

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2008**

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

Convene: 1:34 p.m.

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
Approve November 26 th Meeting Minutes	Toby- Motion to accept Erin-Seconded	Accepted
Announcements and Status Reports	Scott Reported- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Bridge Pedal Sub-Committee Meeting January 16th, 2008 at 11 AM. 	
Changes for 2008	Erin reviewed new things for 2008- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food will now be provided at meetings. Committee has been awarded a \$10 food budget per meeting. • The Committee will now meet monthly rather than bi-monthly. • Committee Elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair- Erin Kavanagh ○ Vice Chair- Don Robertson ○ Secretary- Christine Muss • Who we are and a non-comprehensive list of how we are linked in the community... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greg Patinka- NYSDOT Region 9 (Design) ○ Kris Gilbert- NYSDOT (Landscaping) ○ Don Robertson- Retired DOT employee, current president of STBC, avid cyclist ○ Toby Wollin- Concerned citizen and active cyclist ○ Christine Muss- BCHD Traffic Safety Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toby will bring snacks for February meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Erin Kavanagh- AVRE, DOT Bike/Pedestrian Committee Member ○ Steven Bard- Concerned citizen, member of STBC, volunteers at Boys and Girls Club fixing up bikes ○ Nathan Wright- Broome County Planning Dept. ○ Scott Reigle- BMTS (Senior Transportation Planner), Bikeable Walkable Owego, DOT Bike/Pedestrian Committee Member, Binghamton River Trails Initiative Design Oversight, Safe Routes to School Team ○ Warren Wetzelberg- Avid cyclist, 2 ½ miles of adopted highway 	
<p>Review of 2007 Activities and Events</p>	<p><i>Please Refer to Handout</i> Things that were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Still design errors in Greenway Project on Water Street. The Binghamton River Trails Initiative Development/Design Team is Following-up on this. <p><u>Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toby reported on the Kilmer Building- Frank Whitney (owner) will be adding bike parking at own expense to building ● Don reported that Paul Gregory is retiring ● Greg reported on the new bike lanes in Owego 	
<p>Goals Outlined in BMTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan</p>	<p><i>Please Refer to Handout</i> Things that were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christine reported the bike rodeos may be implemented in the schools due to the possible SRTS Funding ● Christine reported that BU has a Student Volunteer Center that may be of some assistance for the bike rodeos and any futures events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Volunteer Center Contact Information Ross Sicherman (President) svc@sa.binghamton.edu 845-641-6024
<p>2008 Calendar of Events</p>	<p><i>Please Refer to Handout</i> Things that were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scott attended the SRTS Information Workshop ● Lois Chaplin may be involved in the March meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scott will contact Lois and discuss possibilities of her assisting in DOT training.

	<p>regarding DOT Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September- may host a 2nd Historic Bridge Pedal Event Erin proposed that each Event (Bridge Pedals, Bike Rodeos, Walk N Roll and DOT Training) have a sub-committee associated with it. Erin will chair DOT Training Sub-Committee and Scott will chair Walk N Roll Sub-Committee Erin proposed that a representative from each sub-committee report on activities at each meeting. Agenda for meetings will now read “Announcements and Sub-Committee Reports” 	
Review of Projects	<p><i>Please Refer to Handout</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects are considered ongoing issues Erin noted that in the past our problems with projects have been advertising and fundraising/sponsorships. 	
Review of Advocacy and Comments	<p><i>Please Refer to Handout</i></p>	
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bollard Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do people understand how to use them? Blog? Warren reported on Vestal Rd. to African Rd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter was drafted to Broome County Commissioner of Public Works Erin reported on Riverside Dr. Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter was drafted to DOT regarding striping for bike lanes Will update as details become available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kris will put together a flyer with bollard education Christine will accept any articles regarding bicycle and pedestrian issues and display them in the bi-monthly Broome County Traffic Safety Board Newsletter
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Josh Poppel, Exec. Dir. Of the New York Bicycling Coalition (NYBC) is invited to next meeting Chris Klein (NYSDOT Reg. 9) is invited to March meeting to discuss issues regarding the Pedestrian Bridge over I-81. 	
Next Meeting	Monday, February 11, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.	

