

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
SAFETY WORKING GROUP
JULY 26, 2012

MEETING NOTES

- Participating
 - A/GFTC - Kate Mance
 - BMTS - Cyndi Paddick
 - CDTC - Sandy Misiewicz
 - ECTC - Jay Schissell, Mike Perry
 - GBNRTC - Hector Boggio
 - GTC - Bob Torzynski
 - PDCTC - Emily Dozier
 - SMTC - Mike Alexander
 - GTSC - Chuck DeWeese
 - NYSDOT - Marty Neveu, Rob Limoges
- Meeting notes, June 28, 2012
 - No comments
- SWG Work Plan updates
 - Legislation watch
 - MAP-21 safety provisions
 - Gayle reviewed the handout he had prepared summarizing the safety provisions of the highway title. He noted little had changed with HSIP other than elimination of the set aside for the High Risk Rural Roads program. There is a target substituted instead, as well as one for crashes and pedestrian fatalities affecting elderly people.
 - DeWeese - Little to add to his previous review of NHTSA items. A positive is the ability to flex some NHTSA money as long as performance targets are met (eg, seat belt use >90%). Highway Safety Plan will be due July 1
 - New York City speed camera proposal
 - Misiewicz: Speed camera proposal in NYC, up to 40 cameras, 20 moveable; do not know if it will advance through the Legislature.
 - Texting while Driving Law: effectiveness
 - Misiewicz: Governor press release with county based breakdown of texting while driving tickets, which have increased fourfold statewide.
 - Data Access and Analysis
 - HSIP: Issues and Opportunities
 - Misiewicz: Met with FHWA (McDevitt, Chau) about HSIP issues in programming. Focus was on local system, difficulty of data driven problem identification. FHWA has some concern about project descriptions in TIP/STIP. Not always clear that NYSDOT Regional safety engineers have signed off.
 - Limoges: Critical items for any HSIP project are B/C and crash reductions. NYSDOT internal process does all of these analyses, leading to prioritization. Almost always lacking for off-system projects. This is a challenge in developing an acceptable HSIP program.
 - System Safety and Optimization team at Main Office developed Capital Program Update instruction (along with pavements, bridges, and sustainability);now working on TIP/STIP guidance. Regional SSO teams expected to push safety and optimization projects, including off-system projects.

Misiewicz: MPOs must reach out to Regions as off-system data systems are being developed.

Limoges: Remember that goal is to reduce severe crashes regardless of location.

Neveu: Have been discussions on the TIP update committee, which involves a number of MPOs. Sometimes there has been success for local safety improvements as part of larger project.

Neveu: FHWA has STIP project description guide. Possibly internal to NYSDOT. She will check on distribution to MPOs.

- Partnership and Outreach
 - Safety scan
 - Torzynski review Safety Scan. Of interest: direct economic benefit of red light cameras; Illinois DOT using VMS to display safety messages (Monroe County interested, but NYSDOT wants to do only on statewide basis); NTSB recommending performance standards for speed limiting technology for heavy vehicles.
 - NYSMPO SWG website
 - Gayle reported on changeover to new platform, updates
 - Fatalities, 1st quarter
 - Interpreted as warm winter, more VMT, but fatalities up 13%
 - NYSATSB
 - Next meeting, Matt VanSlyke will attend
 - GTSC
 - No report from DeWeese
 - NYSDOT
 - NYSP
 - Update of TraCS data report
- Education and Training
 - New Fact Sheet topics
 - Shared Lane Markings policy once adopted by NYSDOT
 - No other ideas offered
 - 2012 AMPO Annual Conference (Sept 11-14, Saratoga Springs)
 - Sandy on panel for safety session (9/12 PM)
 - Walk-Bike NY Symposium (Sept 18, Glens Falls)
 - NYS Highway Safety conference (Oct 14-17, Lake Placid)
- Other Topics
 - Need for Vice Chair of Group? If interested, notify Sandy.
 - Safety performance measures to Emily
 - McDevitt organizing a regional peer exchange in New Jersey. Sandy will participate.

Next meeting: Thursday Aug 30, 1:30 PM