

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
December 15, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Broome County Office Building, 6th Floor Legislative Conference Room
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mike Marinaccio, at 11:04 a.m.

Members Present

- Supervisor Michael Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson, Chair
- Legislator Michael Roberts, Tioga County, Vice-Chair
- Commissioner Matthew Driscoll, NYSDOT, *represented by Jack Williams, Region 9*
- County Executive Debra Preston, Broome County, *represented by John Bernardo*
- Mayor Richard David, City of Binghamton
- Mayor John Bertoni, Village of Endicott, *represented by Kent Rapp*
- Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
- Mayor Kevin Millar, Village of Owego
- Supervisor Harold Snopek, Town of Chenango
- Eric Miller, STERPDB
- Donna Howell, Regional Director, NYS Department of Economic Development, *represented by Robin Alpaugh*

Members Absent

- Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr., Town of Owego
- Supervisor Rose Sotak, Town of Union, *represented by Robert Mack*
- Supervisor John Schaffer, Town of Vestal

Others Present

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS
Scott Reigle, BMTS
Cassandra Gascon, BMTS
Robert Williams, NYSDOT
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT
Ann Leo, NYSDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 30, 2015, MEETING

Legislator Roberts motioned to approve the minutes; Kent Rapp 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

- Transportation Improvement Program Amendment, Resolution 2015-10
Pam Eshbaugh, NYSDOT, reported on this TIP Amendment which includes three projects. The first project is the Two Rivers Greenway; an increase of \$96,000 is requested. The second is to increase the funding of the Transportation Operations Center (TOC); increased funding is requested, original cost was \$200,000, it will increase to \$400,000. The third is the Airport Road pavement rehabilitation project; an additional \$618,000 is requested.

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

Discussion followed regarding the South Washington Street Bridge, which is a City of Binghamton project. An additional \$500,000 is needed. A resolution will be distributed before next meeting. Two bridge projects were delayed and the South Washington Street Bridge will use that funding.

- Unified Operations Plan –*Update*, Resolution 2015-11
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS, reported on this resolution. The Unified Operations Plan governs how the MPO works. The update would change the voting procedures and redefines amendments and modifications. A current copy of the Plan was distributed with the proposed changes in red.

Jenn Yonkoski, BMTS, reviewed the changes with the committee. She reported that the BMTS Planning Committee approved the changes in the prior week at their meeting.

After much discussion, it was decided to ask the Planning Committee to review the recommended voting procedures, incorporate the Policy Committee concerns, and then make another recommendation.

Mayor David motioned to hold over the resolution; John Bernardo seconded. The resolution will be held over.

- Cyndi Paddick will retire from BMTS on Friday, December 18, 2015. In order to fill Cyndi's vacancy and fulfill the resolution recommending the appointment of an Executive Director of the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study, a committee chaired by Michael Marinaccio consisting of Mayor Deemie, Representative Roberts, and Jack Williams interviewed candidates. Jennifer Yonkoski was recommended by the committee to fill the position.

Mayor David motioned to accept the resolution recommending the appointment of Jennifer; Supervisor Snopek seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Her start date will be December 21, 2015.

- Robin Alpaugh, Regional Economic Development Council, reported that the Southern Tier Region was selected as an Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) winner. The region will receive \$100 million each year for the next five years to invest in the region to address the economic challenges and bring jobs back upstate.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- City of Binghamton Parking Study

A meeting was held in November with the consultant conducting the study. They met with the task force, the public, and interested parties. The consultant will return in January for a public meeting and meeting with the steering committee. Their recommendations are expected in January and the full report is expected in February.

Mayor David reported that the City of Binghamton is reviewing the draft findings. They are working with the consultants to resolve questions and to make the study more comprehensive.

- 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – Call for Projects
Cyndi Paddick sent out a call letter for projects. The projects have to be approved by the BMTS Policy Committee in June in order to go into effect 2016. Cyndi would like all proposed projects to BMTS by January 22, 2016. A draft will be in place the week of April 18th. Cyndi reminded the committee that preservation, bridges, and safety projects are still important.
- Jack Williams added one more discussion item about highway lighting. The highway lighting agreements in place for many years have expired. NYSDOT is working on evaluations of the area lighting and lighting agreement status. Jack suggested calling a special meeting with the BMTS Planning Committee to evaluate the lighting and agreement status and agree on a comprehensive approach to the highway lighting.
- Cyndi Paddick distributed a new Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) draft.
- Supervisor Marinaccio presented Cyndi Paddick a Certificate of Recognition from the BMTS. Jack Williams presented Cyndi a Certificate of Recognition from the NYSDOT along with NYSDOT lapel pins. Scott Reigle, BMTS, presented Cyndi a plaque on behalf of the staff of BMTS. Cyndi thanked everyone.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next Policy Meeting is proposed for: March 10, 2016. An announcement will be sent out.
- A Planning Committee Meeting to work on highway lighting issues is scheduled for March 3, 2016.

BUSINESS OFFERED FROM THE FLOOR

No additional business was offered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Roberts; it was seconded by Mayor Millar. The vote was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.