

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 4, 2014
1:30 PM
Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 1:42 p.m.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Legislator Michael Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor Kevin Millar, Village of Owego
- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- County Executive Debra Preston, Broome County, *represented by Dan Schofield*
- Commissioner Joan McDonald, NYSDOT, *represented by Jack Williams, Region 9*

Members Absent

- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott
- Kevin McLaughlin, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development
- Elaine Jardine, Representative, STERPDB

Others Present

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
John Sterbentz, BMTS
Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Pamela Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2014, MEETING

Mayor Deemie 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

- TIP Amendment R09-0335, State Street Pedestrian Improvements
This project will provide pedestrian improvements, traffic calming, and landscaping/street scaping from Hawley Street to Susquehanna Street. \$615,342 of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding was added to the TIP.

Mayor David motioned to accept the resolution; Mayor Deemie seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- TIP Amendment R09-0336, Village of Endicott Signal Project
This traffic control project will install new traffic signal equipment at the intersections of North Street and McKinley Avenue and the intersections of Oak Hill Avenue and Clark Street in the Village of Endicott. An additional \$25,000 is need for right-of-way due to unforeseen underground utilities.

Mayor Deemie motioned to accept the resolution; Mayor Millar seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Development of 2015-2016 UPWP
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, reminded the committee that she sent out call letters for planning / technical studies and supporting tasks. If you have any ideas for projects you want done, please send Cyndi a brief description.
- Long Range Plan
As a requirement of the Federal Government, BMTS' Long Range Plan must be adopted by September 2015.
- BC Transit On-Board Survey
Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, reported that BMTS has been working with a class at BU to conduct the study. The class has finished gathering data and is currently working on tabulating and analyzing that data. The finished product should be completed shortly after the semester ends and the committee will have the results by the first of the year.

Broome County is currently accepting bids for a study of Broome Transit routes.

- Notification of BC Transit TIP Project Administrative Modifications
Scott Reigle, BMTS, reported that, since Tioga County no longer has transit service, their monetary portion is now available to BC Transit. They are considering the possibility of BC Transit going to Tioga County and are currently doing a cost analysis and meeting with DOT.
- Complete Street Update
Cyndi Paddick reported that the Complete Streets Kick Off was held in June in the Binghamton State Office Building. At the last Planning Committee Meeting it was decided to set up a subcommittee to develop guidelines to ensure municipalities are using an accepted standard of practice.
- BMTS Staff UPWP Update
BMTS is working with the City of Binghamton doing a parking study.

Cyndi Paddick reported that towns wrote letters to Governor asking to use the “windfall money” for infrastructure. Cyndi distributed copies of the letters.

- NYSDOT Update
Jack Williams, NYSDOT, reported that Prospect Mountain made a successful traffic switch on I81 SB to Route 17 WB that was necessary to do drainage work and reconstruction of ramps and

roadways. The new layout is indicated on message boards. There will be people working on the project all winter long – although it will be a smaller crew than usual.

NYSDOT held two public meetings regarding the Phase 2 noise walls. They have been positively received. NYSDOT would like to take this opportunity to install noise walls within the project limits, but they must meet certain specifications in order to be allowed. DOT will communicate the results of their findings. Currently, DOT is collecting votes from the homeowners regarding their portion on the noise walls which is a required step to fund the walls.

DOT met with the Vestal Town Supervisor, Town Board, and Police Chief regarding the construction project on Route 434 – Vestal Parkway. There have been changes made to low volume right turn lanes and accelerations lanes and we wanted to get their concurrence on the changes before making them. The construction work is being done primarily at nighttime, to minimize the impact on traffic. This project will be completed next construction season.

Regarding the I81 bridge project near the NY/PA line: Traffic volumes are exceptionally high on the weekends, causing major delays when one lane is closed for a work zone, even though the construction season of the particular project was limited to before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. The DOT will look into using faster curing concrete on future projects in like-locations to cut down on delays by opening the lanes to traffic each Friday through Sunday.

The Governor's webpage has listed approved 16 Critical Bridges over Water projects. Not all projects in Region 9 – DOT have been approved yet.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for: March 5, 2015. An announcement will be sent out.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No additional business was offered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Deemie; it was seconded by Mayor Millar. The vote was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.