

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2015
11:00 AM
Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:05 a.m.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Legislator Michael Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- 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
- Commissioner Joan McDonald, NYSDOT, *represented by Jack Williams, Region 9*
- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union, *represented by Robert Mack*
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott, *represented by Kent Repp*
- Elaine Jardine, Representative, STERPDB, *represented by Eric Miller*

Members Absent

- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Kevin McLaughlin, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development

Others Present

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
John Sterbentz, BMTS
Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Brian Rose, Binghamton University
Pamela Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2014, MEETING

Supervisor Schaffer motioned to approve the minutes; Supervisor Castellucci 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

- 2015-2016 BMTS Unified Planning Work Program, Resolution 2015-01

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, reported that the BMTS Staff will send a representative on-site to conduct a road safety audit and will produce a written report back to the municipality.

After outreach, public meetings, and on-line surveys, the committee will develop a long range plan by the end of September.

In cooperation with the City of Binghamton, a parking study will be conducted from April 1st of this year through September. The study will be performed by a consultant.

Supervisor Snopek motioned to accept the resolution; Eric Miller seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2015-2016 BMTS Staffing Plan, Resolution 2015-02

Cyndi Paddick presented a draft Unified Planning Work Program and Central Staff Staffing Plan to the committee. BMTS anticipates keeping the same staffing pattern it currently has including hiring two college students over the summer to do traffic counts and one intern from Binghamton University.

Eric Miller motioned to accept the resolution; Supervisor Snopek seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Transportation Improvement Program Amendment, Resolution 2015-03

Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT – Regional Planning and Program Manager, went over the three TIP Amendments with the Committee. One will add railroad force account work phases for the Prospect Mountain Phase 2 project; the second will add construction phases for a statewide capital paving project on Airport Road; the third will add construction phases on the statewide capital paving project on I88 from Sanitaria Springs to Martin Hill Road. Only statewide funding involved, no regional funds will be used.

Supervisor Schaffer motioned to accept the resolution; Supervisor Castellucci seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Broome County Transit 2014 On-Board Survey, Resolution 2015-04

Jennifer Yonkoski, BMTS, reviewed the findings of Broome County Transit On-Board Survey. A copy of the draft 2014 BC Transit Ridership Survey Report from December 2014 was distributed. Surveys have been administered in 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2014. The survey was conducted by a Binghamton University PAFF 510 Research Design Methods class over a period of two weeks beginning in October 2014. 568 surveys were returned. The survey measured characteristic of riders, demographics of riders, and satisfaction with bus services.

The resolution accepts the survey report as complete.

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

- Municipal Road Maintenance Spending Report, Resolution 2015-05

Jennifer Yonkoski reviewed the draft BMTS Municipal Road Maintenance Spending Report. This report will be used as a baseline. Annual surveys will go to municipalities in the future. BMTS will get a good idea of dollar amounts municipalities are spending from this report and future reports.

Cyndi Paddick added that Scott Reigle, BMTS, does pavement scoring. He will link scoring to this report to see if there is any correlation.

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

- BMTS 2015 Bicycle Plan Update, Resolution 2015-06

Scott Reigle reported on the updated BMTS Bicycle Plan. The plan incorporated long range plans, goals, and objectives. It implemented the greenway trail system, as well. The Planning Committee unanimously approved the updated plan.

Eric Miller motioned to accept the resolution; Mayor Millar seconded. Supervisor Castellucci abstained from the vote. The motion was unanimously approved by the remaining members.

PRESENTATION

- “The Millennial College Town”, Brian T. Rose, VP for Student Affairs at BU.

Brian Rose, Vice President for Student Affairs at Binghamton University gave a presentation about successful college towns highlighting what makes them successful, how to entice graduates to stay, and what the dynamics are of the current generation populating these areas.

The presentation can be found at: <http://bingdev.binghamton.edu/sunybest/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/rosemillennialscollegetown.pdf>

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Complete Streets Update

Scott Reigle is working on developing a Complete Streets policy for BMTS. The subcommittee met on February 26th. A first draft will be ready in April.

City Of Binghamton Parking Study

Cyndi Paddick reported that the study will begin in April. The City of Binghamton and BMTS are funding the study. Nelson Nygaard Consulting Associates from Boston has been chosen as the consultant.

NYSDOT Update

Jack Williams, NYSDOT Region 9 Regional Director, updated the committee on local construction projects that will impact this area.

- Prospect Mountain Phase 1 will be completed at the end of this calendar year. It is currently on schedule.
- Prospect Mountain Phase 2 will be let to bid in the fall.
- The Route 434 project will resume in the spring and finish this construction season.
- I86 designation request from Interchange 67 in Broome County west to the Chemung County line is being progressed in the region. Non-standard fixtures require justification and FHWA approval for retention.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for: **June , 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 Millar; it was seconded by Supervisor Castellucci. The vote was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.