

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 10, 2025

Members Present: Gary Hammond, Ron Lake, Nazar Logvis, Josh Holland, Alex Urda, Joel Kie, Lou Caforio, Cameron Williams, Josh Paludi, Vern Myers, Elaine Jardine

Others Present: Jillian Newby

BMTS Staff Present: Jennifer Yonkoski, Leigh McCullen, Scott Reigle

The meeting was called to order by G. Hammond at 2:00pm.

Approval of March 4, 2025 minutes. Motion made by R. Lake, seconded by L. Caforio. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

G. Hammond opened the floor for comment. None was offered.

ACTION ITEMS

2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Resolution 2025-05, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

J. Yonkoski provided an overview of the TIP project selection process and funding sources. The draft TIP was available for public review for 30 days. Minor comments were received from NYDOT related to planning targets which have been incorporated in the final draft.

A motion was made by R. Lake and seconded by E. Jardine; the motion passed unanimously.

MPO Self Certification

Resolution 2025-06, Recommending Policy Committee approval of the BMTS MPO Self Certification, certifying a finding of compliance of the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study with Federal metropolitan planning requirements

J. Yonkoski explained that the purpose of this resolution is to confirm that BMTS is in compliance with the Federal metropolitan planning requirements.

A motion was made by L. Caforio to approve the resolution, seconded by N. Logvis; the motion passed unanimously.

2023-2027 TIP Amendments

Resolution 2025-07, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 975490, Harnick Rd over Apalachin Creek, Tioga County

G. Hammond explained that the additional funds being requested were previously from a culvert project in Tioga County that had been removed from the TIP. Tioga County is now requesting that a portion of funds be reprogrammed for the Harnick Road project.

A motion was made by R. Lake to approve the amendment, seconded by E. Jardine; the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-08, Recommending Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, PIN 975576, Oakdale Road Sidewalk Project, Broome County

J. Holland explain that additional HSIP funds were being requested for this project. The additional funds will cover additional costs required to meet Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) and to add crosswalks across Harry L Drive to connect the proposed sidewalk to existing sidewalks on the north side of Harry L Drive.

A motion was made R. Lake to approve the amendment, seconded by J. Hollard; the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

Long Range Transportation Plan Update – J. Yonkoski informed the Committee that the federally required Performance Based Planning/System Performance Report is being updated. She stated that she is working with NYSDOT to update the Financial Plan. L. McCullen provided an overview of employment forecasts for the region and explained that available forecasts from NYSDOT, NYSDOL, and the Agency are mixed. After consulting with NYSDOL BMTS staff concluded that a modest increase in employment to 2050 for the purposes of the LRTP would be acceptable. This increase would be consistent with the 2045 LRTP, BMTS' Future Year Travel Demand Model, and the economic forecast recommended by DOL. J. Newby suggested comparing actual past employment trends to previous forecasts to see if they were consistent.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – J. Yonkoski informed the Committee that a logo, vision statement and project goals have been chosen by project steering committee. Focus groups meeting will be held in June and staff will table at several upcoming events to obtain public feedback. A survey is being prepared and will be circulated soon. The next steps will involve selecting projects.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.