

**BMTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
**Notes from the meeting held on Monday, September 17, 2007**  
**5th Floor Planning Conference Room**  
**Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building**

**Present:** Don Robertson, Scott Reigle, Al Sunderwirth, Greg Patinka, Kris Gilbert, Warren Wetzelberg, and Christine Muss

**Absent with Excuse:** Erin Kavanagh, Steven Bard, and Toby Wollin

1. The meeting was **convened at 1:37 PM**. The **July 9<sup>th</sup>** minutes were approved as written.

**2. Announcements and Status Reports**

- **News articles and announcements** are sent out in a monthly emailing, around the time the Committee Meeting agenda & minutes are sent out. They are also available in .pdf (Acrobat) format on the BMTS website ([www.bmtsonline.com](http://www.bmtsonline.com)) in the REPORTS section. The direct link is [http://www.gobroomecounty.com/departments/BMTS\\_reports.php](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/departments/BMTS_reports.php).
- **REPORT – Chris Thater Memorial – Bike Rodeo**  
This event took place on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 PM. It was a disappointing turnout with only eight children completing the bike rodeo. However, the lack of participants allowed more time to be spent at the bike inspection station, which was useful since most of the bikes the children rode were in very bad condition. A different method of conducting the bike rodeo was used. Volunteers stayed with the same child and provided instruction & evaluation for each station. Christine liked this method better, but a few stations could use an additional volunteer. Don preferred volunteers each having one station to oversee, but acknowledged the number of volunteers available is an issue.
- **REPORT – Bike Tioga 2007**  
This event took place on August 11 & 12. Al reported that 160 people participated (140 last year). They received positive comments from the participants. Registration cost may increase by \$5 next year. For detailed information on Bike Tioga go to [www.biketiooga.com](http://www.biketiooga.com).

**3. Farmers Market at Otsiningo Park – Bike Helmet Fitting Clinic & Bike Rodeo**

Bike Helmet Fitting Clinic to be held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 – 2 PM. Scott asked the Committee to consider volunteering to help at this event. The process of how the bike fitting clinic works was reviewed. It was noted that several years ago the police had a campaign where they gave a coupon for a free “Frosty” at Wendy’s to those children they encountered wearing a bike helmet. This would be something good to do again. Bike Rodeo to be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM: Scott & Christine will set up the rodeo course at 9 AM and take photos to use for the Bike Rodeo Manual. Scott asked the Committee to consider volunteering to help at this event. Currently, a 100 ft. X 40 ft. area is being set aside for the rodeo, but Scott will try to arrange for more space. The rodeo course used at the Chris Thater Memorial is 100 ft. X 100 ft. Scott will send the Committee a reminder about the rodeo and the need for volunteers.

**4. Bike Rodeo Manual**

Christine went through the manual with the Committee. It is based on Lois Chaplin’s Bike Rodeo Guide, but was modified to meet our specific needs.

It was suggested to get bike rodeos on Cub Scout schedules.

ACTION: *Greg will inform the Cub Scouts about the bike rodeo kit and see what they want to do.*

**5. Safe Routes to School - SRTS** (see [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org) and

<https://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/operating/opdm/local-programs-bureau/srts>)

NYS announced the program, but no guidance on how the program will operate has been distributed yet. This will take place during autumn. Training will also need to be given to the NYSDOT Regional SRTS Coordinators and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO’s) (NOTE: BMTS is an MPO.) before the SRTS program is publicized.

BMTS will be teaming with NYSDOT Region 9, the Broome County Health Dept., and the HEART Coalition to spread the word. **October 3<sup>rd</sup> is International Walk Your Child to school Day**, with events being held through coordination efforts of the aforementioned team. SRTS information will also be given out during the **October 5<sup>th</sup> APHERD meeting** at Chenango Valley High School. Scott will also be attending the National SRTS Conference in Dearborn, MI from November 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 6. Online Transportation Guide

The Rural Health Network of South Central NY (RHN) is developing a web-based transportation service inventory for Broome, Tioga, and Delaware Counties. This project is called for in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan completed by BMTS during March 2007. The Tioga County information is now up on the website (see <http://www.ruralhealthnetwork.org/transportation1.aspx>). Scott distributed a printout of the website and asked the Committee to use the site and send comments to Ben Raindorf whose email address is on the website. This is a work in progress so comments are appreciated. The RHN is also working with several partner organizations to produce a hard copy of the transportation directory. The Broome County Council of Churches received a grant that will be used to design & print the directory. Ongoing maintenance of the transportation inventory will be done at least annually by the RHN.

### 7. Action Items

- **Vestal Rd. (Jensen Rd. to African Rd.):** For details, refer to minutes from previous meetings.  
ACTION: *Warren needs to re- survey this stretch of Vestal Road to determine recommended treatments. He will draft a letter to be sent to the Town of Vestal, the County, and Cc NYSDOT Region 9.*
- **Riverside Dr. (JC Roundabout to Lourdes Hospital):** For details, refer to minutes from previous meetings.  
ACTION: *Review Erin's draft letter before sending it to NYSDOT Region 9.*

### 8. Other

- ACTION: *At the November Committee meeting, provide a summary report of the BC Transit Surveys recently completed.*
- Does Broome County have a policy about repaving roads for the full width (i.e. including the shoulders)? Pennsylvania Ave. in the Town of Binghamton was not repaved full width.
- Bikeable and Walkable Owego (BAWO) will present at the next Town of Owego Board meeting to ask for funding to do an engineering study to provide a cost estimate for a trail from the Town of Vestal line to the Apalachin Bridge parking area / boat launch. The BMTS Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee also discussed options for a bridge to traverse Choconut Creek on Phase 2 of the Vestal Rail-Trail, which extends westward to Castle Gardens.

### 9. Meeting Dates for the Next Two Months

- Monday, November 19, 2007 at 1:30 PM
- Monday, January 14, 2008 at 1:30 PM

### 10. Adjourned at 3:04 PM

Scott Reigle, Recorder