

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2025

In attendance: Scott Reigle (BMTS), Nick Cecconi (Getthere), Louisa Tornari (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Hadassah Mativetsky (City Council), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT Region 9), Jillian Newby (NYSDOT Region 9), Carlos Basualdo (Public), Mark Goodwin, (STBC), Steven Bard (Public), Devin Link (BCDOH)

Convened: 1:33 PM

September 8 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Roadway Needs Report: Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:	Follow-up Items • Crosswalk south of Morris St., Binghamton – Hadassah will follow-up with the DPW Commissioner who took a look at the site. • Lighting gaps on the 434 Greenway: Scott shared that the lighting gaps have been rectified, and all the lights are on once again. New Needs Reports • It was shared that the lights on the walkway near the Harriet Tubman statue may not be working. Scott will try to confirm this. • Devin shared that she received a request from Catholic Charities to install a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) at 290 Front St., Binghamton. Hadassah said that this could be brought up during the public comment portion of a Binghamton Traffic Board meeting or apply to have it put on the Traffic Board Agenda. Jillian will find out NYSDOT's role, if any, regarding such an installation.	Action Items: Hadassah will follow-up with the City DPW. Scott will confirm if fixes to the trail lighting are needed. Jillian will find out NYSDOT's role for an RRFB installation on this portion of Front St..
Announcements and Status Reports	• Newspaper Articles/Notices ○ No additional articles or notices. ○ Vestal Rail-Trail East Extension Project Status: Scott shared Tom Sullivan's (Town Engineer) update → "We are just waiting for the contractor to complete the signal work at Sycamore before we open the trail. This includes the pedestrian signals at that intersection so obviously we didn't want to open the trail before those are operational. I'm told that was going to be the third week of October, but I sense that date will slip to the following couple of weeks. They just paved Vestal Road in this vicinity, and I believe they are striping the crosswalks etc. this week. We do plan to have a ribbon cutting but it will likely be after the trail has officially opened due to the uncertain nature of the construction schedule and getting politicians scheduled etc. I'm not sure if I decide who gets an invite to that but I'd	Action Items:

	imagine BMTS/NYSDOT will probably be invited. I'll try to send over an update when I get some better information.” ○ Bike Parking area in New Parking Garage: Hadassah will contact the Deputy Mayor, DPW, and Economic Development Departments, along with LAZ to ask about signage plans for the parking garage. Scott will provide MUTCD-based design recommendations for the signs.	Hadassah will contact the appropriate City officials along with LAZ to ask about signage plans. Scott will provide MUTCD-based design recommendations for the signs.
Education and Outreach	● 2026 Binghamton Bridge Pedal –Saturday, August 8th, 2026 Scott shared that the likely date for the 2026 Bridge Pedal is August 8th. The Committee was asked for bike ride route and stop ideas. The following were suggested route stops: BC Public Library, Phelps Mansion, AVRE Practice Area, Southside Commons, Harriet Tubman Statue, Columbus Park (2027 or later), Water St. Parking Garage-Bike Parking Area, Crowbar Alley/placemaking improvement, Deco District Phase 2 or 3, Harper Stantz Memorial, BC Regional Farmers Market.	Action Items:
Projects/ Reports	● Pedestrian & Bicycle Counter Report – NYSDOT Region 9 Intern Reports: Scott shared that he is converting the counter validations reports done by the Region 9 interns into PDF files. Scott thought it may be beneficial to post the reports on the BMTS website. Susan will ask for Region 9 approval before any reports are posted. ● TRG Trail Network Guide: Scott shared the latest edits on the Trail Network Guide. The committee commented that bike parking facilities (at least the Water St. Parking Garage) should be noted on the map. It was recommended once again to obtain photos that show people using the trails and to change the cover's bridge photo to a local bridge. ● Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – Scott shared that Mike Haas is heading up a 434 Greenway Cleanup Afternoon before the end of October. Once a date & time are determined, Scott will email a notice to the Committee. ● Discussion of the Traffic Signal Blue Light: Steven Bard shared his experience in Portland, OR where blue lights have been installed near traffic signal heads with signs to explain that the lit blue light informs cyclists that they have been detected by the traffic signal. The blue lights are typically installed on roadway corridors with heavier motor vehicle traffic. See the photo and article at https://bikeportland.org/2019/10/11/new-blue-light-for-bike-riders-part-of-detection-research-project-306124 for more details. Steven wanted to bring this up for informational purposes and to discuss locations in the BMTS Urban area where the blue lights may be effective. This discussion lead Committee members to share the following locations where bikes were not being detected: Rt. 434 at Castle Gardens Rd.; Rt. 434 at Glann Rd.. Jillian Newby will reach out to the Region 9 Traffic & Safety Division about these locations.	Action Items: Committee will ask for Region 9 approval to be able to post the counter validation reports online. Scott will email a notice to the Committee. once a date & time are determined for the 434 Greenway cleanup. Jillian Newby will reach out to the Region 9 Traffic & Safety Division about these locations.

Agency/ Dept. Updates	NYSDOT Region 9 - An Active Transportation Plan is in the works at NYSDOT. Broome County Health Department Devin shared that the Health Department is working with BMTS on implementing its Creating Healthy Schools & Communities (CHSC) grant. The Committee was encouraged to check out the CHSC social media campaign on Facebook. Broome County Planning Department - Stephanie reported that the Planning Dept. and DPW met regarding the Chugnut West Extension trail project to develop a plan for the area where a boardwalk or retaining wall has been proposed. The proposed retaining wall for this section was deemed not feasible. The current plan is to pave the trail from Grippen Park to this difficult point, while they continue to search for options to get through the difficult section. Binghamton City Council - The raised crosswalk pilot project on Oak St. was discussed. Louisa shared a discussion she had with a Binghamton High School student who now uses the crosswalk rather than jay walking. Getthere: - Nick shared that the Getthere Fundraising Gala is tonight (10/20). - Getthere is also planning to submit an application for the FTA Section 5310 (ENHANCED MOBILITY of SENIORS and INDIVIDUALS with DISABILITIES) Program funding.	Action Items:
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Adjourn: 2:56 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17 at 1:30PM → *NOTE: The third Monday of the month.*