

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs  
SAFETY WORKING GROUP  
JANUARY 24, 2013

MEETING NOTES

Participating:

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Jim Arey
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Robert Torzynski
- HOCTS – Matt VanSlyke
- NYMTC – Chris Hardej
- OCTC – Ahmed Ismail
- PDCTC – Emily Dozier
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Rob Limoges, Marty Neveu, Regina Brooks
- GTSC – Chuck DeWeese

1. Meeting Notes – December 20, 2012 meeting notes were reviewed and approved.
2. SWG Work Plan Updates

- a. Data Access and Analysis

HSIP Solicitation Update

Rob Limoges reported on the FFY 2013 solicitation. NYSDOT acknowledged that there was a short deadline and project delivery schedule, which likely limited submissions. Twenty-eight projects were submitted. They were reviewed and recommendations made to Executive Management by Dec 20. Recommendations were accepted to fund 15 projects: 8 site-specific at High Crash locations, 7 systematic, including for example pedestrian countdown timers; 9 State projects, 6 local. The entire \$42.2 million available was awarded. Applications came from 9 Regions, of which 8 received projects awards. The criteria, which were spelled out in application guidance, focused on reducing severe crashes. Therefore, crash reduction and benefit/cost guided the selection.

Lessons learned will lead to minor improvements in the application form. The FFY 2014 applications will be due at the end of March. After that round, the plan is get farther ahead in the schedule, which will permit items like ROW acquisition. He noted there had been some questions on local match.

Hardej – agreed that the process should be data driven to focus resources. Noted that a NYMTC project was deemed to be maintenance and therefore not eligible.

Limoges – MAP-21 expanded HSIP eligibility, but consistency with the SHSP is important and NYSDOT wants to ensure projects have greatest crash reduction potential.

Misiewicz – curious about project scale, since awards ranged from \$200K to \$8.3M.

Limoges – selection based on crash reduction and b/c; there are also some intangible factors.

NYS DOT is expecting a larger project applicant pool for the FFY2014 funds, will work with Regions to identify best projects. MPOs should also be working with Regions.

Neveu – there had been good coordination between Regions and MPOs.

Gayle – is there a sense that the Statewide solicitation resulted in better projects being programmed than if all HSIP funds were distributed to the Regions? Also, will Regions program rejected projects from their HSIP targets?

Limoges – some projects may be programmed by Regions; some were identified for resubmission in next round.

Hardej – This can make TIP programming difficult.

b. Education and Training

- i. Draft Fact Sheet: “Statewide Traffic Safety Programs: How You Can Be Involved”  
Dozier and Gayle reported on the development of the Fact Sheet, and issues that had been resolved. Gayle noted that the current draft does not show what will be a box at the end with various references from FHWA, NHTSA, NYS DOT, GTSC, others. They asked for comments.

DeWeese – This is very timely with respect to MAP-21. He will send specific edits. Noted that he and Limoges are discussing the potential to merge the SHSP, HSSP, and Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan into one document, although they recognize that may be difficult due to fund source requirements and agency issues. There is the potential for New York to become a pilot state to create a unified safety plan.

Mance – questioned need to address congestion.

Gayle responded that the TTI Urban Congestion Index gets lots of media coverage when it is released annually, which can influence programming decisions; but the AAA study demonstrates safety has a much larger economic impact.

Mance – needs text on MPO role between the discussion of the State plans and local actions. Gayle agreed.

Dozier – should role of TSBs be highlighted?

DeWeese – TSBs are outreach of GTSC

Limoges – NYS DOT’s update of the SHSP will be integrated with GTSC and broader pool of stakeholders. This Fact Sheet can provide a good introduction.

- ii. NY Highway Safety Symposium, October 20-22, 2013, Liverpool, NY  
Misiewicz noted the Call for Presentations, due Feb 4, and asked for ideas. None were brought forth.
- iii. NHI Trainings:  
Application of Crash Modification Factors: Jan 22, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 4  
Science of Crash Modification Factors: Jan 23, Feb 13, Mar 7, Apr 11  
(Both run 1 PM to 3 PM EST, web based)

- iv. 2013 Northeast Transportation Safety Conference: Apr 3-4, Concord, NH  
(<http://nhdtz.com/netsconference>)

c. Partnerships and Outreach

- i. NYSATSB – VanSlyke: no report

- ii. GTSC

DeWeese noted the 2012 Annual Report is posted on the GTSC website

(<http://www.safeny.ny.gov/annualRpt/2012ARFull.pdf> )

They continue to review MAP-21. Grant applications will be due in March for FFY 2013. As noted previously, State law would need to be changed to qualify for certain grants including Distracted Driving and GDL. There may be continuity of funding issues that affect local grants.

- iii. NYSDOT

Limoges reported that NYSDOT is reviewing MAP-21 requirements for performance measures, and consideration of target setting.

Gayle – Staff at TRB indicated that FHWA and FTA will take the full 18 months permitted in MAP-21 to promulgate mandated national performance measures.

DeWeese – AASHTO and GHSA have already advised on safety PMs.

Gayle – there is general agreement on what safety and infrastructure PMs are likely to be, less so for the other National Goals.

- iv. NYSP – no report

d. Legislation Watch

Highway Safety Program Guideline 13: Final Version Coming soon (draft version attached)

Misiewicz reviewed this new guideline, and noted that State Departments of Transportation have already received notice to reference this guideline to address older driver safety issues in their State programs. Please be sure to check it out, and feel free to submit comments while the opportunity exists.

3. Other Topics and Next SWG Meeting

- Tentative 2013 Teleconference Schedule (attached)

Misiewicz

- Next Teleconference: Thursday, February, 28, 2013 @ 1:30 PM