

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE

June 11, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room

Also, via Zoom at

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The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:08 a.m.

Policy 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
- Maria Sexton, Supervisor, Town of Vestal
- Christina Charuk, Mayor, Village of Johnson City, *represented by Cole Wager until Mayor Charuk arrived after the action items were addressed.*
- Rob Mack, Supervisor, Town of Union
- David Cantella, Legislator, Tioga County
- Ashley Seyfried, Southern Tier 8

Policy Members Absent

- Jared Kraham, Mayor, City of Binghamton
- Nick Burlingame, Mayor, Village of Endicott
- Lewis Grubham, Supervisor, Town of Kirkwood
- Gary Hellmers, Supervisor, Town of Owego
- Mike Baratta, Mayor, Village of Owego
- Kevin Worden, Supervisor Town of Chenango, *represented by Derin Kraack*
- Omar Sanders, NYS Department of Economic Development

Others Present

- Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS
- Scott Reigle, BMTS
- Leigh McCullen, BMTS
- Erin Cavanagh, NYSDOT
- Kathryn Mangan, NYSDOT
- Louisa Tornari, BMTS
- Jen Watson – Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 2026, AND APRIL 28, 2026 (SPECIAL MEETING).
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Rob Mack motioned to approve; Andrew Stiles seconded.
Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION

No discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements

ACTION ITEMS

- **BMTS Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero Policy**

[Resolution 2026-06, Approving the BMTS Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero Policy]

J. Yonkoski presented an overview of the BMTS Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero Policy chapter. She stated that the Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero Policy were developed through a data-driven process that included coordination with state, county, and local agencies, and a robust engagement with stakeholders and the public. She stated that once the plan was approved by the Policy Committee it will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for certification.

Ashley Seyfried motioned to approve; David Cantella seconded.
Unanimous approval.

- **2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program**

[Resolution 2026-07, Approving an amendment to the 2026-2027 UPWP, Addition of SCI Project]

J. Yonkoski explained that when the current UPWP was adopted the amount of Shared Cost Initiative (SCI) funding that would be made available by FHWA was underestimated, we were given more than what is currently programmed. Therefore, this Resolution would add the additional funding into the SCI program.

Jason Garnar motioned to approve; Andy Stiles seconded.
Unanimous approval.

- **2026-2030 TIP Amendment**

[**Resolution 2026-08**, Approving an amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of PIN 982209, BC Transit Bus Purchase]

J. Yonkoski informed the committee that BC Transit has received \$215,434 in Federal Section 5307 funds. The funds were transferred from FTA Section 5311, rural funds, to FTA Section 5307, urban funds. This will allow the purchase of two cut-away purchases.

Rob Mack motioned to approve; Ashley Seyfried seconded.
Unanimous approval.

J. Yonkoski stated that Resolutions 2026-09, -10, -11, and -12 are grouped together because they all involve Section 5310 Funding awards. The 5310 program supports

transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. These projects, which include the purchase of buses by, and mobility managements projects will be added to the TIP as new projects.

[Resolution 2026-09], Approving an amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of PIN 982211, Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Operating, Section 5310]

Andrew Stiles motioned to approve; David Cantella seconded.
Unanimous approval.

[Resolution 2026-10], Approving an amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of PIN 982212, Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Mobility Management, Section 5310]

Andrew Stiles motioned to approve; David Cantella seconded.
Unanimous approval.

[Resolution 2026-11], Approving an amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of PIN 982213, Rural Health Network of SCNY, Inc., Mobility Management, Section 5310]

Andrew Stiles motioned to approve; David Cantella seconded.
Unanimous approval.

[Resolution 2026-12], Approving an amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of PIN 982214, BC Transit, Section 5310]

Andrew Stiles motioned to approve; David Cantella seconded.
Unanimous approval.

[Resolution 2026-13], Approving an amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, addition of PIN 982215, Solar Panel/BESS Purchase]

J. Yonkoski stated that a transfer of funds from Main Office Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP) to the FTA section 5307 Program enabling BC Transit to purchase and install solar panels and a battery storage system.

