

NYS Association of MPOs
Safety Working Group Teleconference
August 22, 2013
MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- NYMTC – Chris Hardej
- PDCTC – Emily Dozier
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Rob Limoges, Cathy Kuzsman, Regina Doyle, Andrew Sattinger, Jackie Berlant
- GTSC – Chuck DeWeese

2. Meeting Notes – June 20, 2013 (attached)

The meeting notes were reviewed and accepted.

3. SWG Work Plan Updates

a) Data Access and Analysis

- Alternative Approach to Crash Rate Traffic Volume Data (update)
Misiewicz reported that since that last meeting she had spoken to Sattinger about the use of MPO model volumes to calculate crash rates for local roads. They concluded that model volumes should not be used. New layer to be added to ALIS that will display traffic volume data.
Sattinger clarifies that volumes only on those roads on the linear referencing system (FA system); other local road volumes cannot be displayed until the GIS is built out for the remainder of the network.
- ALIS Crash Data Access and Use Policy for MPOs (attached)
Misiewicz reported on final edits to draft policy, which can be used by MPOs until the final policy is promulgated.
Additional updates requested:
 1. Terminology – simply use ALIS, not applications
 2. Define data analysis summary. [Mance asked for clarification; any publicly available MPO plan that includes safety data analysis can be released. NYSDOT does not want MPOs to release raw data.]
 3. Language for crash data disclaimer [Mance and Dozier requested clarification; language is in ALIS]Limoges stated that the intent of the policy is to make things easy for MPOs and customers by referring raw data requests to NYSDOT to ensure uniformity; while allowing MPOs to respond to other requests. Once approved by NYSDOT legal, it will become an official policy; does not expect significant changes.
ACTION ITEM: Misiewicz will edit, send out new copy of draft.
- ALIS Scalability Project Update
Sattinger reports moving toward final work on ALIS application. It should be in production by mid-late September. When ready, he will send new documentation to current users. Then he will follow up to determine training needs – webinars on specific functions, for example. Also some regional in-person training around the state.

b) Partnerships and Outreach

- Website Update Ideas (attached)

Misiewicz reviewed the document.

Gayle will rewrite introduction, reflect link to SHSP and HSSP as how priorities are established.

Misiewicz will rewrite SWG brochure [Gayle to send NYSAMPO logo]

Discussed posting and archiving of meeting notes; will go to Working Group Chairs meeting for uniformity

Some links are broken

There may be other links to organizations or best practice examples that could be added

ACTION ITEM: Gayle will send email requesting further input from members

- Other Updates:

NYSATSB

Van Slyke was not in attendance. No report

GTSC

DeWeese reported:

1. Applying to NHTSA for grant money for New York City as a pedestrian safety focus area. \$2 million nationwide, hoping for \$250-500K. Money will go to NYC for education and enforcement, adding to the NYCDOT Pedestrian Action Plan.
2. Reviewed 580+ grant applications, totaling \$35M. Usually grant a total of \$15-20M, will need to prioritize.
3. Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept 15-21). Working with partners on Seat Check Saturday (9/21) to install and check seats
4. GTSC Safety Plan submitted, on website
5. Governor provides funding to step up enforcement of distract driving – 10,000 tickets issued in July up from 2,000 in June

NYS DOT

Limoges reported:

1. Looking forward to the ALIS release in September.
2. Discussions with ITSMR on beginning the SHSP update per MAP-21. Still a number of unknowns in absence of FHWA guidance. Targets consistent with HSSP. Doyle will be leading. Starting over the next couple of months.
3. Capital Program update starting up shortly. Intent is to make process better – goals related to specific emphasis areas in SHSP. More focus on nominal safety elements (pavement markings, guiderail); these are not funded with HSIP, but need to be included in overall asset management strategy.
4. Central Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project (see below).
5. HSIP solicitation – timeframe (possibly Nov-Dec) not yet determined, should work in concert with Capital Program update.
6. Misiewicz noted that CDTC is convening Operations and Safety WG. Challenging topic is describing to project sponsors project types and analysis for HSIP applications. Limoges- must be eligible for fund source, not always easy to determine by sponsors. Get lots of ineligible applications. NYS DOT wants projects targeted at crash reduction based on published factors.
ACTION ITEM: Misiewicz and Limoges will consider writing a one-pager for prospective applicants.

NYSP

No report

c) Education and Training

- Complete Streets 2.0 Fact Sheet

Gayle reported that he planned to complete a draft text next week.

It was agreed that this would be a supplement to the existing Complete Streets Fact Sheet, not a replacement. Focus topics are incorporating complete streets elements in simple paving projects, and addressing goods movement needs.

Updates on adopted ordinances, resolutions, and policies should focus on MPO involvement.

Highlight MPO Complete Streets committees, websites, exceptional projects.

ACTION ITEM: Gayle will email WG members for additional ideas. Draft to Dozier to review next week.

- CDTC Peer Exchange

- NYSDOT Central Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project

Misiewicz followed up on Limoges' report. Project led by NYSDOT, NYSDOH, with CDTC, GTSC, other stakeholders. High profile pedestrian crashes along corridor (Albany-Schenectady). Detailed analysis of crash history to identify causes; discovered 45% not at intersections (signals far apart). Engineering solutions include reviewing/improving placement of crosswalks, signal timing, low cost items like LED lit No Turn on Red signs. 3E approach to pedestrian safety campaign. Share materials on next call. Education: NYSDOH preparing palm cards and posters for all users. Enforcement: did classes, cards for officers on VMT law.

Limoges: NYSDOH used GTSC grant to develop and print materials; approaching Chambers of Commerce in corridor to maximize distribution. Kept the message generic so these materials can be used anywhere; they will be available to all. Four enforcement agencies participated, indicated willingness to ticket peds for making poor decisions; warnings are ineffective, need to ticket.

- CDTC Complete Streets Committee (attached)

Misiewicz reported they are working with Region 1 and communities that are interested in complete streets projects. Identified need to bridge communication gaps between planning and design.

- RPI/NYSERDA Lighting Educational Seminars

NYSDOT will participate, and CDTC to develop 3 half day workshops to educate locals on lighting streets, crosswalks, work zones. One workshop will be held at CDTC, expect the others for downstate and western NY.

- New Map Presents NYPD Crash Data as It Was Meant to Be Seen

<http://www.streetsblog.org/2013/07/26/new-map-presents-nypd-crash-data-as-it-was-meant-to-be-seen/>

- NYC Safe Streets for Seniors – potential FHWA Livability Case Study

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/safeseniors.shtml>

- Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System (PEDSAFE) Webinar

Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

- Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets, October 15-16 and 17-18, NYC (attached)

Hardej: Most seats are already taken

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

ACTION ITEM: Gayle will email SWG members to determine who will be attending

4. Other Topics and Next SWG Meeting

- Next Teleconference: Thursday, September 19, 2013 @ 1:30 PM

Gayle noted this conflicts with the ITE NY Upstate Section Annual Meeting. He will poll the SWG to see if others will be attending.