

NYSAMPO
Transit Working Group
February 9 , 2012
MINUTES

☒ Participating

BMTS - Scott Reigle, Jennifer Yonkoski

CDTC - Ann Benware

ECTC - Jim Arey

GTC - Bob Torzynski

PDCTC - Mark Debald

SMTC - Mario Colone

NYSDOT - Marty Neveu, Tom Vaughan, Gennadiy Kosoy

FTA - Nina Chung

1. FTA Triennial Review/MPO perspective

Debald: Operator housed in Dutchess County Planning Dept, so MPO is active role in review - provided socio-economic data, mapping; written agreement in place on MPO and operator responsibilities

Benware: CDTC participates; joint planning efforts (currently 6 transit planning tasks in UPWP); Have written agreement in place, just updated

Colone: Participate as appropriate. Agreements in place. Provide data assistance to CNYRTA

Arey: Chemung County contracts with private operator. Appears MPOs participate more in planning function than capital program planning. Do operators just bring projects to TIP table?

2. Transit TIP/STIP Amendment process

Arey: what is history in terms of process after Policy Committee approval? Does everyone go to NYSDOT to incorporate into STIP?

Vaughan: NYSDOT processes all amendments, whether submitted by operator or MPO. Sometimes when projects show up, go searching for amendment

Colone: SMTC provide electronic copy of resolution to Tom and/or MPO liaison to alert them that eSTIP amendment is coming.

Vaughan: That is very helpful. Don't go to eSTIP often unless they know there is a reason

Arey: Region 6 enters amendments into eSTIP for ECTC.

Vaughan: Reminder to be accurate on match (10% state share).

Neveu: NYSDOT has distributed Draft TIP amendment guidelines from FHWA, but small amount of FTA information.

Vaughan: Main Office needs updates of MPO operating procedures regarding amendment v. administrative modification.

Chung: STIP amendment comes to FTA office when something needs to be corrected for grant to proceed. Usually in crunch time in June-Aug. Rely on Tom Vaughan to ensure MPO follows proper procedure. Need clear information on why amendment is submitted. Not complicated from FTA perspective.

Arey and Chung discussed level of detail needed in TIP in terms of block projects for bus replacement; and programming of illustrative projects.

3. Transit data collection and use

Arey: Do MPOs use peer system data to analyze your system? Does the operator do that?

Benware: CDTC does not have transit model; CDTA has approval to do alternatives analysis for a BRT line. CDTC will develop a model, does data sharing between MPO and RTA

Vaughan: As part of 511NY support, developed a profile for schedule data, now developing a profile for planning data. Access through the Transit Service Information Portal. Close to RFP issuance for planning data that can be used by a variety of users, open data standards.

Also looking at realtime data and fare data profiles. Intend to create one stop location for transit information. RFP will call for support and hosting all profiles. Jim Davis lead.

No specific incentives for operators to upload planning data

Debald: Want comparative data to measure own performance. NTD data is good if sometimes lagging.

4. Transit system and MPO involvement in 511NY

Reviewed under previous item.

Vaughan: Also rideshare through 511; soft launch of program downstate. Also will use in Chemung and Steuben Counties, looking at tools that are desirable. There is a statewide contract; 511NY can provide an additional information outlet for those that have existing rideshare program.

Torzynski: Rolling out rideshare for 9 counties in GTC; set up so transit trip requests are forwarded to 511 trip planning. Concerned about how to integrate GTC rideshare program into state system.

Vaughan: Jim Davis best contact

5. NYSAMPO WG Strategic Planning session April 20

Gayle described this event, and noted that working group chairs will be asked to identify two or three active members to attend.

Those who are interested to contact Jim Arey.

6. Topics for next call

Arey: This group needs to be driven by participants

Benware: Has found working group useful, particularly in the face of staff transitions and new responsibilities.

Debald: MPO Directors have discussed potential impact of programmatic changes in reauthorization, and how MPOs may have to react.

Vaughan: Need to address JARC and NF lapsing dollars. Offers separate call on TIP/STIP, possibly with webinar.

Neveu: Noted that a number of topics were raised at the last call, not all of which have been addressed.

[From December minutes]:

Potential topics: suggested by members:

- ~~Involvement in 511NY program~~
- ~~Transit data collection~~
- Transit security
- Transit development plans
- Addressing transit service reductions
- How do MPOs get involved in transit operations changes
 - Consider having transit agency presentations on conference calls
- Accessibility of bus stops/shelters.

● ~~Triennial review~~

7. Schedule next call
Thursday May 17, 10:00 AM