

NYSAMPO SAFETY WORKING GROUP
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MINUTES

Participating:

A/GFTC - Kate Mance
BMTS - Cyndi Paddick
CDTC - Sandy Misiewicz
ECTC - Mike Perry
GTC - Bob Torzynski
PDCTC - Emily Dozier
SMTC - Mike Alexander
NYSDOT - Rob Limoges; Marty Neveu
FHWA - Emmett McDevitt

- Meeting notes Jan 25, 2012

- SWG Goal Areas

- Data/HSIP

☒ FHWA Focused Approach to Safety [Fact Sheet distributed with packet]

Misiewicz: Participated in conference call with FHWA, NYSDOT, NYMTC, GTSC, for FHWA to learn about what New York State is doing as a Focus State for intersection and pedestrian safety. NYC is a Focus City for pedestrian safety. The FAS program provides access to FHWA Resource Centers, training, and related assistance. NYSDOT most interested in implementing low cost countermeasures statewide.

Other states have done intersection safety plans, which FHWA will provide to New York. NYMTC has been able to use status to bring in training on pedestrian safety. May be able to bring this Upstate.

Limoges: Focus areas are aligned with SHSP. NYSDOT initiatives include countdown signals and rumble strips. Waiting to see what FHWA can offer. NYSDOT constrained by lack funding and staffing.

McDevitt: If there are opportunities to collaborate between NYSDOT and MPOs, perhaps FHWA can help offer solutions. Suggested they look at data geographically to identify problems.

Dozier: Are resources only for NYSDOT and NYMTC?

Misiewicz: May be able to get training courses for the rest of the MPOs.

Misiewicz: Highlights importance of MPO network screening work to identify crash patterns. ITSMR county level summaries are helpful; support with ALIS data. [notes CDTC piloting MPO access to MV-104, ability to correct crash location.]

Torzynski: Concur with Emmett's comments. Look at large scale and identify common factors/approaches.

Perry: Jay Schissell meeting with GTSC Tuesday in Elmira concerning recent pedestrian crashes; will send news video on Elmira incidents.

Limoges: Is Region 6 involved in response? Perry : believe so

☒ Countermeasures [FHWA memo on proven countermeasures distributed with packet.]

Misiewicz: More detail on specific countermeasures in online resources, especially Crash Modification Factors Clearinghouse (<http://www.cmfclearinghouse.org>) and FHWA Safety (<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures>)

☒ Crash Data Podcasts

Misiewicz: As previously notified, these have been released for use by enforcement community. Initial feedback from Syracuse area is positive. MPOs can encourage enforcement agencies to use the podcasts.

Dozier: Sent to Dutchess County TSB and police contacts.

Misiewicz: Working to get on NYSATSB agenda for next meeting.

○ MPO Safety Planning Peer Exchange

☒ Safety Scan was reviewed

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○ Human Behaviors Subcommittee

☒ Complete Streets Fact Sheet

Gayle: RSG still waiting for NYSDOT comments to complete this Fact Sheet. At MPO Directors conference call, NYSDOT indicated they will not be issuing guidance on how to comply with Complete Streets law.

Misiewicz and others expressed concern about lack of guidance for sponsors of locally administered Federal Aid projects in TIPs.

Neveu: Design Services Bureau looking at where they need to modify Highway Design Manual. She will check to see if there are plans to update the LAFAP Manual. Expect NYSDOT comments to Gayle in the next couple of weeks.

Gayle: RSG will turn this around quickly. Appears that NYSAMPO Fact Sheet may be an important source of guidance, at least in the near term.

☒ NYSATSB Update

Misiewicz: [VanSlyke not on call] VanSlyke attended Feb 2 meeting (minutes included in packet). Note NY Native Nations Transportation Safety Summit in March. Other good information.

○ NYSAMPO website

Gayle: RSG working to update the Working Group part of the NYSAMPO website. Send any desired content for SWG page(links and other resources) to Misiewicz, cc Gayle.

○ Training & Meetings

Misiewicz: NYS Highway Safety conference (Oct 14-17, Lake Placid). Asked for session ideas. Last year presented with NYMTC on implementing safety initiatives from Plan. Thought about presentation on connecting education-enforcement, highlighting Capital Connect, which Jason Purvis presented on last month's call. Presentation proposals are due March 9.

Dozier: Capital Connect would be good. Sandy will talk to Jason.

Torzynski: Discussions in Rochester about starting a similar program.

2012 AMPO conference: follow up on FHWA Peer Exchange from 2010 NYSAMPO conference? DVRPC and MORPC, who were part of that session, could talk about what they have done since. Gayle: Chris O'Neill from CDTC coordinating session/presentation submission on behalf of NYSAMPO. Due to AMPO March 2.

Other training opportunities listed on agenda.

- Other Updates
 - NYSDOT - Limoges- items previously covered
 - NYSP - end of year TraCS summary attached to agenda

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 22, 1:30 PM