

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
November 13, 2014
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Bennett at 1:38PM

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Pamela Eshbaugh, RPPM NYSDOT Region 9
Robert Bennett, Village of Johnson City Public Works
Gary Campo, Town of Vestal Engineer
Ken Del Bianco, Tioga County
Dan Schofield, Broome County DPW
Gregory Kilmer, Broome County Public Transit
Elaine Miller, Broome County Planning
Alex Udra, Town of Chenango
Richard Perkins, Engineering City of Binghamton
Debra Standinger, Town of Owego
Caroline Quidort (non-voting), STERPDB

Others present:

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
Scott Reigle, BMTS Central Staff
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff
Leslie Boulton, Broome County DPW
Rich Rooney, McFarland Johnson
Mark Bowers, NYSDOT RPPMO
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS Central Staff – Intern
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning

Approval of minutes from September 18, 2014 minutes. Motion G. Campo, second K. Del Bianco.
Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ACTION ITEMS:

TIP Amendment State Street, City of Binghamton Transportation Alternatives Project. This amendment is needed in order to put the project on the TIP and the STIP. The City of Binghamton received \$0.494 million in Federal money for a total cost of \$0.616 million. Motion R. Perkins, second F. Evangelisti. Approved by consensus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Development of 2015-2016 UPWP

C. Paddick discussed the development of the 2015-2016 UPWP. A call letter for projects has been sent out to all Planning and Policy Committee members. If anyone has any suggestions for possible projects, please contact staff by Friday December 5th.

Long Range Plan

C. Paddick explained that the BMTS Long Range Plan has to be updated and approved by September 2015. The last Long Range Plan, *Transportation Tomorrow 2035: Creating A Sustainable Future* was adopted in September 2010. A majority of staff time will be spent on this project starting in January and carrying into the next fiscal year UPWP. We will have two interns working with us next semester on this project and will be using Broome County GIS staff for some tasks.

BC Transit On-Board Survey

J. Yonkoski gave a brief update of the BC Transit On-Board Survey. The study was being conducted by Binghamton University students from October 26th – November 8th. During this period they rode various BC Transit routes at varying times and handed out and collected surveys from riders. A report with the results of the survey and an analysis will be completed by the end of this semester. Staff will share the results of the survey with the committee members.

Complete Street Subcommittee

C. Paddick explained that the staff would be starting the Complete Street project that is on the current UPWP, after the first of the year. Staff would like to set up a subcommittee of the Planning Committee to guide, review and participate in the development of this project. The following individuals have volunteered: Bob Bennett - Village of Johnson City, Gary Campo – Town of Vestal, Caroline Quidort - STERPDB, Frank Evangelisti – Broome County Planning, and Brenda Gowe – Broome County DPW. Staff will also try to recruit someone from the City of Binghamton.

2015 – 2016 Planning Committee Officers

C. Paddick informed the committee that the current officer's term expires at the end of the year. She asked if anyone was interested in serving as the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Several members suggested that Bob Bennett and Gary Campo continue in the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Both agreed to serve another term. This was unanimously approved.

NYSDOT Update

P. Eshbaugh provided an update on some of the local projects on the program. The City of Binghamton will be submitting change notices for many of their projects that have schedule changes. P. Eshbaugh also noted that NYSDOT Region 9 now has a new Real Estate Officer, Kelly Eaton, so that ROW issues should be handled quicker.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

There was also a lengthy discussion concerning Tioga Transit and the loss of service in Tioga County. G Kilmer explained to the committee that Broome County and NYSDOT Transit division in Albany were discussing future options.

Motion to adjourn was made by E. Miller, 2nd by K. Del Bianco.

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