The Policy Committee had previously approved this project under another PIN #. The resolution reflects a change in the original funding source.

Ashley Seyfried motioned to approve; Cole Wager seconded.
Unanimous approval.

- ***Administrative Modifications for PIN 982210***

Changes to the TIP that are below a certain threshold as defined in the Operations Plan and do not need approval from the Planning or Policy Committee, but only the smaller TIP sub-committee are included to provide additional information regarding the purchase of 7 battery electric buses.

The previous resolution removed the solar panel and battery electric storage system and there was a description change that BC Transit is pursuing the purchase of 7 hybrid electric buses due to the current priorities at the FHWA level.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/UPDATES

- **Village of Johnson City Streets Analysis – Complete**
Johnson City Planning and DPW requested a complete streets feasibility study for designated streets. Parking, pedestrian and traffic patterns were a few things observed on site visits. Project observations and recommendations were submitted. The village agreed and is implementing.
- **RwDAP Update**
Update on the local call for projects. Broome County submitted a project and at this point we are awaiting award announcements.
- **Binghamton Bridge Pedal**
The 20th Bridge Pedal is scheduled for August 1, 2026, at 9:00 am. The event is led by BMTS, Broome County Planning and the TechWorks! Museum of Binghamton. Police will escort the ride. Participation fee for age 18 and over. Map and details of the ride can be found online.
- **Vestal ADA Transition Plan Update**
During the call for projects the Town of Vestal requested an ADA transition plan. BMTS advised a plan was made in 2018, so now it is a matter of updating measurements, locations and ADA compliance. This will be presented in a report when completed.
- **RSA Location Selection Process**
L. McCullen advised that the UPWP generally accounts for two Road Safety Assessments per year selected during the UPWP call for projects. No locations were submitted for RSA's this year, so BMTS staff reviewed data from the NYSDOT CLEAR safety program and proactively identified locations with high safety improvement potential. The Town of Vestal was identified. Murray Hill Road from the Tech Center crosswalk and Route 434 up to Wahington Drive were areas of interest. While students who typically use the crosswalks were away, there were still opportunities to observe others crossing and walking in non-designated areas. A draft report will be done for the Town to review and accept before releasing a final report.
- **NYSDOT Project Updates**
RTE 434 Over Choconut Creek

- Crossover is in use, and the first side of the bridge should be completed this season. Traffic should be on the normal sides for the winter with the next phase of the bridge planned for next season.

RTE I81 Resurfacing exit 5-7

- Between Binghamton and Castle Creek
- Work is progressing with milling and paving. Rail and other miscellaneous work will continue into the fall.

RTE 17 Crack & Seal, Owego to Apalachin

- Work is progressing on crossover this year. Work will continue on ramps with closures and detours throughout the season. Mainline work will start next season.

Binghamton Gateway 363 Project

- Project has been let – hoping to be awarded this month.
- Project start dependent on contractor schedule but is scheduled through the 2028 construction season before completed.

Route 201 Resurfacing – flyover to Harry L. Drive

- Scheduled to be let at the end of August.
- Not likely to start until next season.

Route 17C – Approach Slabs

- Over the Susquehanna River, project was expedited to let in May, awarded in June and hoping the contractor can work to get it completed this construction season.
- There will be some traffic impacts to put the crossover in place and thereafter due to the time constraints.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

- *Town of Union Supervisor Rob Mack would like to further discuss the intersection of Smith Drive and Hooper Road for traffic, business and residential relief.*
- *David Cantella asked about the electric/hybrid buses purchased for BC Transit. County Executive Jason Garnar advised that Transit Commissioner Greg Kilmer could answer specific questions regarding the selection of the vendor and other technical details.*
- *Ashley Seyfried asked about Route 17 and Apalachin crossovers to be set up this year. Will traffic be subject to crossovers from now until the project is completed? She was advised the crossovers would be used only during the construction season.*

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

- Scheduled for September 2026 (exact date to be determined)

A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Stiles, seconded by Rob Mack

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.