

**NYSAMPO Association  
Safety Working Group Teleconference  
Thursday, June 20, 2013**

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Introductions**

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- BMTS – Nancy Dutta
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC - Bob Torzynski
- NYMTC – Chris Hardej
- PDCTC – Emily Dozier
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Rob Limoges, Andrew Sattinger, Marty Neveu, Jackie Berlant
- GTSC - Chuck DeWeese
- FHWA – Emmett McDevitt

**2. Meeting Notes – May 30, 2013 (attached)**

The notes were reviewed and accepted.

**3. SWG Work Plan Updates**

**a) Data Access and Analysis**

- Google Maps Visualization Library (attached)  
<http://assets.zgroks.com/crash.html> or it can be accessed through  
<http://safe.zgroks.com>

Torzynski reviewed the slide presentation. GTC is experimenting using Google Maps to generate heat maps to visualize safety data. Text file based, can be weighted based on data criteria. Behaves like a layer in Google Maps. Referred to as dynamic, recalculate as zoom. Like ArcGIS, but more user friendly. Can overlay different files to see how data interacts. Slides show snapshots of different data sets. Can be used to look at regional scale to zoom in on areas to be investigated.

Misiewicz – Is GTC planning to use tool publicly?

Torzynski – using internally to this point. Careful with external use, since public may misinterpret data. Heat maps tend to be subjective due to visual nature (v. quantitative numbers). Could use for Bike score or Walk score

Perry: Is this publicly accessible?

Torzynski – perhaps with a search, but no crash data is accessible.

Perry – GIS WG and Directors looked at ArcGIS Online; perhaps there are similar applications.

Gayle – provided an updated on Directors response to AGOL; little interest in joint license, some MPOs will purchase individual licenses, some have access through host agency.

- Alternative Approach to Crash Rate Traffic Volume Data

Misiewicz: follow up on May discussion of using MPO model data to build local system rates. There are two issues moving forward – there is a value in that all volume data is useful, but not parity with State methodology; Limoges proposes that there is value to using this data, even if it is not perfect.

Sattinger: What format is model volume data in?

Misiewicz – Most likely a GIS layer. Proposes a follow up conversation with Sattinger, O’Neill, RSG.

Sattinger: This could perhaps be added as a layer in ALIS that could be seen when querying crash data.

Gayle: It is not likely that MPO models have many if any links beyond the Federal-aid system.

Perry: Could the NYSDOT traffic volume viewer married to ALIS?

**ACTION ITEM:** Send Misiewicz format and coverage of model data. Gayle will contact Modeling WG for this request.

- ALIS Crash Data Access and Use Policy for MPOs

Misiewicz reported on draft policy (attached to agenda). Asked for final comments by July. Proposes to use draft.

Limoges: proposes to accept changes, leave as draft, and begin using as policy. At some point, NYSDOT Legal will review, that will take time. This is more guidance than policy, reflects NYSDOT FOIL policy.

Sattinger: Update names of ALIS applications. He will provide.

**ACTION ITEM:** Misiewicz will clean up draft and distribute.

## **b) Partnerships and Outreach**

- Other Updates:

- NYSATSB – no report
- GTSC

DeWeese reported that grant applications closed May 15. Received about 600 applications for \$35M; will complete review by October. Have not yet received apportionment of FY 2013 funds. They are now finalizing application for FY 2014. HSP will be submitted by July 1. “Watch for Motorcycles” PSA campaign active now.

- NYSDOT

Limoges reported that there was an announcement last week of successful projects for FY 14 HSIP. There were 46 applications from 10 Regions, totaling \$108M. System Safety and Optimization team recommended 22 projects for approval. Commissioner and Capital projects Team accepted the commendations. Regions have been notified. All local sponsor applicants whether successful or unsuccessful have been notified. Complete list will be released tomorrow: includes 8 Regions, 18 site-specific, 4 systemic; 15.5M upstate \$24 M downstate. Average b/c 6.91; 148 severe crashes reduced/year.

Plan for another round of solicitation later in 2013 (Nov/Dec) for FFY 15-17. Intent of 3 year program is to be more flexible, ability to deal with ROW and environmental issues that may take time. It will be based on flat funding assumption (\$120M). Process is not likely to change much.

Misiewicz notes that New York is a Focus State for intersection crashes. Keep that in mind for identifying best practice.

McDevitt: Because of Focus State status, resources are available at no cost for training, including low cost improvements for intersections. He will provide list of what is available.

Limoges: Reported that Regina Doyle worked last years with Sattinger to pull together data on lane departure crashes, identify sites for low cost countermeasures. Data enabled focus on roadway typology (2 lane, 55, curvature). Doyle also broke this out out by jurisdiction. Because intersection crash proportion is lower on state system than local system, NYSDOT focused on lane departure. As we begin looking at intersections, NYSDOT needs to work more closely with MPOs to develop effective programs. Other states have used systemic treatments on intersections (double posting and bright sticks on stop signs, eg).

- NYSP: no report

### **c) Education and Training**

- Create a Companion Complete Street Fact Sheet

Misiewicz: Gayle and Dozier will be leading this effort. Some ideas have been put forward, Send additional ideas to Sandy. Gayle notes this was on the Ped/Bike WG agenda yesterday.

- NYSAMPO Website Update

Misiewicz notes Gayle has posted all back meeting notes on the website. If there are specific content ideas, send to Steve. Sandy will do that.

Dozier notes that there is a text description of the podcasts, but there is not a link. Safety Assessment information should be reordered.

- NY Highway Safety Symposium, October 20-22, 2013, Liverpool, NY

## **4. Other Topics and Next SWG Meeting**

- Hardej asked about the status of MAP-21 requirements, in particular the Public Transportation Safety Plan. He also asked about the Strategic Highway Safety Plan update.

Gayle responded that the Transit WG had discussed the FTA safety plan requirement, and that the FTA representative on the call had no information beyond Administrator Rogoff's "Dear Colleague" letter. He will keep SWG advised if they hear about FTA guidance.

- Dozier asked members to think about local projects to share – this enhances the SWG.
- Next Teleconference: Thursday, July 18, 2013 @ 1:30 PM