

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

POLICY COMMITTEE

September 11, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room

Also, via Zoom at

<https://broome.zoom.us/j/88549283001?pwd=hya357deVNC5NtgEFDQbpfSfqnXOEv.1>

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:03 a.m.

Members Present

- × Michael Marinaccio, Supervisor, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- × Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, NYSDOT, *represented by Andrew Stiles, Region 9*
- × Jason Garnar, County Executive, Broome County
- × Nick Burlingame, Mayor, Village of Endicott
- × Lew Grubham, Supervisor, Town of Kirkwood
- × Rob Mack, Supervisor, Town of Union
- × Martin Meaney, Mayor, Village of Johnson City
- × Maria Sexton, Supervisor, Town of Vestal
- × Ashley Seyfried, Southern Tier 8

Policy Members Absent

- Mayor Mike Baratta, Village of Owego
- Don Castellucci, Supervisor, Town of Owego
- Omar Sanders, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Barbara Roberts, Tioga County Legislator
- Jared Kraham, Mayor, City of Binghamton

Policy Committee Advisory Members Absent

Ayla Schermer, Community Planner, FTA Region II

Others Present

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Leigh McCullen, BMTS
Louisa Tornari, BMTS
Erin Cavanagh, NYSDOT
Katherine Mangan, NYSDOT
Nicole McGrath, Community Planner, FHWA NY Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 12, 2025. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Supervisor Rob Mack motioned to approve the minutes; Supervisor Lew Grubham seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- BMTS Long Range Transportation Plan: Moving our Future Forward 2050

[Resolution 2025-09, Approving the BMTS Long Range Transportation Plan: Moving our Future Forward 2050]

Draft published for 30-day public review on August 8, 2025.

Comments received from FHWA, NYSDOT Main Office and NYSDOT – Region 9.

- Minor changes in text, FHWA requested an elaboration of asset management processes (on both State and non-State systems) and the required collaborative processes of the financial plan between BMTS, NYSDOT and BC Transit.
- National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) fund sources added to the Fiscal Constraint Table.

Motion to approve: Ashley Seyfried, Second: Jason Garnar; Unanimous approval

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
 - Third Project Steering Committee meeting on September 9, 2025.
 - Review results of public outreach (pop-ups, farmers markets, existing events), and discussion of primary project selection (PSC).
Results:
 - 76 Full Survey Responses
 - 365 Map Comments
 - 126 Self Directed Comments
 - 239 Indirect Comments
 - Three Focus Groups Met
 - Focus Group 1 – Broome County Road & Emergency Services
Locations – Where people feel unsafe walking, biking, driving due to speeding, transition areas and high-volume traffic.
Unsafe Behaviors – E-Bikes, distracted driving, road rage, disregarding traffic control signs and paths
Suggested Interventions – Signs, marking speed bumps, education campaigns
 - Focus Group 2 – Vulnerable Users & Special Needs
Challenges – Challenging locations for users with limited mobility, hearing and sight. Unmaintained areas, split signals, left turn areas, intersections, uncontrolled mid-block crosswalks, noise and travel pattern changes and distracted drivers.
Potential Solutions – Accessible infrastructure and design options, crossing controls and increased visibility, education.
 - Focus Group 3 – County Services, Seniors, Rural Health Transit
Challenges – Challenging locations for limited mobility, transit users, pedestrians. Unmainted areas, uncontrolled crossings, left turn areas distracted drivers, bicyclists, poor pedestrian infrastructure in rural areas, sidewalk conditions speeding, inadequate bicycle facilities.
Solutions – Visual and tactile cues, declutter busy areas. Controls and signals (light and audio). Expand Bike/ped infrastructure, ADA

compliance, maintenance.

- **Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan**

What Safety Problems have you encountered while driving in an Automobile?

- Top 3 Answers**

- Excessive Speed
- Aggressive, Distracted Driving
- Unsafe Passing or Lane Changes

What Safety Problems have you encountered as a pedestrian, bicyclist or mobility device user?

- Drivers travelling at excessive rates of speed for conditions
- Drivers failing to stop or yield properly at intersections and drivers failing to stop

What do you think are the most important things for improve road safety?

- Safer driver behavior,
- Improved roadway design
- Better maintenance supporting all users.

Will take this information and formulate a list of projects.

- Discussed results with NYSDOT to be sure they were seeing the same things or provide additional information for project starting points.
 - Plan to have a project list at the next meeting in December.

- **Binghamton Bridge Pedal**

August 9, 2025 – Event sponsored by BMTS, BC Planning and Techworks to encourage outdoor activity for transportation and recreation. 85-90 bicyclists, 50% new participants. Four stops, 11 miles – Cutler Botanic Garden, Lee Barta Community Center, VINES Office Building, MacArthur Park Trailhead – 434 Greenway

Proceeds went to pay for T-shirts, permits, insurance and Fresh Cycle bicycle giveaway program.

Discussed continuing development of the Tourism Greenway.

- **Annual Traffic Count Program**

Starting in September – Turning movement at signalized intersections and also one of the roundabouts this year.

Counts gathered for vehicles, heavy vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Performed by an outside vendor.

- **NYSDOT Project Updates**

- **RTE 17 C&S**

Work continues on Phase 2. Traffic is on the WB side as reconstruction is finished EB. As the EB finishes, traffic will be placed back in their lanes as the WB will be top coated.

- **RTE 17C and 26 Broome County Signals**

Project continues but going slow with all the utility conflicts.

Sites complete at this point. Hawk at UE school -Minor punch list to finish.

Left to complete: RTE 26 at Day Hollow, RTE 26 at Carl Street, 17C at North Street, 17C at Davis Ave, 17C at Jackson Ave, and 17C at Adams Ave.

- **US RTE 11 Retaining Wall**

Temporary and permanent walls are visible and being installed. Contractor is hoping to pave and compete the project this season weather dependent.

- Bearing replacement and 201 noise walls
RTE 201 noise wall is part of a bridge bearing replacement project, and the noise panels will be reinstalled in the next several weeks. Concrete barriers have been poured.

Mayor Martin Meaney asked about the lights on route 201 being out and the timing of the traffic light by the mall.

Andy Stiles advised the “Where and When” team were working on troubleshooting the lights but have been called out on other emergencies but will be back to continue the repairs.

We will send our signal crew out to check on the timing of the traffic lights out there.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

- The December meeting will include electing or re-electing Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It is a two-year term.
- Both Rob and Mike are willing to stay on unless someone else wants to be nominated.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

- None

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, December 11th

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to approve: Mayor Martin Meaney, Second: Jason Garnar; Unanimous approval

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.