

NYS ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
SAFETY WORKING GROUP  
AUGUST 30, 2012  
MEETING NOTES

☒ Participating

BMTS – Cyndi Paddick

CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz

ECTC – Mike Perry

GBNRTC – Hector Boggio

GTC – Robert Torzynski

HOCTS – Matt VanSlyke

ITCTC – Fernando deAragón

PDCTC – Emily Dozier

SMTC – Mike Alexander

NYSDOT – Jacqueline Berlant, Robert Limoges, Regina Doyle, Natalia Grygoriants, Marty Neveu

NYSDMV – Chuck DeWeese

NHTSA – Shannon Purdy

☒ Meeting notes July 26, 2012

The meeting notes were accepted. Limoges provided clarification that the term “SSO team” stands for Safety and System Operations in the context of the program update.

☒ SWG Work Plan Updates

○ Legislation Watch

Misiewicz: Noted distribution of MAP-21 ppt provided by Gayle from an ITE/FHWA webinar.

Also: FHWA MAP-21 Safety webinar, Sept 7, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. To register,

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/webinars.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/webinars.cfm)

Limoges: NYSDOT has a team examining all of MAP-21. Regina Doyle is working on safety part.

Finding interesting items; HSIP apportionments increased substantially over SAFETEA-LU but some programs like rail grade crossings come out of HSIP.

Gayle: Reminder to pay attention to rulemaking; understand from AMPO that Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) may be issued soon.

○ Data Access and Analysis

Safety Performance Measures

Dozier: Reviewed updated spreadsheet. New tab shows MAP-21 performance measures based on information from AASHTO analysis of the bill. Other tabs show FHWA measures, those from NYSDOT’s SHSP and GTSC’s HSP, and those from PDCTC’s LRP. Dozier would like examples from other MPOs.

**ACTION ITEM:** Send Emily Dozier any examples of safety performance measures used in MPO LRTPs.

Crash Data Dissemination and Use Policy

Misiewicz: Has developed a draft document, working with Rob Limoges at NYSDOT. At this time, data requests should generally be directed to NYSDOT. MPOs can produce own analyses.

Understand that the draft policy will require review by others in NYSDOT, including Legal Affairs.

Limoges: Reviewed Sandy’s draft policy. Notes that crash report dissemination must comply with privacy concerns. NYSDOT has a FOIL policy that provides details.

- Partnerships and Outreach

NYSATSB

Van Slyke – NYSATSB minutes not yet available; will distribute once received. Dues not paid for 2012; Matt will follow up to generate invoice for payment.

GTSC

DeWeese – MAP-21 consolidates funding programs. New program for distracted driving, NY will qualify because have primary cell phone and text law. Will no longer qualify in FY2013 because of 3 new requirements: need law to (1) have increase fines for repeat offenders; (2) test question on licensing exam; (3) prohibition on under 18 drivers using any device including handsfree.

Another fund source is related to GDL for teen drivers, no states currently qualify. Requires minimum age for full license to be 18.

FY 2013HSSP posted online last week.

Misiewicz: Asked about Highway Safety Conference registration.

DeWeese: No update, hopeful of good registration despite some agencies having travel restrictions.

NYS DOT

Limoges: TIP/STIP guidance will be out soon. MAP-21 funding to be considered, but no shift in strategy for safety funding allocation. Overlay on Capital Program Update 2011 guidance.

Neveu: Concurred that nothing new on safety program. TIP schedule is as typical, with MPO approval by June.

Limoges: More detail on next call if needed. Plan to attend Highway Safety Conference. Barb Mullin will present podcast series. Rob will be at Walk/Bike Symposium in Glens Falls.

NYSP

No report.

- Education and Training

Safety Scan:

Torzynski reviewed the Scan that was distributed. Notes that GTC is working with RGRTA on shared bus/bike lanes. Current law puts bikes in center lane, so cyclists ride on sidewalk.

Network of Employers for Traffic Safety has good educational information.

National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation project:

Torzynski noted GTC is participating; anyone can go online and participate, data input through Google Documents. Web page hooked to SQL database, can add markers to map. Can show multiple layers. GTC working to determine crash rates, looking at NCHRP methodology, looking at variance. Need more history of counts.

Dozier: PDCTC is planning to do counts for Documentation project. Is guidance of 5-7 PM appropriate?

Torzynski: GTC is doing 4-6PM because that reflects actual peak activity. The data input spreadsheet takes into count the actual time of counts.

Torzynski would like this agenda item to include other MPOs reporting on safety projects.

**ACTION ITEM:** If anyone has project they want to talk about, contact Bob.

Distracted Driving Driving PSAs: see links in agenda

Schedule of upcoming conferences appears in agenda.

AMPO: Working Group session on Tuesday; and a safety planning session.

☒ Other Topics

Emily Dozier has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair of the SWG.

☒ Next Meeting

Cancel Sept meeting due to schedule conflicts.

Meetings for the remainder of the year:

October 18

November 15

December 20