

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION of MPOs  
SAFETY WORKING GROUP  
July 9, 2014

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating
  - GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
  - GTC – Bob Torzynski
  - ECTC – Mike Perry
  - NYMTC – Chris Hardej
  - CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
  - PDCTC – Emily Dozier
  - A/GFTC – Kate Mance
  - NYSDOT – Regina Doyle, Rob Limoges
  - GTSC – Chuck DeWeese
  - CLRP – Dave Orr
2. Meeting Notes –June 4, 2014 (attached)  
The meeting notes were accepted.
3. Federal Register Review (<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/>)
  - NYSDOT Comments on Safety Performance Measure (attached)
  - NYMTC SAWG Comments on Safety Performance Measure (attached)
  - Metropolitan Planning Rule – Summary of Safety Related Provisions (attached)
  - MAP-21 Guidance related to Safety: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/>

No questions or comments were made.

**If you have comments please provide to Misiewicz and/or Gayle within the week.**

There is a link to MAP-21 guidance that lists safety topics and documents related to safety. This catalog is there for your use. Will make sure link is up-to-date.

4. NYSDOT/Crash Record Coordination
  - Additional ALIS Training
    - Misiewicz: There have been requests from local governments for intersection safety training course. Is there an immediate need for a demo application of ALIS?
    - Perry: The person doing the crash analysis on ALIS for MPO could use Andrew's knowledge. Check with him in the coming month.
    - Misiewicz: We will try to host a training and possibly open it up to other agencies if there is need beyond the MPOs.
    - Notion to consider training via webinar to allow wider breadth of participation.
    - Hardej: Might need another training in the NYMTC area.
    - Misiewicz: Let Rob know about needs and see if that can be delivered in coming months.
    - Hardej: NYMTC has a training room open until end of September, so we will need to work schedule out soon.
    - Misiewicz will send a follow up email to the group. If an MPO needs training, and it can be discussed with the NYSDOT.**

## 5. Partnerships/Coordination

### - NYSDOT:

- HSIP Solicitation Awards (<http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/61014-road-safety-projects>)

Limoges: This lists all of the awards except for a few out in the Buffalo area that will be announced under a separate release. Those notified of projects should be making TIP amendments to get these projects programmed. \$80 million worth of projects were funded, and projects were located in every region that requested funding. Other local projects were also funded. There was a good project balance both geographically and between state and local projects. There was a wide variety in the quality of the applications that were received. We will identify ways to improve the understanding of application expectations to help us evaluate these applications, and make the applications more consistent. Funding will be provided through 2017 (FY 15, 16, 17), assuming MAP-21 funding levels remain as existing.

- Status of NYS Pedestrian and Intersection Safety Plans

Doyle: NYSDOT is in the process of developing both plans, working with FHWA and VHB (who is under contract with FHWA) New York is a focus state for these two areas, and they have been giving us assistance. Neither plan is at the point of considering counter measures or solutions to deploy. We are looking at the data we have to identify the areas or risk factors that we want to analyze. Once we get further down in the process, there will be more feedback and collaboration with other groups regarding potential solutions. We hope to finish up the data analysis phase quickly. Not sure how close we will be, but we are targeting both action plans for completion by end of this calendar year.

Limoges: We really will need this group's help in looking at counter measures: if there are programs that we need to implement off system because data shows these as problem areas. NYSDOT will need help from MPOs in this analysis.

Doyle: Stay tuned for opportunities on comments.

### - NYSATSB

Misiewicz: Meeting in the month of August. I will be presenting on who we are as the working group and what we do.

### - GTSC

DeWeese: The Highway Safety Plan is complete and in hard copy. We are waiting for a CD, so we can load the information on to our website. It should be up by next week at the latest. Also, the International Association of Chiefs of Police is working with fifteen states with I-90 or I-94 to host a safety challenge from August 1 through August 4. All states that border these roads will focus on traffic safety. New York is included, so NYS police will be focusing on this effort. **Will send a link with additional information.**

## 6. State Legislation

Misiewicz: To go over the last-minute bills passed as the summer session ended –

- Red light cameras: Two cities were given the red light camera allowance. Albany was one that got that authority. They will begin with a pilot of 20 locations that will be determined. The City of Schenectady did not get authorized, which is seemingly inconsistent. There could be a hierarchy by population.

- Speed cameras, video surveillance, and 25 MPH NYC speed limit in NYC: The use of speed cameras in NYC and the 25 MPH NYC speed limit were approved. Cameras at intersections may be specific to school zones. Long Island has some speed cameras with monitors hooked up to light system. Will keep an eye on these items to see how they impact safety. ***Will be sending additional information on this legislation.***

## 7. Training/Conferences

Misiewicz

- FHWA Intersection Safety Courses (attached)
  - July 29, 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> (Rochester, Utica and Albany, respectively) <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/engineer.html> for full agenda  
Misiewicz: The sessions are limited to 15 persons per each location site. There are 10 spots for MPOs, but there is already a waitlist for the local spots, so MPOs should sign up as soon as possible.  
Misiewicz: We will be sending a survey to determine who is interested in hosting one of the Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets sessions in Upstate NY. Will look at The winter timeframe.
- TRB Tools of the Trade Conference, July 21-23, 2014 Burlington, Vt.
  - <http://www.trbtoolsofthetrade.org/pdf/TotT2014-Program-140408.pdf>
- Highway Safety Conference
  - MPO Session Tuesday at 4 PM  
October 19-22, Lake Placid, NY

## 8. Other Topics?

No other topics were discussed.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM

- Proposed that next meeting will skip August and be held Wednesday, September 10 at 1pm.
- Misiewicz will distribute this new date in an email after the call.
- The Safety Working Group will continue to coordinate over the summer to address some items on the work plan.