

**NYSMPO Director's Meeting
Teleconference Agenda
July 6, 2007 at 1:00PM**

Participants:

Rich Perrin, GTC
Jay Schissell, ECTC
Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC
Mario Colone, SMTC
Eoin Wrafter, PDCTC
Harry Miller, HOCTS
Chris O'Neill, CDTC
Fernando de Aragon, ITCTC
Aaron Frankenfeld, AGFTC
Hal Morse, GBNRTC

John Czamanske, OCTC
Ron Hayes, NYSDOT
Dave Kimmel, NYSDOT
Michele Badger, NYSDOT
Janine Simonson, NYSDOT
Rob Griffith, FHWA
Sarah Siwek, SSA
Tanya Zwahlen, SSA

1. Introductions

2. Meeting Summary

The June 8th teleconference summary was accepted.

3. 2007 NYSMPOs Annual Meeting Feedback

a. Financial Report

NYSMPO has \$8,000 to collect in outstanding registration fees. There is currently enough in the NYSMPO account to pay bills. NYSMPO staff will provide a detailed expense and revenue report when all fees have been paid and revenue has been collected.

b. Draft Conference Evaluation

The conference evaluation was approved for distribution. Tanya Zwahlen will send it to all 2007 meeting attendees and provide a report of findings to the Directors in August.

c. Follow up with Speakers

Sarah is drafting a thank you note to Annual Meeting speakers for John Poorman's signature and will send this letter to Chris O'Neill next week.

d. PowerPoint Presentations

NYSMPO staff will post Annual Meeting PowerPoint presentation to be NYSMPO web site by the end July. Tanya will provide MPO Directors with a

CD with all presentations. She will also notify meeting participants when the presentations have been posted.

4. NYSMPO Common Voice

The input from the two sessions regarding the NYSMPO common voice have been summarized and provided to the Directors. Directors should send comments to Gerry and Steve regarding this piece.

The group scheduled a follow-up session on 9/7/07 to expand on this document and develop a NYSMPO position to the national discussion. NYSDOT will attempt to schedule the next joint Director/RPPM meeting adjacent to this date and coordinate with NYSMPO on the location of the meeting. Ron Hayes, Tanya Zwahlen and Sarah Siwek will coordinate schedules.

5. SCI Update

a. Training

The visualization training at West Point and VISIM training in Albany were useful and well-attended. Introduction to Arc GIS II will be held on July 10-12 in Syracuse. NYSMPO staff is working with MPO staff to schedule a TransCAD training. The Advanced Travel Demand Modeling course is currently being revised, so this course will not be rescheduled until the revision is complete. There is interest in scheduling a course about land use and transportation projections.

NYSMPO staff will review the memorandum with training priorities, coordinate with NYSDOT to develop a training calendar and schedule training for the next 3-4 months. They will also research availability of training related to project management, per the Colloquy recommendations.

b. Innovative App. to Planning Implementation

Hal Morse is working with the consultant team from Wilbur Smith to complete the final deliverable.

c. Transit Supportive Development

The consultant team facilitated a successful session at West Point. They are accepting applications for pilot projects through July 20th. The Steering Committee will review and select projects in the next 60 days.

In response to a story in Orange County about this project, the Directors agreed that in speaking about SCI projects, project managers should speak on behalf of NYSMPO and not their individual MPOs.

d. Joint Contracting

The need for updated speed data has come up with NYSDEC several times in SIP development meetings. The Air Quality Working Group requested that Directors support a joint contract to collect new speed data so that there is a consistent methodology and the analysis uses the latest planning assumptions.

In order to avoid lawsuits and hold up transportation funding, NYSMPO supports the concept of collecting new speed data. The group discussed the philosophical issue with NYSDEC using older, outdated speeds and counts instead of the MPO models.

Sarah will draft a proposal/RFP for the shared services contract. She will approach NYSDEC and NYSDOT to see if they will support and contribute to a statewide speed study. Michele Bager and John Zamurs will collaborate on this effort.

GBNRTC has GPS software for speed studies if any MPOs are interested.

e. Other

NYSMPO staff will develop a scope for the fiscal constraint study. ITCTC is the host of this project and will be able to devote staff time to the project.

6. Washington, D. C. Updates

There is an 8/19 deadline to take action on PlaNYC, which includes New York's congestion pricing plan.

EPA and FHWA are finalizing the conformity rule for SAFETEA-LU compliance.

7. NYSDOT Update

There is no new information to report since last month. NYSDOT will use SPR money to add MPOs to the existing state ArcInfo contract. NYSDOT staff is working on the funding mechanism to make this happen. The New York State Strategic Highway Safety Plan is now final.

8. Staff Services Contract

NYSMPO received one proposal. The Subcommittee will hold a teleconference to discuss the proposal later this month.

9. Other Business

NYMTC and PDCTC will reprint their brochure inserts. The cost will be \$150.

10. Next Meeting Date/Time

The next meeting will be a teleconference on August 3, 2007 at 1:00PM EST. Please note this will not be an in-person meeting.