

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2008**

Attendance: Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Warren Wetzelberg, Steven Bard, Don Robertson, Erin Kavanagh, Greg Patinka, Jennifer Yonkoski, Tammy Hodges, Al Sunderwirth

Convene: 1:33 p.m.

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
<i>Approve May 12th meeting minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to accept by Don. • Seconded by Erin. 	
<i>Announcements and Status Reports</i>	<p><u>Newspaper Articles/Notices</u></p> <p><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></p> <p>Bike Rodeos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 17th – Johnson City Bike Giveaway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distribute over 100 bikes and 60 helmets. ○ Good turn out however there were some issues with the rodeo being moved inside due to the threat of rain. The gym was crowded, it was hard to keep things flowing, some children had never ridden a bike before etc... However, having the rodeo inside did keep the children confined, which would have been more difficult to do in an outdoor setting. ○ Debriefing meeting will be held 6/10/08 at Sarah Jane Johnson Church. <p>Historic Bridge Pedal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven reported that he is looking for a better public address system. • People can now start registering at the local bike shops. Roberson Museum and Earth Fest will be promoting the event as well. • Information is posted on the Broome County Intranet and in the Summer Guide of Press and Sun Bulletin. Scott will also be sending out a press release closer to the event. <p>Walk N Roll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binghamton Mets Game- “Education and Baseball Day” • Very good turn out – many registered for the free bike giveaway and to play the game. 	<p>Remember to bring events fliers for distribution.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both winners of the bikes claimed their prize. • Scott mentioned he spoke with some area bus drivers who were receiving incorrect information about bicycle safety. • Greg noted that next year the DOT signal set-up needs to be approved much earlier. <p>DOT Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
<i>Downtown Bus Circulator</i>	<p>Guest Presenter – Jennifer Yonkoski (BMTS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Downtown Bus Circulator to arrive in conjunction with the opening of the new Intermodal Terminal on corner of Prospect Ave. and Chenango Street. (Spring 2010) • Jennifer met with key people (AVRE, STIC, elderly/handicapped agencies and residences) in the downtown area to find out how people felt about the circulator, will it be used, is it financially feasible etc... • Route will go from new transit terminal through downtown area and back to terminal. • Jennifer will continue to collect information and survey people throughout the summer. • Greg suggested that the route go down Front St. as many people may receive services at the Broome County Health Dept. • Three fare options were suggested: free shuttle, .30 charge or have it part of the fixed route system. 	<p>Any suggestions regarding the Downtown Bus Circulator can be sent directly to Jennifer at 607-778-2443 or at jyonkoski@co.broome.ny.us by July.</p>
<i>Action Atlas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott introduced the committee to maps that have been created by BU students showing the Off Campus College Transport - OCCT (a.k.a. blue bus) and BC Transit routes. • Erin proposed that bike routes be added to their maps since BC Transit buses can accommodate bikes for transport. • Greg thought it might not be worth putting the bike routes on the map since it will only show a portion of the route. • Erin recommended making contact with Action Atlas towards possible collaboration. 	
<i>Bike Route Map Update</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott will still be accepting comments and suggestions until the end of July. • Erin suggested adding a dashed line to show where the Greater 	

	<p>Binghamton Greenway will be going and possibly a link for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott informed the committee that there will be a website coming soon with its own URL for the Greater Binghamton Greenway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott will be meeting with Christine (Chris) Heide (Broome County graphics designer) to ensure that our changes are feasible.
<p><i>Discussion/Action Items</i></p>	<p>Communication with BMTS Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After having met with Steven Gayle, Scott reported that the best way for our committee to get our information out to municipalities is to collect bike/pedestrian information, prioritize the issues and either submit in writing or present the information at the BMTS Planning Committee once or twice a year at its meetings. • Don noted that in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, reviewing projects is not listed as a role for our committee. • Please refer to the BMTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for our committee's official role. • Planning committee meets quarterly so it would be helpful to know when the Planning Committee meets and for a report from our Committee to be on the Planning Committee agenda. • Erin suggested a subcommittee be formed who can monitor these activities. • Greg suggested that we may have more of an impact on changes being made if we present about topics and issues that the planning committee is already working on (Transportation Improvement Program) as opposed to raising new issues and waiting for them to come in as a project. • Steven pointed out that although it makes sense to present on issues already being addressed by the planning committee it still doesn't help our committee in accomplishing the changes that we would like to see made...issues that have been pending for years – for example: Warren's Old Vestal Road issue. • Erin suggested that we collect information and compile a report to present on both areas. • This will continue to be an agenda item for next meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott will work on getting the TIP to review before next meeting. It will be attached electronically to the minutes. • Scott will coordinate efforts with Steven Gayle to update the stated role of the Committee in the annual work plan starting in April 2009. • Scott will get the dates for the BMTS Planning Committee. These dates will appear in the announcement section of future minutes. • Scott will talk with Steven Gayle regarding the committee's interest in being on the BMTS Planning Committee agenda.

	<p>Improving the link with DOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was recommended that Mark Bowers from the DOT Bike/Ped Advisory Committee attend our meetings. 	
<i>Other</i>	<p>Snack, Chat and Bike Inventory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee agreed to start this new agenda item next meeting. Meetings will begin at 1:30 with the first 10 minutes discussing bike/pedestrian issues and official convene time will be 1:40 p.m. <p>Issues Identified thus far:</p> <p><u>Riverside Drive – striping project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be striped as a bike line in 2 months. The addition of sidewalks to this area will be added to the list of priorities. <p><u>I-88 biking issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section from Port Crane to Hillcrest There are rules that a cyclist can be on an interstate if there are no reasonably alternatives. Added to list of priorities. <p><u>Vestal to Channel 40 sidewalk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg noted that the trail project from BU to plaza could continue as a trail if someone contacts Channel 40 regarding their private property otherwise it will turn into sidewalk. Greg also noted that they are ready to pull the entire sidewalk out in the 201 bridge project and install them as a separate project. <p>PSA’s (Public Service Announcements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin would like to see a PSA go out about the garage construction, encouraging more people to bike/walk to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Al will bring snacks for next meeting. Erin will create and have available a log book to collect identified issues.
<i>Next Meeting</i>	July 14, 2008 1:30 p.m.	Meeting in August has been cancelled.

Adjourn: 3:15 p.m.