

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS
Nick Cecconi	MMSCNY
Marie Hebdon	NYS DOT
Stephanie Brewer	BC Planning
Steven Bard	STBC
Susan Pitely	NYS DOT
Mari Giurastante	City of Binghamton Planning
Greg Patinka	Community Member

Convene 1:36 p.m.

April 11th Minutes – Minutes were accepted as written. Scott motioned & Marie seconded.

Topic	Discussion	Action
Snacks & Roadway Needs Report:	- Stephanie will follow-up on the cone on the Eldredge St. sidewalk.	
Newspaper Articles/Notices Report:	- No other articles or notices.	
Broome-Tioga Rideshare/Get There	<p>Get There</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get There is working with Chenango County on a vanpool pilot project. Major employers are being contacted and presented the vanpool option. MMSCNY would own van and supply driver. Van would be available for use to meet other transportation needs when not in use for commuting. <p>BT Rideshare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nick reported that Chenango County is interested in rideshare services. Scott suggested a meeting with Sothern Tier Rideshare, Broome Tioga Rideshare/BMTS, Chenango County, MetroPool, and 511 NY Rideshare to investigate expansion & coordination possibilities. 	Scott to contact Tina Hager (St. Tier Rideshare) to see if a meeting can be organized.
Binghamton Bikeshare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott displayed the NACTO website with its new Bike Share Station Siting Guide. - Mari will provide Scott with the PowerPoint that Shane sent to her regarding Bike Share tech development up at the university. Biggest challenge will be technology to bridging use between BU, SUNY Broome, and the City of Binghamton. Mari will touch base to see if they've made any progress at the 	Mari to give Scott PowerPoint slides, and follow-up with Shane or Ryan Donovan to get a progress report.

	semesters end.	
Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycling Skills Clinic to be conducted in the Windsor School District – <i>site to be determined</i>. Will likely take place on Wednesday, August 10 (9am – 12pm). <i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</i> - The JC Bike Day will take place this Saturday, May 14 at the Sarah Jane Johnson Church from 12 – 3pm. No volunteers from our Committee needed for the Cycling Skills Clinic, but are encouraged to stop by to observe how the event works. Scott arranged for BC Transit to supply a bus for the event so people can learn how to use the bus bike racks. - Rock on Café is partnering with the Binghamton Mets, and is opening up opportunities for other organizations to have an information table at one of the following dates: Sunday, May 29 at 6:35pm, and Sat., June 12 at 1:05pm. Stephanie & Susan may be able to help do a table on June 12. Scott wants to make sure it's worth the volunteer time, so it would need to include more than just giving Binghamton Bridge Pedal information away. Will not likely do a table. 	<i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</i> Cycling Skills Clinic in the Windsor School District Wednesday, August 10 9am – 12pm
Subcommittee- Safe Route to School/Complete Streets –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott shared the trailer of the documentary film, <i>The Long Way Home</i>. It contrasts Japan and the U.S. regarding the amount and percentage that walk to school. Scott got licensing information: \$200 for unlimited screenings for 5 years. Scott is also checking to see if WSKG will air it. Mari has a contact person and will give Scott that information. 	Mari to provide Scott with WSKG contact
Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal/ Report and Plans for 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott shared they may need to up the adult price from \$10 to \$12, but keep children 12 & under at \$3. Steven warned of losing sight of the Bridge Pedal's purpose of getting the most people as possible out on their bike. - Scheduled a May 23 meeting with Cornell Coop. Extension, CHOWbus, VINES representatives, primarily about after ride activities. 	A May 23, 9am meeting is scheduled to plan events for after the bike ride, and review price plan.
Projects/Events- BMTS Complete Streets Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The BMTS Planning Committee will review and vote on recommending adoption of the policy on June 2. The Policy Committee will vote on adoption of the policy on June 9. - On April 25, BMTS met with Ray Standish, Franco Incitti, Terry Kellogg, and Juliet Berling of the City of Binghamton, as well as Mary McFadden (BC Health Dept.), and Erin Monroe (United Way) to review road projects for opportunities to include complete streets elements. The meeting was very productive and it is desired to institutionalize these meetings to be at least an annual occurrence. 	
Projects/Events- Rt. 434 Greenway Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Public Information Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1 in the cafeteria of MacArthur Elementary School (11234 Vestal Ave., Binghamton). Open house from 6:30 – 7:00pm. A formal presentation will begin at 7:00pm. A meeting notice will be emailed to the Committee. 	Scott to send the Public Information Meeting notice to the Committee.

<p>Projects/Events- BMTS Bike Route Map Update – BU Alternate Route to Back Entrance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An alternate bike route from the S. Washington Bridge to the back entrance of BU was reviewed for consideration to be put on the bike route. It was agreed that the route was a good one for cyclists. Scott provided some context for the map by stating the designated/signed bike routes and secondary bike routes were determined to be primarily for utilitarian cyclists, who are typically more experienced and more tolerable toward motorist traffic than a recreational cyclist. Though the alternative BU route is good, we need to be careful that the map doesn't become too busy. There are also many other themed routes that could be added, but would make the map more busy. People can use most roadways for cycling and access to destinations without designation them as bike routes or mapping a route. Will need to further consider adding more bike routes to the map. Additionally, we would not want to promote not using the Rt. 434 Greenway. It was also noted that Bike Route Maps are normally geared toward tourists and recreational riders. 	
<p>Other- SUNY Broome Trail Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Committee discussed Mari's proposed trail access to SUNY Broome from the end of Adams Dr. in Sunrise Terrace. It did come up that land ownership is an important factor, and hopefully easements could be obtained. Additionally, NYSDOT is studying what to do with the pedestrian bridge over I-81, since it is near the end of its useful life. It's looking like the ped bridge will need to come down and be replaced with a bike/walking path (separated from traffic) on a reconstructed Front St. Bridge (over I-81), just north of the existing pedestrian bridge. The access to SUNY Broome that you indicated did come up at a public meeting regarding the pedestrian bridge, with Sunrise Terrace residents being concerned about having a second evacuation route. We can put this on the agenda again for the June 13 meeting. 	<p>Put on June 13 agenda.</p>
<p>Other – Trail Feasibility – Susq. River North Bank (Exchange St. Bridge to Tompkins St. Bridge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maria noted that there are steep slopes along portions of the riverbank along this proposed trail route. Is it possible to take away width from the roadway to make room? The DEC and Army Corps of Engineers would also need to be involved in any trail development due to the presence of flood control devices, and with the trail being in the flood plain. - Put on June 13 agenda and set field trip day & time. 	<p>Put on June 13 agenda to set field trip day & time.</p>
<p>Other – Walk-Bike New York Symposium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk-Bike New York Symposium – September 13-14 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Syracuse, NY (Information at www.itsmr.org) 	
<p>Other – Community Mobility Innovation Events in Ithaca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Mobility Innovation Events in Ithaca – June 23-25 http://www.nymobilitymanager.org/ 	

Adjourn: 3:20 p.m. **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 13th, 1:30 p.m.