

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008**

Attendance: Scott Reigle, Christine Muss, Kris Gilbert, Warren Wetzelberg, Steven Bard, Don Robertson, Erin Kavanagh, Greg Patinka

Convene: 1:37 p.m.

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
<i>Approve April 14th meeting minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On page 3, change 435 to 434. • Moved to accept by Don. • Seconded by Erin. 	Scott will make changes in minutes.
<i>New Agenda Item</i>	<p>“Chat, Snack and Bike Inventory” (May-October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a time at the beginning of each meeting where discussion can occur about any issues in the local bike routes or any areas where cyclists are permitted to ride. • We will focus on 1 key element each year. For 2008- we will focus on issues with SHOULDERS. • Throughout this time we will keep a running list of all of the issues and areas that need improvement and compile it into a report that can be submitted to municipalities. <p>Steven- reported an issue on 17C, Hooper Road going West bound- no shoulders. He also reported that on Main Street through Johnson City, there are a number of storm drains which take the place of the shoulder and cause riders to go around them into the road.</p>	<p>Cyclists – please look for any areas where the shoulder widths are not adequate or if there are any other issues with shoulders.</p> <p>--- this idea was later suspended pending further discussion.</p>
<i>Announcements and Status Reports</i>	<p><u>Newspaper Articles/Notices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott reminded everyone that they will start construction on the County Office Building parking lot soon and that there will be no on site parking for meetings. • There is a Safe Routes to School Webinar, May 27ths at 2pm at the Broome County Office Building. “Building Community Support for Safe Routes to School Programs”, presented by Dan Burden. <p><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></p>	Remember to bring event fliers for distribution.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bike Rodeos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Horace Mann Bike Rodeo – 30 kids attended and over 350 helmets were distributed. ○ Upcoming Rodeo- Johnson City Bike Giveaway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday May 17th at JC Senior Center from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. ● Historic Bridge Pedal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steven reported that the fliers have been distributed. ○ He has also received permission to use the Kilmer Building parking lot. ● Walk N Roll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Binghamton Mets Game- “Education and Baseball Day” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ May 15th, Set-up 8:30 a.m., Gates open 9:30 a.m., Game starts at 10:30 a.m. ➤ Activities include display table with bike/ped. information, bike raffle through the Steps Program, Excellus and Steven’s Adopt a Bike Program, DOT’s traffic light display, Greg’s game and giveaways. ➤ Giant bags will not be printed this year, because Brian O’Neil’s order schedule has been all off due to price increases and he hasn’t been able to get special order prints. We will be looking into having bags made up in October for Walk Your Child to School Day. The deadline for October is August. ● DOT Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report. 	<p>Scott will contact Brian O’Neil regarding the possibility of two printed bags annually.</p>
<p><i>Bike Route Map Update</i></p>	<p>Changes that were noted this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Floral Avenue bike shop is closed. ● Hardware store in Conklin is closed. ● Cutler Garden location. ● Add Walmart and Giants ● Add more information about “Share the Trails” by shrinking down the “Share the Road” section. 	<p>Scott will bring these ideas to Chris Heide, Broome County Graphic Artist.</p> <p>Committee members will continue to review the map and offer changes and</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add bollard information and put where pictures used to be. • There was suggestion of adding another panel. • Pictures in bottom left hand corner can be put on the front near the areas in where they are depicting, leaving room for something else. • May add symbols of available bike parking. • Add “Historic Bridge Pedal” to list of events and remove events that no longer occur (Danielle 5k). • Region 9 has taken over Tioga County. • Determine which Share the Road or Shared Roadway symbol to use. • Show current local sign with county at top. • IBM does not own any buildings anymore, is now Endicott Interconnect. 	<p>suggestions at the next meeting.</p>
<p><i>Discussion/ Action Items</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternatives to Bridge over I-81 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott and Erin have discussed the committee’s role is recommendations regarding projects and received clarification from Steve Gayle regarding this matter. The committee’s purpose is to advise BMTS and not provide direct comments to outside agencies. ○ The committee can informally advise Christine Klein from DOT via email regarding our recommendations for the Bridge over I-81 project. ○ Erin reviewed what those recommendations were from that meeting’s minutes. • Side Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As individuals, separate from this committee, please feel free to submit any recommendations or suggestions to outside agencies as a community resident. ○ In the matter of Vestal Road- the committee can not submit Warren’s letter however, Warren can submit it as an individual. ○ This reduces the risk of being an annoyance, however, it may not be an effective approach. ○ Since the committee advises BMTS, it would be beneficial 	<p>Scott will speak with Steve about the possibility of direct communication between this committee and the planning committee (such as a written report or annual meeting).</p>

	<p>to collect information and compile it into a report that can be submitted at BMTS' Planning Committee meetings. The Planning Committee meets quarterly. This area needs to be discussed further and will remain as a standing agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Success story- Marian Apts. (implementation of sidewalks). Steve designated that area as a spot fix and was able to push it through without going through the Planning and Policy Committees. ● Bollard Educational Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott showed a sample of what the bike parking bollard stencils will look like. 	
<i>Other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action Atlas- will be discussed at next meeting. ● There is discussion about having a summer hiatus for meetings. At the next meeting, will decide on whether to take a break from meetings, and if yes, whether it will be July or August. ● Route 434 Greenway Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scoping document will be approved soon and it will then go into the design phase, where design alternatives are looked at in detail and a preferred design is chosen. ○ BMTS will be able to review the draft design report for the project. 	
Next Meeting	Monday, June 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.	

Adjourn: 3:13 p.m.