





Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Minutes
November 17, 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), Carlos Basualdo (Public)

Convened: 1:33 PM

October 20 minutes accepted as written.

Topic	Discussion/Follow Up	Action
Roadway Needs Report: Follow Up to Previous Meeting Items:	<p>Follow-up Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike Parking Signage for Water St. Parking Ramp, Binghamton – Scott shared about his correspondence with Pablo with LAZ about signing for the bike parking area in the parking garage. The following are proofs of signs to be installed. The only change to be made is the bike symbol will be made larger. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>2</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>3</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>4</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>5</p>  </div> </div> <p>New Needs Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vestal Ave. (Rush Ave. to Rt. 434) – Restore Bike Lanes: Scott contacted Josh Paludi, Binghamton DPW Commissioner, to ask about the City's plans to re-establish bike lanes on Vestal Ave. since it has been repaved from Rush Ave. to Rt. 434 over the last couple of years. Megan Heiman, Deputy Mayor, responded that the Mayor asked if BMTS would assist them with a review of that stretch of Vestal Ave (maybe from Penn Ave. to Normandy Ct). 	<p>Action Items:</p>

	<p>They'd like some input on things like on-street parking, bike lanes, etc. Currently the only parking restriction(s) on Vestal Ave are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No parking on the North Side of Vestal Ave from Brookfield to Chadwick. ○ No parking on the North Side from a point 609 feet west of Brookfield to Rush Ave. ○ No parking on the South Side from Rush Ave to Brookfield. <p>With bike lanes, the City is wondering if no parking should be extended. They'd likely want there to be community outreach as part of this, but they are interested in BMTS' input, too. BMTS will do this assessment. Susan sent comments to BMTS after the Committee meeting stating that edge lines could be installed without bike symbols. This would define space for bikes, narrow travel lanes, and still allow on-street parking which is rarely used.</p>	<p>BMTS will evaluate Vestal Ave. (Pennsylvania Ave to Rt. 434) for installing bike lanes and provide the information to the City of Binghamton.</p>
<p>Announcements and Status Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Articles/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No additional articles or notices. ○ Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Solicitation: On November 12, Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$97.4 million in federal funds from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for projects that connect communities, enhance the quality of life, protect the environment and support the economic well-being of New York State. TAP funding helps communities deliver safe, transformative, and innovative transportation projects which expand, enhance and modernize walking and biking options and connections to transit. These programs and projects are alternatives to single occupancy vehicle (SOV) transportation and contribute to the revitalization of local and regional economies. Projects are expected to improve mobility, accessibility, and the community's transportation character such that the street network is more vibrant, walkable, and safer for all transportation mode users, which includes pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers. • Mandatory training workshops covering program details and the application process have been scheduled for December 4 and 8. Pre-application review requests are due January 15, 2026. Final applications are due in the Statewide Financial System (SFS) Grants Management module by March 12, 2026. • For more information about this program, including eligible sponsors, allowable work types, training, key dates, funding details, application instructions, and SFS Grants Management, see www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ. You may also contact Regional TAP Coordinator Dave MacEwan at (607) 721-8270 or by email at dave.macewan@dot.ny.gov. 	<p>Action Items:</p>
<p>Education and Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 thanked for their bike ride route and stop ideas. As a reminder, 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. Fuchsia was a recommended shirt color for 2026. 	<p>Action Items:</p>

Projects/ Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vestal Rail Trail East Extension to Sycamore St.: Scott shared that the trail is open. A ribbon cutting/press conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 at 10AM. • Friends of the Two Rivers Greenway (TRG) Group – Scott reported on the October 24th Rt. 434 Greenway Cleanup. The main effort was on weed pulling on the section along Rt. 434, east of the MacArthur access. A similar effort and trimming back of overhanging vegetation were done west of the MacArthur access. Jacob Rotary (Fresh Cycles/Healthy Living Coalition) asked during the cleanup if there are plans to have groups adopt sections of trail to maintain. Fresh Cycles would likely adopt the section of trail at Cheri Lindsey Park and behind the Binghamton Plaza. The Friends group will likely pursue taking the adopt-a-trail approach after first coordinating with the applicable local municipalities. The United Way Day of Caring is an event that can be used to organize a cleanup effort along the Two Rivers Greenway. The DA Diversion Programs can also be a source of people power to maintain the trails. • Bunn Hill Rd. Sidewalk Project: Comments due by November 26. Submit comments to the Broome County DPW office or to the email of Martin Haley (martin.haley@broomecountyny.gov). Project details at https://core-docs.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/5420/TOV/6118191/11-5-25_-_Informational_Pamphlet_Bunn_Hill_Sidewalk_Project.pdf 	Action Items:
Agency/ Dept. Updates	<p>NYSDOT Region 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) information is available at https://www.dot.ny.gov/tap-cmaq. Mandatory TAP webinars for applicants are scheduled for December 4 & 8. Register on website. <p>Broome County Planning Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie reported that the Chugnut West Extension trail is under construction from Grippen Park eastward to the “difficult point”, where DPW & Planning continue to search for options to get through the difficult section. • A BUILD Grant debriefing regarding the unsuccessful application took place with the Planning Dept. and USDOT. USDOT gave high scores for the application, but the proposed project was not a high priority type. Potentially, that Planning Dept. can reapply for BUILD in the Fall of 2026. <p>Binghamton City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hadassah shared that there is a \$20,000 project for safety needs on Conklin Ave. near Ben Franklin School. • A curbside parking study is underway with an update coming in December. • No update on a pedestrian crossing of Park Ave. at Morris St.. Lack of response on this issue may indicate that the crosswalk is not possible. • Courts are now deciding on the City’s purchase of the Binghamton Plaza with the intention to demolish it and make it ready for redevelopment. 	Action Items:

	<p>Getthere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getthere is submitting an application for the FTA Section 5310 (ENHANCED MOBILITY of SENIORS and INDIVIDUALS with DISABILITIES) Program funding, which is due on December 5.• Volunteer transportation service development is happening more independently. Councilwoman Rebecca Rathmell is trying to organize a grocery rideshare for Binghamton's southeast side.	
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Adjourn: 2:32 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, January 12 at 1:30PM → NOTE: *NO DECEMBER MEETING.*