



New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations **WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

WORKING GROUP: SAFETY WORKING GROUP

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Conference Call

LIST OF ATTENDEES BY ORGANIZATION:

Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council – A/GFTC: Kate Mance
Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study – BMTS: Thomas Sullivan
Capital District Transportation Committee – CDTC: Sandy Misiewicz
Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council – ECTC: Mike Perry
Genesee Transportation Council – GTC: Bob Torzynski
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council – GBNRTC: Hector Boggio
Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study – HOCTS: Ethan Brennan
Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council – ITCTC: Fernando deAragon
Orange County Transportation Council – OCTC: Ashlee Long
Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council – PDCTC: Emily Dozier
Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council – SMTC: Mike Alexander
Ulster County Transportation Council – UCTC: David Staas
New York State Department of Transportation – NYSDOT: Rob Limoges, Robert Zitowsky,
Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee – GTSC: Chuck DeWeese
Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research – ITSMR: Renee Varone
Cornell Local Roads Program – CLRP: David Orr

MINUTES:

1. **Meeting Notes** – December 9, 2015 (attached)
Misiewicz asked for comments. Notes accepted as written
2. **Working Group Items**
 - Final Draft 2016 Work Plan Discussion (attached)
Misiewicz notes draft has been submitted for review by the MPO Directors. All Work Plans will be presented on the January 22 Directors’ conference call.
Updates, based on input and new information:
 - Pedestrian Action Plan: there will be a meeting end of January
 - MAP-21 Performance measures: HSIP Final rule expected in January, Safety Performance Final Rule now February, Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Final Rule in May.
 - ALIS training: Sattinger available for training immediately on our schedule. Discuss preferred locations, dates. Would include Syracuse, where 2015 training failed due to technical problems
Dozier: PDCTC would prefer Albany or Hudson Valley location
Limoges: There is training room capability at NYSDOT Main Office. Need feedback on training content. Do MPOs want ALIS 101, or just a focus on new features?
Training may include information of features that the MPOs would benefit from (network screening, reports), and those that may require ALIS enhancements. Also, planning on doing a Downstate training; this may be already scheduled.



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- Speed management course. After the December meeting, McDevitt notified us that NHI is developing a course. It may be ready for a pilot presentation; this could happen in New York.
Gayle explains (he is involved in developing other NHI courses) that by the time the contractor is presenting the pilot the course material has been thoroughly reviewed by FHWA and NHI staff. They will likely only do a single pilot location.
Misiewicz will follow up with McDevitt.
- Low Cost safety improvement course. Interest from ECTC. Will remain in Work Plan.
- Data Needs: The Traffic Records Coordinating Council will start meeting in January.
- Speed data collaboration project; Dozier will lead.
Dozier: There are 2 approaches. NYSDOT uses ALIS to identify locations with high occurrence of speed related crashes; second approach to look at speed data collected through traffic count program. PDCTC collects this data, does not know about other MPOs. UCTC has been developing a tool to pull speed data into Excel. She will follow up with Sattinger. Suggests a small group to work out methodology.
Torzynski – may have interest
ACTION: Email Dozier with (1) interest in participating, and (2) MPO availability of speed data.
- Safety Education Peer Exchange and Toolkit. Follow up on pedestrian safety campaign, collaboration among NYSDOT, GTSC, NYSDOHealth. DOH has lead, others are waiting to see materials.
Limoges: NYSDOT is working on and MOU with NYSDOH to deliver outreach component of the campaign (media buys...) and additional PSAs (one already developed, to be unveiled soon). When MOU signed, develop additional content, working with GTSC. The benefit is being on the same page, uniform messaging directed at public. Possible June rollout. DeWeese concurs.
- Federal Legislation updates – FAST Act, 2016 Appropriations (attached)
Misiewicz reviewed the AMPO summary. Noted most safety items are related to assets, motor carriers, and rail. New freight program addresses safety little; highway-rail grade crossing program. New Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) replaces STP. TAP changed to a setaside.
Gayle notes that Ron Epstein prepared a summary on behalf of NYSDOT; has been distributed to the MPO Directors. Notes that HSIP can no longer be used for non-infrastructure purposes.
DeWeese: On the whole, the safety community sees it as positive. They can flex NHTSA money; money for ped and bike; easier funding application for GDL and distracted driving. Motorcycle checkpoints cannot be funded with Section 402.
Limoges: Notes flexing of HSIP does not apply to back money, creates need to obligate old money
Gayle: notes that TAP eligibility has been expanded to permit non-profits to sponsor.
- Walk-Bike NY Call for Abstracts (attached)
Conference in Sept in Syracuse; abstracts due end of January. Thoughts about collaborative presentation, or for fall safety conference.
PDCTC plans to submit, possibly on sidewalk studies
ACTION: Email to Misiewicz by end of week with presentation interest/ideas

3. Partnerships/Coordination

- NYSDOT
 - Safety Action Plans
Limoges reported – no major update on Action Plans; consumed by reviewing HSIP applications (74 received). Plan to have recommendations by end of January for subsequent award.
Developing scope for consultant support contracts for signal evaluation and uncontrolled crossings – engineering component.



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Looking at rollout of Pedestrian Action Plan at the end of January.
Lane Departure Action Plan – still doing data analysis to determine primary causal factors (horizontal curve, lighting, pavement condition, shoulder width...)

- ITSMR
 - Public Crash Record Database
 - Varone reported on schedule to be up by February. Access crash packets from GTSC website, but ticket information will be available only through GTSC. Will be doing training for creating reports, access for pre-established reports, querying depending on permissions.
 - Dozier: How will MPOs be notified?
 - Varone: Not certain how MPOs will be notified, she will check. Misiewicz should receive information and can disseminate.
- GTSC
 - DeWeese reports (1) TRCC starting; NHTSA requires triennial traffic records assessment; now done electronically, Anne Dowling helping coordinate; (2) 2014 great year – down in every category (fatal, injuries) only increase in bicycle (40- 47 fatalities); 2015 is showing an increase (up 100+ fatalities from 2014) (3) NYPD e-transmit in progress; start receiving PDFs; then Phase 2 to seamless transition a couple of years.
- Cornell Local Roads Program
 - Orr reports finalized contract with NY; launching spring workshop schedule. Roadway departure course to 2 or 3 new locations; trade with NJ LTAP for ADA training.
- NHTSA
 - Purdy not on call, no report
- FHWA
 - McDevitt not on call, no report

5. Training/Conferences

- FHWA Data-Driven Safety Analysis Team “How-To” webinar series begins on January 27, 2016. The topic is Safety Analysis of Freeways and Interchanges from 1:00 – 3:00 pm EST. (attached)
- *Leading Effective Traffic Enforcement: An FHWA Roadway Safety Noteworthy Practices Webinar*
Date: January 26, 2016, Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET. For more information and to register visit: https://rspcb.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/noteworthy/webinar_maryland_LETEP.aspx.
- September 13-14, 2016. Walk-Bike New York Livable Communities Symposium. Visit www.itsmr.org in May for registration

NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.