

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
February 12, 2015
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
Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning (representing Elaine Miller)
Kent Rapp, Village of Endicott
Debra Standinger, Town of Owego
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning
Lou Caforio, Town of Union
Gary Holmes, City of Binghamton
Gordon Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood

Others present:

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS Central Staff
Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS Central Staff
John Sterbentz, BMTS Central Staff
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS Central Staff – Intern
Leslie Boulton, Broome County DPW
Ron Coleman, NYSDOT RPPMO
Richard Perkins, Engineering City of Binghamton
Rich Rooney, McFarland Johnson
Brendan O’Bryan, Broome County Chamber of Commerce

Approval of minutes from November 13, 2014 Planning Committee meeting. Motion G. Campo, second K. Del Bianco. Approved by consensus.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 2015-01, 2015-2016 BMTS Unified Planning Work Program**
C.Paddick reviewed the 2015-2016 UPWP work program tasks and the accompanying budget. She explained that much of the work program was made up of the ongoing annual tasks: traffic engineering, road safety audits, model maintenance, traffic count program, and pavement sufficiency ratings. The City of Binghamton Parking Study is being carried over from last year and will begin in April of 2015. C. Paddick explained that staff will be spending a large portion of time this year in updating the long range plan. The Long Range Plan for 2040 needs to be completed and approved in September 2015. C.Paddick then explained the budget and funding that is being received from FHWA and FTA, the amount of

money remaining in the current FTA grants and the amount of FHWA PL funds that are in the backlog of funds. C. Paddick explained that the program & Finance Committee had met earlier in the week to review the budget and work program and recommended approval by the Planning Committee. There were no questions on the program or the budget. K. Del Bianco made a motion to approve and G. Holmes seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2015-02, 2015-2016 Staffing Plan

C. Paddick reviewed the 2015-2016 BMTS Staffing Plan. BMTS staff will continue to have 5 fulltime positions (Director, Transportation Analyst, two Sr. Transportation Planners and Traffic Engineer), one part time accounting/clerical position. The Traffic Engineer is still vacant and every effort will be made to fill this position. Two college students will continue to be hired to take traffic counts during the summer. A motion was made by L. Caforio to approve the resolution seconded by G. Holmes and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2015-03, Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 2015-03

P. Eshbaugh explained TIP Amendments R09-0342, which adds a RR phase of work to PIN 950080, I86 reconstruction Phase 2; R09-0343, which adds the construction and construction inspection phases to PIN 975377, Airport Road rehabilitation and R09-0344, which adds the construction and construction inspection phases to PIN 935800, pavement and bridge rehabilitation on I88 between Sanitaria Springs and Martin Hill Road. A motion for approval was made by D. Schofield and seconded by G. Kniffen and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2015-04, Broome County Transit On-Board Survey

J. Yonkoski presented the results of the On-Board Survey. She highlighted some of the major findings related to trends that were occurring in ridership and demographics of the ridership on BC Transit. There was some discussion concerning why demographic questions were asked and what the information was used for. The overall feeling of the committee was that the report was informative and well done. A motion for approval was made by G. Kniffen and seconded by G. Campo and unanimously approved.

Resolution 2015-05, Municipal Road Maintenance Spending Report

J. Yonkoski reviewed the municipal spending report and explained what information was gathered and that this information would be used as a baseline marker. This would now become an annual survey for the municipalities and then the amount of investment would be compared to the pavement sufficiency scores on an annual basis. A motion was made by K. Del Bianco to approve the report, seconded by G. Campo and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Complete Street Subcommittee

C. Paddick stated that there will be a meeting of the Complete Street Subcommittee the week of February 23rd. Scott Reigle sent an email to everyone on the committee to determine their availability.

City of Binghamton Parking Study

C. Paddick explained that there were five consultants that responded to the RFP for the parking study. The selection committee comprised of herself, P. Eshbaugh, E. Miller, Robert Murphy, G. Holmes, Terri Rennia, and Jennie Skedas-Sherry narrowed the choices to three and then conducted phone interviews with the three top consultants. After the interview process Nelson/Nygaard was unanimously chosen by the group. The project is scheduled to begin in April with completion in September 2015.

BMTS Bicycle Plan Update

The draft BMTS Bicycle Plan is completed and available for review and comment. C. Paddick that everyone had been emailed a link to the plan. She would like receive comments by February 23rd and an online ballot will be sent to everyone. Please complete the ballot in a timely manner so that the plan can be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration at the March 5th meeting.

NYSDOT Update

P. Eshbaugh provided a brief update of local projects on the program.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

There being no business offered from the floor, a motion to adjourn was made by K. Del Bianco and seconded by G. Holmes.

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