

NYSAMPO SAFETY WORKING GROUP
FEB 5, 2014

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

A/GFTC – Kate Mance
CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
ECTC – Mike Perry
GTC – Bob Torzynski
NYMTC – Chris Hardej
OCTC – Ashlee Long
SMTC – Mike Alexander
NYSDOT – Rob Limoges
GTSC – Chuck DeWeese

2. Meeting notes Dec 19, 2013

No comments, notes accepted

3. Final SWG Work Plan 2014-2015

- a. Consolidated working Group 2014-2015 Work Program
Misiewicz reported on MPO Directors' approval of Work Program. Look at overall program for collaboration opportunities, especially with Bike/Ped and GIS Working Groups.
- b. Task Leaders [see Excel worksheet]
Most topics/projects already have a lead assigned, but open for expressions of interest.
Need designee to provide web page content for updates.
ACTION ITEM: Contact Sandy to express interest in web or other task lead positions.

4. Partnerships/Coordination

- a. NYSATSB – Feb 3 meeting
VanSlyke not available for call. He provided a report as new Chair of Engineering Committee. Primarily an information exchange on NYSDOT EB/EIs, FHWA initiatives.
Open to topics of interest from the Working Group members for next quarterly NYSATSB meeting.
- b. GTSC
DeWeese reported:
Held a planning meeting for the Fall conference, discussed presentation proposals. He spoke on behalf of SWG proposal. No decisions yet. Need to make session attractive to audience – for example, have local participants in Safety Assessment on panel to discuss role and results.
No new NYPD Chief of Transportation. Will meet with Chief, encourage TraCS use for crash reporting.
Limoges: Talked with NYMTC Safety Advisory Working group, show value of crash data

Hardej: Notes upcoming Bike and Walk conference; new NYCDOT Commissioner may speak
DeWeese: Jenn Hogan is the lead; will send out information
Limoges: May 21-22, Crowne Plaza, Suffern NY

DeWeese: Jennifer Smith, who has been an advocate, is planning a Distracted Driving Summit on March 3 [tentative]; Westchester Medical Center; focus on advocacy. Invited US Secretary of Transportation Foxx.

c. NYS

No report. TraCS updates from Sgt. Daily. Focus on next version (TraCS 10). Calling out non-compliant grant recipients; MPOs could assist in contacting them.

5. NYSDOT/Crash Record Coordination

a. SHSP Update process

Limoges: Trying to work toward Aug 2014 for having Plan in place; this was based on MAP-21 information when law signed. Waiting on rulemaking; NPRM safety rules now scheduled Feb 26. This will provide guidance on content of SHSP and Performance Measures. Have engaged ITSMR. Generally just doing up-front work now. Coordinate with HSSP and Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan. Do not expect to change existing emphasis areas (Pedestrians, Intersections, lane departure).

In interim, developing candidate Action Plans for each emphasis area.

FHWA has consultant support (VHB) for Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

Action Plans intended to include specific measurable initiatives that can show progress across the state.

Action Plans completed in summer, lead to SHSP development

Because FHWA has not issued rules, federal deadline extended to Aug 2015; NYSDOT wants to complete SHSP in 2014.

Misiewicz asked for more detail on the update and Action Plan process.

Limoges: Has met with VHB and FHWA. Because NY is a pedestrian safety Focus State, that provides resources. VHB will look at Draft Pedestrian Action plan; and at systemic solutions based on current practice.

Regarding Intersection Safety Plan: Want to include programs for systemic, low cost improvements. Signs and marking for example (South Carolina study) yielded good results. Make sure looking at combination of systemic and targeted responses.

Misiewicz: Will there be an opportunity for MPO/SWG comment and review of Action Plans?

Limoges: Yes. Defining stakeholders soon.

Hardej: Is NYCDOT on pedestrian stakeholder group? Advanced in practice to date.

Limoges: No stakeholders defined yet yet. Send suggestions. NYSDOT and FHWA have talked about NYC plan. Thinks it is excellent, specificity on measurable actions. Upstate is more of a challenge because of limited concentration of pedestrian volumes and crashes.

Misiewicz: Can identify MPO representative(s) from SWG or Bike/Ped WG.

Gayle: Is NYSDOT looking ahead at V2V program and impact on intersection safety, given NHTSA announcement on equipping cars with technology.

RL: Rick McDonough is involved in VII program, which will include standards development. Not part of immediate plans.

b. NYS Traffic Records Coordinating Council

Misiewicz reported on recent meeting to start process for updating Data Record Plan (needed to qualify for Fed funds). The Plan is scheduled to be submitted in June. She will forward summary when available. Looking at ALIS, TraCS, ITSMR public database, others.

- c. Hempstead Turnpike and Central Ave Pedestrian Safety Studies
Discussed at NYC meeting on Monday. Commissioner's press release provides some details on Hempstead Ave; no formal report yet. Will be before/after review of improvements to date. Central Ave (Albany) and others can be a model of how to approach corridors with pedestrian crash issues. These corridor studies demonstrate current practice.
Hardej: Spent time on Monday's meeting discussing jaywalking; high visibility issue in NYC. Pedestrian behavior will be addressed in corridor initiatives, not just vehicle focus.
- d. HSIP statewide solicitation
Misiewicz: Reminder that deadline is Feb 21 for submission from Regions to MO. Local sponsors should have been consulting with Regions already in order to coordinate with RPPM project list submittals. Regional submissions are capped based on multiplier of annual allocation of HSIP. Need to be priority ordered list.

6. Training and conferences

- a. MPO ALIS training
Misiewicz: Sattinger not available, but he is working on ALIS user guide. NYSDOT has piloted internal training; not sure when it will be available to MPOs. Considering in-person versus webinar. Will have more information and discussion on the next SWG call.
- b. FHWA Intersection Safety workshop
SM: NYMTC had previously hosted. FHWA has provided their instructor availability; CDTC and ITCTC potential hosts. CDTC is looking at the April or May timeframe. This is a 2 day course.

Perry: working on bicycle crashes in Elmira. Local crash record system had vehicle #1 as at-fault driver. No longer true, must review reports. ArcGIS looks at first one. Prefer to download raw data.

Torzynski: Download data; need pedestrian or bicyclist prior action information. Run into difficult data issues.

Misiewicz: ALIS data is useful at high level, but for specific site analysis need crash reports.

Limoges: Case numbers makes it easy for DOT Region to retrieve reports.

- c. Highway Safety Conference session proposal
Misiewicz: Dozier prepared a proposal on implementation of Safety Assessments. Proposed a panel presentation. Misiewicz would introduce SA and SWG. Dozier will present a SA case study from PDCTC. Will consider including local participants. Are there other MPO case studies?
Gayle: BMTS has done Assessments with good agency participation, including transit, enforcement, and public works.
Perry: Church Street in Elmira.
DeWeese: From audience perspective, it will be important to have before/after data that demonstrate positive results. 20 sessions were selected from 50 proposed.
Hardej: Supports using recent case studies with tangible results.
ACTION ITEM: Submit case study ideas to Sandy.

7. Next Meeting - **March 5, 1:00 PM**