

**NYS Association of MPOs
Safety Working Group
January 14, 2015
MEETING NOTES**

1. Participating

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Robert Torzynski
- NYMTC – Chris Hardej
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- PDCTC – Mark Debald
- SMTTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC - David Staas
- NYSDOT – Regina Doyle, Robert Zitowsky, Andrew Sattinger, Cathy Kuzsman, Tom Benware, Jackie Berlant
- GTSC – Chuck DeWeese
- FHWA – Emmett McDevitt

2. Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from December 10, 2014 approved.

3. SWG 2015-2016 Work Program as presented to Directors

Perry reported the MPO Directors had no comments on the Safety WG Work Program. Gayle informed the group that the Work Programs for all Working Groups will be consolidated in one document by the end of the week. Gayle will distribute the consolidated 201-2016 Work Program to all Working Group members once complete, so members can see what each Working Group has planned for the year.

4. NYSDOT/Crash Record Coordination

- **ALIS Data Access and Use Policy [update]**
Sattinger informed the group that he reached out on the use policy regarding redaction of private information from MV-104s. This affects only those MPOs that have opted for access to MV-104s. He has not heard back, and will follow up on progress.
- **ITSMR Public Crash Record Database [update]**
Varone was not able to be on the call.

5. Partnerships/Coordination

- **NYSDOT**
 - **NYSDOT Safety Plan Presentation [slides distributed]**
Doyle presented on the three Safety Action Plans that are underway at NYSDOT. Intersection Safety, Pedestrian Safety, and Lane Departure Safety. These cover the priority areas of the current SHSP.

Because New York is an FHWA Focus State for Pedestrian and Intersection Safety, there are FHWA and consultant resources made available for these plans. Consultant has brought knowledge of activities in other states.

There is a new focus in these plans on systemic countermeasures as an important strategy for the SHSP update.

Because of the location of the preponderance of KAB crashes, the Intersection Plan focuses in urban signalized intersections.

Numerous countermeasures are under consideration; the list will be refined prior to being finalized.

Noted that local projects create more challenges. There will be an initial State system focus, while reaching out to locals.

Pedestrian crashes are very much an urban phenomenon. Reviewing risk factors.

Pedestrian Action Plan workshop will be held in Albany, Jan 20-21, to gather input and identify countermeasures. There is MPO representation.

Lane Departure is primarily a problem on 2-lane rural roads. Evaluating State highways first.

Gayle asked about inclusion of intersection systemic countermeasures that address the special needs of elderly drivers, which could be a proactive solution in MPOs that have identified aging of the population as a concern.

Doyle responded that countermeasures like clear signage are under consideration as a solution for all drivers; no special focus on elderly.

Gayle asked about lane departure crashes on off-system rural roads.

Doyle responded that the problem is recognized, but the initial focus will be on the State system.

Perry asked about centerline and shoulder rumble strips.

NYS DOT responded that here is a policy for SHARDS, and CARDS are being deployed. There is a sensitivity to noise issues with respect to surrounding land uses.

- Other NYSDOT items

There was no additional update from NYSDOT

- **NYSDOT Commissioner McDonald's Letter regarding streamlining of FHWA/NHTSA requirements under MAP-21**

Gayle summarized the letter, which supports consolidation of the SHSP and NHTSA HSSP, but proposes that reporting requirements remain separate.

Letter to be distributed to Working Group.

- **NYSATSB**

No report.

- **GTSC**

DeWeese informed the group that the agency is working with NYPD and vendors on electronic data submission.

GTSC now has a Facebook Page for the GTSC and posts traffic safety information.

- **FHWA**
McDevitt reported that the USDOT selected the NY Route 59 corridor in Rockland County for safety analysis. FHWA staff will come to look at the corridor and provide documentation to staff at NYSDOT for review and action. This mini road safety audit concept provides a planning tool to enhance a corridor-based planning approach.
- **NHTSA**
Purdy was unable to attend. No report.

5. Education/Outreach

- **Bike/Ped Laws Factsheet with Bike/Ped WG [update]**
Gayle informed the group that the Fact Sheet was sent to a small group for review. Once the second round of comments is addressed, a revised draft will be sent to the full Safety Working Group and the Bike/Pedestrian Working Group. This should occur within the next month.

6. Training/Conferences

- **Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets: SMTC and CDTC**
Alexander informed the group that the dates were set for June 4th and 5th. SMTC is currently selecting a venue and identifying any needs for transportation. Hardej will meet by phone with Alexander and Ceponis for further planning.
- **NHI Pilot Workshop - Roadway departures**
Orr is at TRB and not available to report on progress on piloting this course. The workshop will be held in Upstate NY.
Hardej inquired about continuing education credits for P.E.s.
Gayle responded that NHI course are automatically certified, but he will follow up with Orr.

7. Other Topics

- **NYCDOT Safety Plan Presentation availability for February**
Hardej reports this presentation is good for the February meeting. He notes this item is on-going, and will go beyond the existing Intersection Safety Plan to provide more specific information. It is part of the NYC Vision Zero campaign.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 11 at 1:00 PM