



**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs
TRANSIT WORKING GROUP
September 18, 2017
Teleconference
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM**

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- CDTC – Carrie Ward
- DCTC – Mark Debald
- ECTC – Tina Hager
- HOCTS – Barbara Hauck
- OCTC – Rob Parrington
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- UCTC – David Staas
- WJCTC – Barbara Cadwell
- WJCTC – Jennifer Cross-Hodge
- NYSDOT – Tom Vaughan
- NYSDOT – Kent Sopris
- Planning4Places – Jim Levy

1. Introductions

M. Colone opened the meeting.

2. 5310 & 5311 Solicitation Updates

K. Sopris provided an overview of 5311 applications. NYSDOT is awaiting scores and applications from two regions. Expect these to be submitted by next week. Staff is reviewing any score discrepancies between the Regions and Main Office. If there is a 10 point or more scoring difference the results are going to be reviewed and discussed. Currently scheduling calls with the Regions to review these differences. Final scores should be completed by the end of the month.

K. Sopris then provided an overview of the 5310 solicitation. Applications were due on August 21st. There were three ratings webinars provided for scorers. MPOs will be taking the lead on scoring. Non-disclosure agreements were sent to each MPO. These need to be completed and returned before applications are released for scoring. MPOs are asked to score/rate applications and return them to NYSDOT no later than 6 weeks from the date of receipt. NYSDOT hopes to have these out for review in the next week. K. Sopris can send the rater training webinar to anyone who missed it/needs it. Please contact Kent with any questions.

3. Update on compilation of Performance Measures Resolutions

M. Colone notes that this is a follow-up item to the June in-person meeting. This isn't so much about compiling resolutions as it is an interest item to understand which MPOs have adopted targets and to ensure efforts are being made to move forward as requested by FTA.

CDTC adopted a resolution on September 7th and a copy was provided to M.Colone and J. Levy.

SMTC has targets but they haven't been adopted yet. It is expected adoption will be in the late fall or over the winter.

DCTC has targets from MTA rail and bus. They have drafted a resolution which is expected to be adopted in about a month.

OCTC adopted their targets last month.

ECTC has targets scheduled for discussion in October, review by the Policy Board in November, and plans on adoption in December.

HOCTS does not yet have targets completed.

4. Roundtable Discussion

M. Colone opened up the discussion to anyone to talk about transit system consolidation, as was discussed at the in-person meeting, or any other topic of interest.

D. Staas noted that the MPO is undertaking rate optimization work.

M. Debal discussed the City and County bus operations study that was undertaken several years ago resulted in a consolidation of services effective July 1, 2017. The City of Poughkeepsie has stopped their service and the County has expanded services.

5. Workplan

M. Colone discussed the development of transit fact sheets which have been a task on the Transit Working Group Work Plan for some time. It is time to either progress this task or remove it from the Work Plan. J. Levy briefly discussed the Fact Sheet Overview handout provided with the agenda packet and the options available to create this deliverable. He mentioned the option to create these in a staged manner to see how they are received before creating several different topic fact sheets and the option to leave an area for local input so that they are somewhat customized to a particular MPO region.

M. Debal felt that these would be helpful and suggested that a broad topic regarding how transit is funded would be useful. This would cover topics such as urbanized areas, relationship to DOT, STOA, and local matches.

T. Hager noted that fixed-route service is the only element applicable to her MPO.

M. Colone stated that he liked the staged approach and the idea of leaving space for a customized local discussion. He recommended that two fact sheets be developed that are generally applicable anywhere the state.

It was generally agreed that the project should proceed and that the first two fact sheets would focus on fixed-route service and funding.

C. Ward, M. Colone, M. Debald, and J. Cross-Hodge will serve as a subcommittee for development of these fact sheets.

M. Colone asked anyone with additional thoughts on moving forward (or not) to email the group. If nothing is received, we will proceed with developing the fact sheets.

Action Items

The following were noted for follow-up by the Chairperson:

- Next Meeting – End of 2017
- J. Levy to begin working on the two Transit Working Group Fact Sheet(s).