

NYS ASSOCIATION OF MPOs
SAFETY WORKING GROUP
March 28, 2013
MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- BMTS – Nancy Dutta
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Jim Arey, Mike Perry
- GTC – Bob Torzynski
- HOCTS – Matt VanSlyke
- NYMTC – Chris Hardej
- PDCTC – Emily Dozier
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Rob Limoges, Marty Neveu, Jackie Berlant
- FHWA – Emmett McDevitt

2. Meeting notes (Jan 28, 2013) – The meeting notes were accepted without modification.

3. SWG Work Plan updates

a. Data Access and Analysis

- Traffic Records Coordinating Council (minutes distributed with agenda)
Misiewicz reported that the TRCC is a NHTSA required entity that determines which traffic record projects are funded. Sandy has been appointed to the Crash Data Records Subcommittee. Reconfirm ALIS scalability project, addressing data sharing issues. MAP-21 is accelerating requirements for NHTSA strategic plan
Key for MPOs are NYSDMV SIM and NYSDOT ALIS. Staff reductions at DMV have resulted in delays in software updates and entering crash records (100K records from 2012 to be input). Still working on NYPD electronic reporting; testing on Staten Island for tickets only.
Discussion at NYSDOT on cost of data entry. Reports from NYSP and other TraCS agencies are automatically input to ALIS, including non-reportables.
Dozier: Ped or bike crashes are typically <\$1K; are they reported?
Misiewicz: Yes, because they typically involves injury.
- Accident Location Information System – application and users update (distributed with agenda)
Misiewicz: Still in Beta version, being tested. Andrew Sattinger expects this to be out for general use in April. New version combines LESQR and QRA, makes it easier/faster to use.
Limoges: Finalizing network security issues, should be released in next month.
Misiewicz: MPOs need to update user accounts (see table attached to agenda). Get in touch with Andrew Sattinger.
ACTION ITEM: Gayle will send email to all MPOs with this notification.
- Podcast series use (distributed with agenda)
Misiewicz – chart prepared by Barb Mullen at NYSDOT; averaging about 2,000 uses per month.

Limoges: Working with NYS Assoc of Chiefs of Police to expand the program with training materials for the Move Over law.

Gayle noted SHRP2 work on training for highway incident responders. An e-learning approach is under development, may include podcasts. He will provide information to Limoges.

b. Education and Training

- Safety Scan (distributed with agenda)
Torzynski reported on Scan content.
McDevitt noted Regina Doyle has worked with FHWA systemic tool for lane departure crashes; seems to be a useful tool.
Limoges: Doyle has been looking at identifying risk factors across the state to identify other systemic issues. Next is likely to be intersections, looking for low-cost systemic treatments. Still learning the process.
Hardej: NYMTC has an application
Limoges NYCDOT has been contacted. For FY2014 keep within HSIP guidance. Next solicitation for FY15-17 will open up for additional applications.
McDevitt: This is new at FHWA, only 2 state examples on website
Limoges: NY was asked to pilot methodology (not exactly a tool); depending on data, do iterative process to find patterns.
- Statewide Safety Programs Fact Sheet
Gayle reported the printed Fact Sheet has been distributed to the MPOs (some are currently being shipped), and it is on the NYSAMPO website.
Misiewicz thanked Dozier and RSG for developing a quality product.
- NY Highway Safety Symposium [Oct 20022, Liverpool]
Misiewicz noted this is the annual GTSC/StopDWI/TSB conference. DeWeese is looking for a joint MPO TSB session. SMTC submitted an I-81 presentation, Chuck though we can piggyback on that with a presentation on roles and relationships between MPO and TSBs.
Van Slyke: In contact with NYSATSB shows they are varied across the state. Hard to have a model for MPO/TSB contact, which can be a hurdle for MPOs.
Misiewicz: Variation even within the 4 Capital District counties.
VanSlyke: Perhaps ask NYSATSB for input? Current President understands MPOs. He will follow up with her.
Misiewicz: DeWeese is holding time slot.
Torzynski: He will help. He serves on Monroe County TSB, knows little about their other counties.
Arey is a member of Chemung County TSB; HOCTS has relationship with Oneida County TSB, Dozier is on Dutchess TSB, Cyndi Paddick from BMTS is on Broome County TSB.
Value will be in talking about models for effective collaboration.
VanSlyke and Misiewicz will follow up.
- In-person meeting: Joint with Bike/Ped WG; joint with Regional Safety Engineers for ALIS training
Misiewicz reported that the idea raised at the recent Bike/Ped WG meeting, asked for specifics.
Dozier: Not really specific ideas, but a lot of overlap in topics. Bike/Ped WG has an in-person meeting scheduled for Sept in Newburgh, agenda being developed. Some of the

issue the group is addressing include DMV test questions, NYSODT rumble strip policy, enforcement training, Complete Streets elements in maintenance projects.

Gayle noted that the Bike/Ped group spends a lot of time addressing safety issues, but only within their focus area. A joint meeting could broaden that focus.

Gayle also noted that the MPO Directors are considering using their September in-person meeting for an as yet defined Staff Development Day.

Misiewicz offered to attend the next Bike/Ped WG meeting on behalf of the SWG. Given the overlapping membership, that may be sufficient.

Torzynski and others stated that meeting with NYSDOT Regional Safety Engineers sounds more valuable.

Limoges: starting to plan fall Safety Evaluation Engineers meeting. He will look at half day overlap with SWG.

Misiewicz: Agree, but ALIS training should happen sooner. She will coordinate with Limoges.

- NHI Trainings (all web based)
 - Application of Crash Modification Factors: Apr 4
 - HSIP Project Identification: Apr 10
 - Science of Crash Modification Factors: Apr 11
 - HSIP Project Evaluation: Apr 16

c. Partnerships and Outreach

- NYSATSB – February General Meeting Notes (distributed with agenda)
- GTSC – No report. 2011 County Data Reports now available on website
- NYSDOT - Limoges and Neveu reported that the HSIP FY2014 statewide solicitation deadline is Mar 30 -> April 1 \$40M.
- NYSP- no report

4. Other Topics and next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2013 at 1:30 PM