Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2026

In attendance: Scott Reigle (BMTS), Louisa Tornari (BMTS), Stephanie Brewer (BC Planning), Susan Pitely (NYSDOT Region 9), Mark Goodwin (STBC), three Triple Cities Hiking Club members

Convened: 1:35 PM at the Grippen Park parking lot.

October 19 and November 9 minutes to be reviewed for acceptance at the January 11, 2027 meeting.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Trail Tour: New Section of Chugnut Trail	• Stephanie Brewer led a tour of the newest section of the Chugnut Trail, which begins at Grippen Park and extends eastward, ending with a cul-de-sac adjacent to a private residence at the Davis Ave. & River Terrace intersection. • From the parking lot to the trail segment along the tree line north of the dog park/whiffle ball field, to the cul-de-sac was just over ½-mile in length. • The trail was scenic, through a wooded corridor that is adjacent to the river. Toward the eastern end, the trail featured a wood railing and metal net fencing to catch falling rock from the slate slopes on the north side of the trail. The cul-de-sac featured a faux stone textured cement block retaining wall and a scenic overlook bordered by a black wrought iron fence. Black wrought iron fencing was also installed to separate the trail from the residential properties. • On the return trip, the group used the Endicott Rotary's marked, but unpaved trail spur to access Round Top Park. The hike was steep at times, but scenic. Two bald eagles were observed in a tree! The trail leads to the Round Top Park scenic overlook which provides a great view of the County's Endicott/Vestal Bridge, U-E High School, Mersereau Park and the neighborhoods nearby. • It was noted that during the October 19th Committee meeting, more trail tours were encouraged. The Committee will look at some possible tours during the January 11th meeting.	**Action Items:** **Scott** will add discussion of future trail tours to the January 11 Committee meeting agenda.

Adjourn: 2:54 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2027 at 1:30PM via Zoom