

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs

MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS/CMP WORKING GROUP

NOVEMBER 20, 2014

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- CDTC - Sree Nampoothiri
- GTC - Joe Bovenzi
- HOCTS - Richard Reichert
- NYMTC - Jan Khan
- PDCTC- Mark Debald
- SMTC - Mario Colone
- NYSDOT - Michele Bager

2. Working Group 2015-2016 Work Program

Bovenzi introduced the draft he had prepared and distributed, noting it was based on the Mission Statement that had been adopted earlier, and asked for comments.

Khan: the concepts are comprehensive. For Knowledge Transfer, should we include sharing information in training that might be offered by Feds on M&O, CMP?

For Items 4&5, this should include integration into LRTP.

Bovenzi : Agreed, intended that Item 4 say LRTP, not CMP. The group could prepare a guidance document on incorporating M&O into the LRTP.

Gayle: Explains the purpose of having Working Group Work Programs, noting that they coincide with the UPWP year. (1) Provides guidance to Working Group members on what they want to accomplish, and allows them to track progress; (2) facilitates reporting to NYSDOT, who provides some FHWA SPR funding for this part of the staff services contract; and (3) the consolidated programs assist the Directors in planning for demands on the staff services contract.

Bovenzi: At yesterday's Climate Change WG meeting, they proposed a collaborative effort with the M&O WG on learning more about how MPOs are measuring the TSMO contribution to emissions reduction

Khan agrees this is a good idea

Colone: SMTC has looked at this, not for every project, although they are now in attainment and conformity no longer applies. Have done a number of signal optimization projects; review all of Onondaga County signals, optimize timings; optimize Syracuse CBD signals. Notes it is up to the municipality to implement timings, after which measures of improvement could be done.

Gayle: There was also a discussion on creating a collaborative relationship with the Climate Change WG and the Modeling WG on Connected and autonomous vehicles. Notes that in a session at AMPO it was discussed that there is a lot of focus on the technology, little on the planning impacts. This was borne out at a recent UTRC Symposium in Albany, where the topic of travel demand was not discussed.

Bager: Is there a difference on vehicle functionality by mode, like transit AVI, or commercial vehicles?

Gayle: There is little mention of transit in this work; a brief mentions of urban freight movement.

Bovenzi: What is the appropriate awareness at MPOs and NYSDOT for planning, project design?

Colone: Another useful topic is how MPOs are doing evaluation of CMP actions.

ACTION ITEM: Bovenzi will revise and distribute a Draft Work Program the week of Dec 8 for review by group members. The final is due to the MPO Directors for their review on Dec 19.

3. Roundtable

a. I-95 Corridor Coalition Operations Academy

Bovenzi reported on his experience attending the Academy. It is an intensive 2 week training program on TSMO. Excellent training. 33 students, 5 small groups. The only other MPO rep was Eric Hill of Metroplan Orlando. George Schoener of the Coalition presented on linking planning and operations, and the challenges.

Focus on highway operations; not much on freight, transit, intermodal connections.

Mostly on freeway ops, incident management, only a little on arterial ops.

Field trip – ride along with CHART help trucks. [Coordinated Highways Action Response Team, operated by Maryland DOT and State Police. See www.chart.state.md.us]

b. NYSDOT activities in M&O

No report.

c. FHWA report

Appel has accepted a new position at USDOT Office of the Secretary. There is no current FHWA member. the NY Division office will be contacted.

4. Next meeting

January 26, 2015. The group will meet bimonthly on the fourth Monday of every other month at 1:00 PM

5. Other items

ACTION ITEM: With Appel's departure, need a new Vice-Chair. Anyone who is interested contact Bovenzi and Gayle.

Gayle reported on the FHWA project on Incorporating Reliability into the CMP, on which he had previously reported. The Primer is completed and publication. FHWA will offer workshops on the topic to share the knowledge. Gayle will help teach a pilot workshop in Philadelphia on Dec 8. There will be 11 workshops in 2015. He will work with NYSDOT on having one offered in New York.