

**NYSMPO Director's Meeting
June 8, 2007 at 1:00PM
Meeting Summary**

Fernando de Aragon, ITCTC
Hal Morse, GBNRTC
Jay Schissell, ECTC
Dave Jukins, CDTC
Steve Gayle, BMTS
James D'Agostino, SMTC
Harry Miller, HOCTS
Jim Stack, GTC

John Czamanske, OCTC
Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC
Larry McAuliffe, NYMTC
Ron Hayes, NYSDOT
Marty Neveu, NYSDOT
Dave Kimmel, NYSDOT
Janine Simonsen, NYSDOT
Tanya Zwahlen, SSA

1. Introductions

2. Meeting Summary

The May 4th meeting was accepted.

3. 2007 NYSMPOs Annual Meeting

a. Registration/Sponsorship Update

There are 127 people registered for the conference. Last year, 118 people attended the conference in Saratoga Springs. NYSMPO has \$6,700 in corporate sponsorships, compared to \$4,400 last year. Another \$2,000 in corporate sponsorships is committed. Federal representatives and out of state attendees include:

- 2 staff from the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration on Thursday
- Deputy Executive Director from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in Philadelphia is coming.
- Executive Director from the South Western Regional Planning Agency in Stamford CT
- Executive Director from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in Springfield MA

Due to the low response, NYSMPO staff will not to create a CD with presentations for attendees. Presentations will be posted on the NYSMPO web site after the conference.

Directors should bring local literature to the conference to distribute.

b. Moderators and Sessions

Session moderators have all met. The keynote speaker, Anne Canby, will discuss how collaboration through MPOs and DOTs can impact outcomes of plans and programs. She is looking for examples from MPOs on collaboration. If anyone has examples, please email them to Steve Gayle and he will pass them along.

i. Scott Gassman Facilitated Session

Steve Gayle, Gerry Bogacz and Sarah Siwek worked with Scott Gassman to plan two facilitated sessions at the conference. The goal of the discussions will be to arrive at a common voice on the issues confronting MPOs and the future of federal transportation funding. The group developed the one-pager for conference participants to review prior to the conference.

The Directors discussed the one-pager and decided it should be sent out again without NYSMPO letterhead.

The group agreed that all MPOs need to be committed to being active participants to determine what the New York MPO voice will be on these issues.

4. Washington, D. C. Updates

Steve asked Directors to let him know if any New York State Policy Committee members would be interested in serving on the AMPO Board. There will be an AMPO retreat next week to discuss this issue.

5. NYSDOT Update

- a. Each region is discussing the TIP program with the Commissioner. No significant changes are anticipated. In the future, NYSDOT will provide a TIP updated schedule to MPOs. The process also needs to be a 2-year process.
- b. NYSDOT will use SPR funding to add all MPOs to the existing ArcInfo contract.
- c. Those SPR projects that will not receive funding have been notified. NYSDOT will work with MPOs on those projects not approved to give them more of a statewide focus.
- d. Ron Hayes will connect Henry Hren with Larry McAuliffe to discuss the issue of Safe Routes to School in Region 11.

6. NYSMPO Brochure

The brochures are printing. If Directors do not want to bring them home from the conference, let Tanya Zwahlen know and she will mail them to the MPO office.

7. Shared Cost Initiatives

a. Innovative Approaches to Planning Implementation

Hal Morse reported that Wilbur Smith will provide the final product next week. He will review and provide an update in July.

b. Transit Supportive Development

This project is progressing on schedule. The literature review draft has been completed. The consultant team presented at the NYPTA conference in Rochester on 6/7. They met with municipal leaders and transit agency staff at the conference to develop interest in the case study mini-grants. This meeting was very productive and there was considerable interest in the project.

Next, the consultant team will facilitate a pre-conference session on 6/14 with an expert panel of six. They will distribute an expression of interest at this session and it will also be included in all attendee packets.

c. Joint Contracting

The group discussed the need to talk about joint contracting in July. Many MPOs need to collect speed data.

d. Training

There will be VISIM training in Albany the last week of June. Arc GIS II is scheduled in Syracuse on July 10-12.

8. Staff Services Contract

CDTC issued the REI. They have received 5 inquiries. Proposals are due 6/29. The review committee is Jim D'Agostino, Jay Schissell, John Poorman and Steve Gayle.

9. Other Business

All

- a. John Czamanske reported that local media has asked to cover the NYSMPO conference.

- b. Gerry Bogacz provided an overview of PlaNYC and the Manhattan Congestion Pricing proposal. The proposal for congestion pricing south of 86th street - \$8 for cars and \$21 for trucks. The Mayor's office used the NYMTC best practice model in the analysis. The topic is controversial and could set the stage for a discussion about congestion pricing in the U.S.
- c. Hal Morse inquired about the MPOs participation in ESTIP statewide deployment. The group discussed benefits and limitations to the system and asked FHWA to keep NYSMPOs informed about the statewide deployment. Hal will invite an FHWA representative to discuss the ESTIP rollout at the August Director's meeting.
- d. Steve Gayle presented at the ITS New York conference on 6/7 with John Mason and Brian Rowback. One point that came up was why MPOs were not present at the meeting. Wayne Berman will present the same information that John Mason provided at the NYSMPO conference. As technology advances, MPOs need to play a role in operations. The group discussed a future report on the 511 system at a Director's meeting.
- e. NYSDOT was a joint sponsor of the NYPTA conference. MPOs had a presence at this meeting. The conference program included information regarding the Transit Supportive Development project and roundtable discussion in West Point.

10. Next Teleconference Date/Time

July 6, 2007 at 1:00PM
Call in Number: 1-712-580-1800
Access Code: 697676