Adjourn: 3:03pm

BMTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

1. Welcome to 2008!

2. New (and not so new):

- **Food**
- **Committee Elections (Introductions)**
- **Who we are**
 - o Links: NYSDDOT Region 9, Broome County Health Department, Binghamton Traffic Board, GTSC, PAST, BAWO, Binghamton River Trails Initiative Design Oversight Subcommittee, Coordinated Transportation Committee, Health Committee, SRTS Team, Southern Tier Bicycle Club

3. What we've been doing and where we were in 2007

4. What's coming in 2008

5. Our Goals as outlined in the BMTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, June 1996 (identifying letters added):

Role of Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Transportation/Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee:

- ◆ **(A)** Serve as a focal point for public participation in implementation of the BMTS bicycle and pedestrian plan.
- ◆ **(B)** Assist BMTS Central Staff in developing a public education and marketing plan to promote a "Share the Road" safety consciousness and encourage cycling and walking.
- ◆ **(C)** Review and comment on pedestrian and bicycle safety education programs.
- ◆ **(D)** Assist BMTS in informing public of new pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- ◆ **(E)** Comment on project priorities in conjunction with BMTS staff and committees; recommend system improvements.
- ◆ **(F)** Provide volunteer staff for promotional events.
- ◆ **(G)** Assist BMTS Central Staff in developing system maps; assist in distribution.
- ◆ **(H)** Advocate needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

2007

Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APS Installation Announcement - Review of Owego Intersections with DOT for Ped Accommodations
Feb	
Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BMTS Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Completed
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating Walkable Communities Conference, Corning, 17th-18th - BC Transit onboard survey conducted
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Bike Week (13th-19th) - Trails for the Southern Tier Conference, Apalachin, 23rd
Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk N Roll (11th-17th): Change from May; New Giant Bag Ad and Flyers; Pseudo Sub-Committee created; B-Mets on the 14th; Lots of Giveaways; Co-ord with Rivercrawl for Mini Rodeo on the 15th - Complete Streets Workshop, Binghamton, 28th - BC Transit household phone surveys conducted
Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridge Pedal (8th): Sub-Committee Created; Joined with PAST, SHA, Broome County, City of Binghamton, Bike Shops; Flyers, Maps, and Web Promo - Bike Rodeo Kit Reviewed (received by Christine in May): Created by Eagle Scout Chris Stanley; Christine adjusted the kit container added to its contents, and created a manual for use - Schimmering Fun Fest Bike Rodeo (2nd) - Minutes changed (condensed)
Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike Tioga (11th- 12th): 160 participants; Trails Extended. - Chris Thater Bike Rodeo, 25th
Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helmet Fitting at Otsiningo Park Farmer's Market (22nd)
Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike Rodeo at Otsiningo Park Farmer's Market (20th)
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perils for Pedestrians started airing weekly - SRTS Conference in Michigan, 4th-7th - Elections: addition of Vice Chair and Secretary - Decision to resume meeting monthly and include snacks
Dec	

2007

- BAWO pursued funding for a cost assessment to extend the Vestal Rail Trail from Castle Gardens to the Boat Launch in Owego
- The Rail Trail Extension to Castle Gardens was reviewed and options for a bridge over Choconut Creek was discussed (connections made)
- The Greenway project extended up Water St. from Clinton St. Errors during construction were remedied
- DOT launched a new Bike/Ped Website
- BITT: the preliminary design concept was reviewed – comments were provided on the Environmental Assessment (ADA language was added)
- Scott was on T.V. twice! – walking to work and Bike Rodeos
- Court St. Gateway Project Draft Design Report – Comments were submitted (emphasis was placed on educating the public regarding safe use of roundabouts)
- RHN of South Central NY created an online Transportation Services Inventory which was reviewed by the committee
- Complete Streets Mini Grants were awarded to the Town of Union (curb ramps) and the City of Binghamton (30 bike parking bollards)
- Striping Riverside Dr. in JC was explored for traffic calming

2008

Jan	-SRTS Informational Workshop in Binghamton (7 th)
Feb	-Sub-Committee Meetings -Giant Bag Ad Due
Mar	-DOT Training
Apr	-SRTS Applications Due
May	-Bike Month -National Bike to Work Week (12-16)
Jun	-Walk N Roll -Schimmerling Fun Fest Rodeo
Jul	-Bridge Pedal?
Aug	-Chris Thater Rodeo
Sep	-Bridge Pedal?
Oct	-Walk Child to School Day -Farmer's Market Rodeo
Nov	
Dec	-Elections

Events (Sub-committees):

1. Bridge Pedal
2. Bike Rodeos
3. Walk N Roll
4. DOT Training

Advocacy & Comments:

1. BITT
2. Traffic Calming on Riverside
3. Vestal Rd. Cycling (Jensen to African)
4. Repaving Policies to include shoulders
5. I-88 Cycling Statement
6. Shorten URL for DOT Bike/Ped Website
7. RHN Transportation Guide
8. SRTS

Projects:

1. Giveaways for Events
2. Distribution of Flyers for Events
3. Update the Map (Parking Bollards, Website)
4. Advertising – Use of PSA's, Notice of Trail closings
5. Fundraising?

Links:

1. New committee members? BAWO, Heart Coalition