



**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs  
TRANSIT WORKING GROUP  
May 21, 2019  
Teleconference  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Participating**

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- CDTC – Carrie Ward
- DCTC – Mark Debald
- HOCTS – Barbara Hauck
- NYSDOT – Lisa Cataldo
- NYSDOT – Kent Sopris
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- Tompkins County – Dwight Mengel
- WJCTC – Barbara Cadwell
- North Front Range MPO – Alex Gordon
- Planning4Places – Jim Levy

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**1. Introductions**

M. Colone opened the meeting.

**2. Approval of Meeting Notes – March Teleconference**

The meeting notes were reviewed and approved for posting to the nysmpo.org website.

**3. Peer Presentation**

Alex Gordon from the North Front Range MPO provided an overview & presentation on their Mobility Coordination Program. Several questions were asked by Working Group members. The North Front Range is a stand-alone MPO and they are a lead grant recipient and they have staff with grant management experience. Regarding non-emergency medical transportation, there is a 9-county brokerage (the MPO only covers two counties) that provides service primarily through 1 taxi company. It was noted that the Volunteer Transportation Center in Watertown is the largest volunteer transportation service in NYS.

**4. NYSDOT Update**

Kent Sopris noted that NYSDOT is in the process of finalizing the next 5310 & 5311 solicitation. NYSDOT is working with OGS on the next bus contract which expires in 2019. An RFI was released and based on that information it is anticipated an RFP will be released in a few weeks. The next 17-A reporting application is expected to be released in a few weeks. There are no substantive changes in the reporting documents.

## **5. MPO Updates**

### **a. DCTC/OCTC/UCTC**

Mark Debald provided an update on the Connect Mid-Hudson Transit Study. Currently a service assessment and service analysis is being developed by the consultant.

### **b. BMTS**

Scott Reigle noted that BMTS is starting an LRTP update. June will be a significant month for public outreach and transit is represented on the committee and will have two separate stakeholder meetings. The Southern Tier Independence Center (representing the disabled population in 2 counties) has noted that transit is still a major need for the disabled and paratransit is a specific area where there is significant need. UBER and LYFT has hurt ridership in the area and they generally aren't sufficient for ADA use as vehicles are not typically accessible. Another big need identified already is for more affordable housing located along/near transit lines – most affordable housing is located off the transit network which makes it inaccessible for their clients.

## **6. NYSAMPO Conference**

Everyone was reminded to register for the Conference ASAP if they haven't done so already. There will not be a Transit Working Group meeting at the Conference.

## **7. Other?**

Scott Reigle asked about training opportunities at the Conference.

## **Action Items**

- Identify any potential speakers/topics for the September Teleconference Call