

BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
March 8, 2007

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Daria Golazeski at 10:10 AM.

Roll call

Members present:

Daria Golazeski, Chair, Village of Johnson City

Peter Olevano, Vice Chair, Town of Union

Pamela Eshbaugh, NYSDOT Region 9

Rita Petkash, Broome County Planning, represented by Gail Domin

Gary Crandell, Broome County Public Transportation

Gary Campo, Town of Vestal

Ed Gent, Town of Chenango

Elaine Jardine, Tioga County

Advisory Members present:

Stacy Merola, Broome County Environmental Management Council

Bob Augernstern

Others present:

Steven Gayle, BMTS staff

Cyndi Paddick, BMTS staff

Scott Reigle, BMTS staff

John Sterbentz, BMTS staff

- Approval of the minutes of February 1, 2007 . Moved Pete Olevano, second Rita Petkash. Approved by consensus.

The Chair provided an opportunity for public comment. None was offered.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Draft 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment: and recommending Policy Committee approval.

Steven Gayle briefed the Committee on the contents of the TIP project tables including Transit and FHWA and reviewed the Federal money appropriation. It was recommended that Resolution 2007-05 be approved in two parts; ammendment of the resolution to delete statement recommending Policy Committee approval and releasing the draft TIP program for public comment.

Resolution 2007-05, Releasing Draft 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program ammendment of the resolution to delete statement recommending Policy Committee approval and releasing the draft TIP program for public comment. Moved Ron. Second Pete Olevano



- Resolution 2007-02, Recommending BMTS Policy Committee approval of the Draft 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program Central Staff Staffing Plan. Because of the uncertainty of the staff titles, a motion was made by Weissmann, second Gent to authorize the Program & Finance Subcommittee to make a recommendation on the Staffing Plan at such time as Broome County Personnel completes their work and recommends new titles. Approved by consensus.

#### ACTION ITEMS: 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program

Steven Gayle asked Mark Bowers to address this item. Bowers explained that the amendment would permit the addition of a "Phase 0" to the I-81/NY 17 Prospect Mountain project to construct high mast lighting prior to the construction phase. This will both improve lighting in the short term, and remain in place for the new roadway alignment. No new money is being programmed; the cost is being extracted from the Phase 1 funding.

- Resolution 2007-03, Recommending BMTS Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program. Moved Weissmann, second Campo. Approved by consensus.

#### ACTION ITEMS: 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program.

Steven Gayle explained that a task in the current UPWP, the transit on-board survey, was being conducted by the Binghamton University Department of Public Administration, through a graduate survey methods course. A result of that arrangement is that there is virtually no cost expect for printing and postage for survey forms.

The Broome County Executive had requested a household based telephone survey to learn about residents' attitudes toward public transit. Such a survey was last conducted in 1996 as part of the Broome County Transit System Assessment. It was the intent to include the survey in the 2007-2008 UPWP, but by amending the current UPWP to take advantage of the money saved on the on-board survey, the work could begin sooner.

Steve asked Elaine Jardine if it would be useful to include the BMTS portion of Tioga County. She responded that a similar transit assessment had been done for Tioga in 2002, so there was no need for an update.

- Resolution 2007-04, Recommending BMTS Policy Committee approval of an amendment to the 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program. Moved Jardine, second Gent. Approved by consensus.

#### DISCUSSION ITEM: 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program

Steven Gayle stated that work was continuing on developing the Draft TIP. All candidate local projects have been scored, based on the new program goals and scoring system that the Planning and Policy Committee had approved. This includes both new candidates received in response to this year's solicitation; and candidates that had been submitted for the 2006-2010 TIP which had not been funded.

Pam Eshbaugh stated that NYSDOT finding it difficult to make program work within the financial parameters they had been given. The Design unit had done a deliverability analysis of all of the current projects, which has resulted in further shifts within the program. This is not yet final.

Steve noted that the TIP Subcommittee will meet immediately following the Planning Committee meeting.

#### DISCUSSION ITEM: Main Street Corridor Study

Steven Gayle stated that a draft had been completed and circulated to the Mayors of Binghamton, Johnson City, and Endicott; and the Supervisor of the Town of Union. The plan took a new look at what had been previously prepared, and reduced the proposed scenarios from five to three. These are a pedestrian activity/context sensitive scenario, a commercial thoroughfare scenario, and a technology based safety scenario. Based on feedback from the local governments, he will schedule public meetings.

Dee Golazeski stated that she had reviewed the plan on behalf of the Mayor, and had brought comments with her.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.