

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

11:00 AM

Broome County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor Legislative conference room

MINUTES

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

Roll call and quorum determination was made by Jack Williams, NYSDOT.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Mayor Matthew Ryan, City of Binghamton, *represented by Kyle Seeley*
- County Executive Debra Preston, Broome County, *represented by Bijoy Datta*
- Mayor Kevin Millar, Village of Owego
- Commissioner Joan McDonald, NYSDOT, *represented by Jack Williams, Region 9*
- Elaine Jardine, STERPDB

Others Present

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS

Nancy Dutta, BMTS

John Sterbentz, BMTS

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS

Scott Reigle, BMTS

Mark Bowers, NYSDOT

Ann Leo, NYSDOT

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2013, MEETING***

Supervisor Schaffer motioned to approve the minutes, Mayor Millar seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT***

The Chair, Mike Marinaccio opened the floor for comment.

There were no public comments.

***ACTION ITEMS***

- Resolution 2013-14**  
**Approving an Amendment to the BMTS 2014-2018 TIP**  
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS: Additional funds will add two projects to the TIP approved in June. The projects are: safety improvement at the Route 96 underpass and N&S railroad crossing; and the installation of pedestrian countdown timers at various locations. These projects are being funded with HSIP funding.

Elaine Jardine motioned to accept the resolution; Mayor Millar seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

□ **RESOLUTION 2013-15**

**Approving the BMTS Federal Aid Urban Area Boundary**

John Sterbentz, BMTS, explained every ten years BMTS has to update the urban area boundary. This is a requirement by FHWA and NYSDOT. It is based on the census and population density. The map (attached) depicts areas that were added with green stripes and areas that were deleted with red stripes.

Supervisor Snopek motioned to accept the resolution; Mayor Millar seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

□ **RESOLUTION 2013-16**

**Recommending I86 Designation**

Cyndi Paddick: BMTS needs to formally request to change Route 17, from Exit 67 to the New York State/Pennsylvania line to I86. BMTS is requesting approval from the Policy Committee.

Bijoy Datta motioned to accept the resolution; Supervisor Snopek seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

□ **RESOLUTION 2013-17**

**Designating NYS as the recipient of Section 5310 Funds for Small Urban Areas**

Scott Reigle, BMTS: The Federal Transit Administration allocates funds for vehicles which is administered by the NYSDOT. New regulations require each area now be apportioned the funds. BMTS prefers that the State remains the designated recipient. Broome County and BC Transit are in agreement with this.

Mayor Millar motioned to accept the resolution; Kyle Seeley seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

***DISCUSSION ITEMS***

□ **Local Projects Update**

Jack Williams, NYSDOT, gave an update on the current work occurring on Route 17 interchanges between Vestal and Tioga County. This project completes the work necessary for I86 upgrade. The work is currently 66 percent complete.

Jack also updated the progress on Prospect Mountain, Phase 1. The project is currently 43 percent complete and working six days/week at this time. The estimated completion date for this phase is December 2015. NYSDOT is working on the final design for Phase 2, which is the magnitude of the Phase 1 project. The DOT is anticipating beginning Phase 2 while Phase 1 is occurring.

Local travelers have been cooperating, using manageable detours. DOT is very pleased with how our staging and maintenance and protection of traffic is working out.

The Prospect Mountain Facebook page has been a great asset to the community keeping them updated in a real-time format.

□ **UPWP Project Updates**

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, gave an update regarding the on-board survey for BC Transit. Normally, BMTS works with a class at Binghamton University to conduct the survey. This year, due to conflicts with class curriculums the survey cannot be completed during the fall semester. BMTS is working with Binghamton University to schedule it for spring 2014 while BU is in session.

□ **TEP and REDC Projects**

Mark Bowers, NYSDOT, spoke about the Transportation Enhancement Projects (TEP). NYSDOT had a surplus of \$30 million from a previous federal highway bill. \$1.6 million is earmarked for NYSDOT Region 9. A solicitation of local municipalities was done. Region 9 received eight applications. Seven of them were eligible to be scored. A team of six individuals reviewed the applications and made recommendations based on a specified rating criteria. The applications will now be reviewed by Jack Williams, Regional Director, and Pam Eshbaugh, Regional Planning and Program Manager, then the recommendation will be sent to the NYSDOT Commissioner. An announcement will be made in December.

Mark also spoke regarding the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) projects. NYSDOT, with help from BMTS, submitted a 434 Greenway construction project, which is the connection from the Washington Street Pedestrian Bridge to the Binghamton University property in Vestal, for consideration. The project is currently in preliminary design. The maximum award available is \$5 million. The NYSDOT is committed to matching the balance of funds over that amount.

***2013 MEETING SCHEDULE***

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for: December 2013. An announcement will be sent out with the date and time.

***BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR***

- No additional business was offered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Snopek, seconded by Supervisor Schaffer. Vote was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.