

NYSAMPO  
SAFETY WORKING GROUP  
JUNE 28, 2012

MEETING NOTES

☒ Participating

A/GFTC - Kate Mance

BMTS - Cyndi Paddick

CDTC - Sandy Misiewicz

ECTC - Mike Perry, Jay Schissell

GBNRTC - Hector Boggio

GTC - Bob Torzynski

PDCTC - Emily Dozier

SMTC - Mike Alexander

NYSDOT - Rob Limoges, Andrew Sattinger, Natalia Grygoriants, Marty Neveu

GTSC - Chuck DeWeese

- Meeting notes 05/24/2012
  - No comments
- SWG Work Plan updates
  - Data Access and Analysis
    - Dozier: Have been investigating use of safety performance measures. Spreadsheet distributed, 3 tabs.
    - FHWA: Use (1) Core measures/FARS data, (2) behavioral measures, and (3) activity measures;
    - NYSDOT: Use SHSP measures, which are numerous (will do more organization);
    - PDCTC LRP safety measures for bridges, roadways, and transit
    - Will look at GTSC HSSP next [DeWeese: ITSMR uses the same measures as FHWA];
    - ACTION ITEM: Other MPOs submit any performance measures they use.**
    - Will put in similar format; the Group can then discuss the value of a uniform set of measures
    - Misiewicz: This has value in preparing for potential Federal performance measure requirements
    - Schissell: Overlaps suggest best practices
    - Limoges: NYSDOT looking at safety measures too, aligning measures with emphasis areas of SHSP. This work helps them realize they need to be more focused, and utilize outcome based measures
  - Partnerships and Outreach
    - GTC summary from Bob Torzynski**
    - Torzynski: Reviews spreadsheet that had been distributed. Many of these UPWP studies are inventory based. GTC now has a more formal safety program. Monroe County has done many safety studies like Pedestrian Activity Safety Study, which was used by City of Rochester for SRTS proposal. GTC does SRTS site assessment, and created a SRTS Guidebook (on GTC web). Not a lot of success in getting school district interested. Monroe County also looking at converting GIS to be compatible with ALIS. Monroe County Crash Rate Database project. Now attending and will be appointed to Monroe County TSB.
    - Dozier: County projects funded with PL?
    - Torzynski: UPWP funded, GTC assists with consultant procurement and contract administration.
    - Misiewicz: Are Monroe County reports available? Bob will check.
    - Dozier: Perhaps put sample reports on NYSAMPO website?

### **Proposed NYSDOT SLM policy**

Misiewicz: NYSDOT shared policy through the Bicycle/Pedestrian Working Group. Asks for comments. Comments to NYSDOT by July 6.

Common themes:

- How will marking be placed on pavement? Cyclists will want to ride over them, rather than in the safest place (right third of travel lane).
- Criteria: Will bicycle counts be required; what do you do when there is only peak usage?
- Wrong way cycling as an issue.
- Signage: Why four options for supplemental panels. Why not follow national MUTCD?
- Is side-by-side travel legal under V&TL in 14' lanes.
- Across the board need for education: common language and understanding.

Torzynski: Is there a basis for eliminating Share the Road plaque? Have there been studies on their effectiveness? These signs are becoming commonplace.

Limoges: Don't know specifics on research. There is a team working on this Concern is getting travelers educated.

Dozier: Typically sharrow had been used to indicate where cyclists should ride, so this is different. [Rob: This is a challenge in conveying a message to driver and cyclist.] Signage makes sense with proposed lane marking placement.

**ACTION ITEM : Send additional comments to Sandy by email this week.**

### **Young Driver Safety Committee**

Misiewicz: NYSDOH Injury Prevention Program workshop on teen driving safety. Main outcome: significant amount of work on GTSC website resource; young driver toolkit. Stuff for individuals, school kit, Driving Skills for Life. Drowsy is a high ranking issue.

### **Other updates**

NYSATSB: Minutes and presentation distributed. HSP due out Sept 1. Adding fracking impacts to the plan

GTSC: DeWeese> Reviewing agenda for fall conference. Oct 14-17. Reviewing MAP-21, constant funding levels; consolidate grants, fewer applications. Continue to work with NYPD.

NYSDOT: Limoges>

- Getting involved with FHWA with 4 states on testing methodology on systemic safety project programming; data -> low cost countermeasures. Seems well aligned with existing analyses, but just getting started. Analysis based more on crash type than location.
- Data system related: just starting project to look at safety data among state agencies. Contractor on board. 1. Strategic vision of safety data. 2. Concept of operations on data use. 3. develop business case, quantify requirements. Partnering with GTSC, NYSP, FHWA, NYSDOT, NYCDOT, NYSDOH. IT being looked at in multi-agency clusters that share same elements; not clear about project prioritization to move projects forward, but will require business plan, which this work will produce.
- ALIS scalability continues to move forward, on schedule for late fall/early winter roll-out.
- Traffic count program: augment with off-system counts [3,000 more counts] work in progress (SPR, not yet approved).

Dozier: MPOs already provide local counts to NYSDOT Data Services

Limoges: These will be NYSDOT contractor counts to enlarge data base

Neveu: Yes, NYSDOT gets lots of local counts, as long as in proper format

- SIMS RSC ALIS Integration project grant funded by GTSC. Complicated, ultimately yields data for off-system roads. Roads & Highways software is an integration system that will

update all connected data bases (RMs and off-system linear referencing system); there is a need to build linear referencing system.

NYSP: DeWeese> If MPOs have local agencies that have TraCS but are not transmitting, let him know. GTSC can provide assistance.

- Education and Training

Misiewicz: Roundtable for 2012 - given AMPO and GTSC meetings, plan instead an in-person SWG meeting perhaps when new ALIS is rolled out and training required.

NYMTC Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets courses are filled, oversubscribed. Try to get a course Upstate

AMPO also doing a session that will follow up on peer exchange

Gayle: NYSAMPO will be printing all fact sheets for use by MPOs. Order being placed this week.

- Safety Assessments

Dozier: Tracking MPO progress on conducting assessments; feedback from almost all MPOs. So far, 5 MPOs have done SAs (A/GFTC, ECTC, BMTS, NYMTC through locals, GTC] HOCTS and CDTC interested but have not done yet. Can put some SA reports on website.

Misiewicz: May be interesting to go back to pilot SAs to see what has been implemented.

- Legislation monitoring

Gayle [provided a briefing on MAP-21.

Next teleconference meeting: Thursday July 26, 1:30