



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP

**September 8, 2020
Conference Call
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- GTC – Joe Bovenzi (Chair)
- CDTC – Andrew Tracy
- CS – Rich Denbow
- FHWA – Tim Crothers
- GBNRTC – Hal Morse
- GBNRTC – Mike Davis
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- SMTC – Mario Colone

1. Introductions

Joe Bovenzi welcomed Working Group (WG) members and kicked off the meeting.

2. Buffalo-Niagara Integrated Corridor Management: Analysis, Modeling, and Simulation

Mike Davis from GBNRTC presented on Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) work underway in the Buffalo region. GBNRTC has taken an Analysis Modeling and Simulation (AMS) approach, which helps agencies identify optimum combinations of ICM strategies and confirm the strategies will have their intended effects, before investing in them. Mike covered the ICM partnership team assembled for this effort and ICM goals, data sources, and model calibration details.

Mike summarized the potential ICM strategies identified by the ICM team and their application for several event types (typical AM/PM commute, vehicle crash, large sporting event, holiday, and snow event). Various strategy scenarios were tested with seven base conditions, for a total of 75 strategy combinations. GBNRTC also estimated crashes that would be prevented with ICM deployment and monetized the cost savings. ICM strategies were packaged to develop a project cost and a benefit/cost ratio was developed. The evaluation of the ICM deployments showed expected benefits in excess of expected costs. All analyzed strategies show potential net positive benefits when considering both mobility and safety benefits. Mike also discussed implementation plans for the I-190 corridor and border crossings.

[See attached presentation for further details.]

3. FHWA “Planning for Reliability” Training Seminar

FHWA is developing “Planning for Reliability” training seminar that will focus on how MPOs can institutionalize their congestion management programs and reliability measures into their overall planning process. Joe is working with FHWA to provide the seminar for NYSAMPO and it would be open to all NYSAMPO members. FHWA developed a draft outline, which Joe sent to the TSMO WG for review and comment. Tim Crothers asked WG members to pass along any topics they would like to see covered during the seminar.

4. NYSAMPO Working Group Collaboration

The NYSAMPO staff consultants and some of the NYSAMPO WG chairs recently held coordination calls to discuss collaboration opportunities related to each WG Work Plan and potential for webinars. From those discussions, it was decided that a series of webinars will be scheduled to occur approximately once a month. The webinars will be open to all NYSAMPO members and may take the place of a regular WG meeting time slot or be held separately. There is interest in getting AICP Certification Maintenance credits for participants who attend the webinars. Details and potential topics are currently under discussion.

5. TSMO WG 2021 Meeting Schedule

The 2021 dates for TSMO WG meetings are March 9, June 8, September 14, and December 14. All meetings will take place from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

6. Roundtable

Joe reported that GTC is starting a ICM planning project for I-490, one of the main interstate corridors in the Greater Rochester area. He noted that this project would not be as involved as the GBNRTC project in terms of modeling work. He would keep the WG apprised of GTC’s progress as it advances this project.

NYS DOT recently released a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit input on the design of a Statewide Mobility Services Program (SMSP). The information may be used to help inform the development of an RFP, and NYSDOT is requesting responses from a broad range of organizations, including service providers, industry and civic associations, consultants, colleges and universities, and other interested parties, on how to structure an innovative approach and develop strategies to reduce congestion and greenhouse gas and other emissions from the transportation sector. Strategies may include increase bicycle and pedestrian travel, reduce reliance on SOV travel, optimize and integrate the transportation system, enhance safety and accessibility of public transportation services, and others. Members may be interested in discussing this with NYSDOT. If so, the Directors may send comments to NYSDOT staff on the Directors Group. Joe will distribute the RFI to the WG members.

7. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.