Greenway.

Adjourn: 2:56 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 20 at 1:30PM → NOTE: The third Monday of the month.