

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

In attendance: Scott Reigle (BMTS), Louisa Tornari (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Steven Bard (Public), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Hadassah Mativetsky (City Council), Sgt. Jasmin Mujcic (Binghamton Police Dept.), Julian Shepherd (BU/Bing. Environmental Council)

Convened: 1:33 PM

July 13 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Roadway Needs Report:	Follow-up Reports • Vestal Ave. Bike Lane Proposal – Hadassah reported that the Vestal Ave. bike lanes were voted down at the September 10 City Traffic Board meeting. • Riverside Dr. Bike Lane Proposal – Hadassah shared that the City Traffic Board tabled any decision on this item, but it is still under consideration. • RT. 434 Greenway Crossing of Clubhouse Rd. – Scott reminded the Committee that there was ambiguity about whether cyclists needed to activate the pedestrian signals for roadway crossings on the 434 Greenway. It was asked in past Committee meetings if signs existed to instruct cyclists to use the pedestrian signal. Scott showed photos and used Google Streetview to show BIKES USE PED SIGNAL signs that exist at the crossings of the Front St. Trail and Front St./Bevier St. intersection. Hadassah added that NO TURN ON RED or Pedestrian & Bike Crossing Warning signs could be added on Clubhouse Rd. to improve safety especially with the visual barrier on the southeast corner of the intersection. It was also suggested that the City DPW could cut back the vegetation at the southeast corner. New Reports • Main St. (Matthews St. – Crestmont Rd.) – Hadassah shared that the Mayor’s Office believes there is an opportunity for additional parking and requested a review for on-street parking on this section of Main Street. Hadassah asked this Committee about their thoughts about the proposal and if there are any alternative ideas for this stretch of Main Street. Stephanie mentioned that Broome County submitted an unsuccessful USDOT BUILD grant application that would have included creating a bike friendly Main Street. Sgt. Jasmin Mujcic answered several Committee questions and concerns about adding on-street parking to this section of Main Street. In the end it was agreed that cars and parking are already well accommodated, but there is no reason not to use this roadway space for parking. • Exchange St. at Rt. 363/North Shore Drive – Stephanie shared photos of how dark this intersection is at night, and that pedestrians are very hard to see especially if they are wearing dark clothing. Streetview was used to show that a streetlight post with a pedestrian level light is present, but the light(s) may not be working or is obstructed by vegetation. Sgt. Mujcic took note of this situation.	Action Items:

Announcements and Status Reports	• Newspaper Articles/Notices ▪ Scott informed the Committee about the Conklin Avenue Neighborhood Business District Plan, Binghamton – Information & Survey Link: https://www.binghamton-ny.gov/government/departments/planning-zoning-historic-preservation-department/plans-reports-studies/conklin-avenue-neighborhood-business-district-plan	Action Items:
Education and Outreach	• <u>REPORT</u> - 2026 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 1, 2026 • Scott reported on the Binghamton Bridge Pedal event that took place at the beginning of August. CELEBRATED 20 YEARS! This event has taken place since 2006 and is organized by BMTS, Broome County Planning Dept., and TechWorks! museum. It is an event to encourage people to get out bicycling and to see that Binghamton is a great place to bicycle for recreation and transportation purposes. Featured was the 9.5-mile police escorted bike ride with four stops featuring special speakers: Cheri Lindsey Park, Phelps Mansion, Hanagans Heroes Monument, and the Harriet Tubman Statue. There were about 106 bicyclists, which was a bit more than the average number of participants over the last several years. About 50% were new participants. There were refreshments, including Joey’s Italian Ice, and many exhibits to interact with at TechWorks after the ride. • More Binghamton Bridge Pedal Information: https://bmtsonline.com/get-involved/bridge-pedal/ • Binghamton Bridge Pedal Facebook Photos: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1498094059028132&type=3	Action Items:
Projects/ Reports	• BMTS Bicycle & Pedestrian Counters – Scott shared the latest Quarterly Report for April – June which is available on the BMTS website at https://bmtsonline.com/data/bikeped-counts/. As expected, trail use (+40%) and the percentage of cyclists (+8%) have increased along with the milder weather and increased daylight. The South Washington St. Bridge counter continued to experience the highest number of total counts. During the Strawberry Festival, the Owego Riverwalk counter experienced the highest peak day traffic of all sites. Rain and temperatures likely resulted in lower trail use in April. • Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – ○ Scott shared that the core Friends of the TRG group will meet to plan a Fall cleanup of the 434 Greenway and discuss the creation of a Binghamton Two Rivers Greenway Commission. Hadassah explained that the Commission would be set up by City Council and will help enhance maintenance efforts on City trails, and can oversee an adopt-a-trail program as well as be a conduit for funds donated or received from grants for trail maintenance or improvement efforts. It is noted that the community already has people spending their time maintaining the trails. For example, Kris Gilbert has “adopted” a section of the 434 Greenway. ○ Scott will be presenting a Two Rivers Greenway update to the Binghamton Rotary Club at their luncheon on September 29th. • Bike Buses – Scott shared some insights from the August 11th Bike Bus Webinar conducted by Parks & Trails NY. One of the biggest points was to start off small, perhaps a family or two, without waiting for permission or assistance from other entities. As more people join in, the school, law enforcement, and other groups will likely participate enthusiastically. A webinar recap and recording are available at https://www.ptny.org/biking-to-school-is-back-bike-bus-webinar-recap/.	Action Items:

Agency/ Dept. Updates	BC Planning - Stephanie shared that the contractor for the new piece of the Chugnut Trail reported that they are finishing the trail edges and subbase to be ready to pave. Completion of the trail should be at the end of October or early November. - The Environmental Management Council's Riverbank Cleanup Team Leaders meeting is October 14th. The Cleanup is on October 17th. City Council - Regarding the crosswalk on Front St. near the Red Oak, the City Traffic Board voted to review the crosswalk due to safety concerns. Catholic Charities requested a midblock crossing be added closer to the bus stops. Need to determine if that is feasible. Send Hadassah any ideas the Committee may have. Getthere - They have hired a new Travel Trainer Broome County Office for Aging - Scott relayed information he received about the Broome County Age-Friendly Project! BC OFA is currently in the final few months of their current action plan and are beginning to look ahead and plan for the next several years. As they develop the next action plan, they want to hear directly from Broome County residents age 55 and older about the programs, services, and resources that are important to them. BC OFA is asking their community partners to help them spread the word by sharing this survey with their clients, participants, members, and other Broome County residents age 55 and older. - Survey: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/cqaJ9MBWPh The feedback will help identify the needs and priorities of older adults in Broome County and determine where BC OFA should focus their efforts in the coming years. Every response is valuable and will help ensure that the next action plan reflects the voices and experiences of the Broome County community. Please feel free to share the survey link through your email lists, newsletters, social media, programs, or other communication channels. Bike Share Question - Julian asked what has been done in our area regarding a bike share program. Scott shared that Broome County Transit issued a Request for Proposals to operate a County-wide bike share. Unfortunately, the bike share program proposals they received required a County funding share that was too significant to be able to move forward with any of them. A Bike Library demonstration program was also proposed for Broome County, but no local entity was able to manage it. Nick thanked Julian for bringing up bike share. It is good to keep coming back to bike share so we don't miss an opportunity. Perhaps in the future, a corporate sponsor may be able to play a role in helping to fund a bike share program like the health insurance company in Albany. (See https://www.cdphpcycle.org/)	Action Items:
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Adjourn: 3:00 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 9 or 16 at 1:30PM

Meet at Grippen Park to tour new section of the Chugnut Trail

(NO DECEMBER MEETING)