

NYSAMPO Association
Safety Working Group Teleconference
September 10, 2014
MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Robert Torzynski
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- PDCTC – Emily Dozier
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- NYSDOT – Regina Doyle, Andrew Sattinger

2. Meeting Notes – July 9, 2014 (attached)
Notes accepted.

3. NYSDOT/Crash Record Coordination

- ALIS Data Access and Use Policy (attached)
Misiewicz reported on a revisit of ALIS Data Access and Use Policy, based on input via Andrew Sattinger from NYSDOT Legal Affairs: MPOs are compelled to respond to FOIL requests for crash data; one governmental entity cannot defer requests to another agency if they have the information. ALIS access constitutes a record.
Misiewicz: Need to update language in original data access and use policy.
Gayle reports on discussion at MPO Directors meeting on MV-104 issue. MPOs can have access to MV-104s through ALIS, but then must make them available. Concerns about sharing personal information.
Sattinger: NYSDOT Legal Affairs is reviewing policy on redacting sensitive personal information based on language in the [Drivers' Privacy Protection Act](#). This law guides DMV, but there is language about redistributing the data. Share unredacted reports only with permissible entities. MPOs may want to adopt their own policy regarding redacting personal information. Andrew will share NYSDOT policy as it is received.
Sattinger: MPO access to MV-104 through ALIS being made available upon request. Be aware of accompanying responsibility, including record keeping.
Mance: What constitutes a "record" under FOIL? Does an MPO have to perform an analysis to respond to inquiry, or only provide raw data?
Sattinger: If you can perform the requested ALIS query, you must respond to the FOIL request. If it takes >2 hours to produce the records, can charge for staff time.
Perry: Do all police agencies have access to ALIS?
Sattinger: They can upon request, but not all have done so.

Perry: ECTC is concerned police agencies will forward crash record requests to ECTC. Does the MPO need to respond?

Sattinger: If police agency has access to ALIS, they must produce the data.

Misiewicz: If an MPO chooses not to have MV-104 access (this is optional), then the MPO is only required to provide what they have access to.

Perry: Are the MV-104 in ALIS a scan or electronic version?

Sattinger: Both, depending on source data.

Dozier: Should MPOs notify NYSDOT of FOIL request?

Sattinger: No need, but must retain a record of requests/fulfillment.

- ALIS Training: Potential Albany dates Sept 26th and Oct 10th, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Misiewicz: surveyed MPOs as follow up to Syracuse training. The first class is "ALIS 101", the second is more advanced, focus on non-attribute types of queries.
Misiewicz will coordinate registration for Albany sessions. Will consider a Syracuse session if there is interest. There are 2 scheduled at NYMTC.
Dozier: 5 people interested, but Oct 10 is not as good due to Columbus Day holiday weekend.
Alexander: Much overlap with GIS staff; avoid Oct 22 NYS GIS Summit.
- ITSMR Public Crash Record Database Update
Misiewicz reports that ITSMR has hired software developers to create public access data warehouse. Input from users as guidance.
Intended to be at final stages, purchasing hardware/software.
Sattinger – no approval yet for geospatial component.

4. Partnerships/Coordination

- NYSDOT:
 - Status of NYS Pedestrian and Intersection Safety Plans
Doyle reported that Pedestrian Action Plan is taking a step back on scope issues for consultant support.
Intersection Safety Action Plan: NYSDOT Safety Evaluation Engineer meeting on Sept 22-24 in Albany. As part of agenda, consultant will conduct an Intersection Safety Action Plan workshop, review data collection to date, and identify countermeasures that might be appropriate for systemic implementation. Started with FHWA Proven Countermeasures, supported by consultant review of NYSDOT data, and develop a b/c ratio for each countermeasure as a systemic improvement. Then input from participants based on their knowledge and experience.
Also identify issues that may have to be resolved as barriers to plan or specific countermeasure.
Draft recommendations as conclusion of workshop.
Participants will include CDTC, Albany and Saratoga County DPWs; input on local perspective is needed. Let Sandy know if you'd like to participate.
 - NYSDOT Traffic Safety and Mobility taking on Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
Misiewicz reports that Rob Limoges' office has taken over this program.
Doyle: TAP staying in Local Programs

- NYSATSB May and August Meeting Notes (attached)
Misiewicz reported informational item. Plan to revisit SWG liaison for 2015.
- GTSC
DeWeese not present, no report.

5. Education/Outreach

- Bike/Ped Laws Podcast or Factsheet with Bike/Ped WG?
Dozier reported on coordination with Bicycle/Pedestrian WG. Asks for input on delivery mechanism. Podcast could be more directed to police agencies, fact sheet for a broader audience.
Torzynski: both methods have value
Misiewicz: previous podcast development was a partnership with NYSDOT and NYS Police Chiefs Association. Would have to see if NYSDOT could assist.
Dozier: Podcast development may be beyond NYSAMPO capacity without partners.
Torzynski may have useful resources from law enforcement training. NYBC has a Fact Sheet. PDCTC has a summary of laws. CDTC may also have resources from police training.
Gayle: Who is the intended audience for the Fact Sheet. In producing other Fact Sheets, this has not always been determined prior to production.
Dozier: This needs to be discussed. There is a need for both public awareness, and education of law enforcement. Police may not respond to a fact sheet.
Gayle: Have Traffic Safety Boards used their NHTSA 402 funds to develop this kind of information?
Dozier: Will look at GTSC as a resource. They do have an old Share the Road brochure on their website. Emily will be attending Bike/Ped WG meeting next week and discuss this further with them.

6. Training/Conferences

- FHWA Intersection Safety Courses debrief
Misiewicz reported well attended, follow up activities.
- FHWA Office of Safety: State and Local Agency Safety Data Integration Experiences, September 18, 2014, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM
 - i. Registration: [https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com... info.html](https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com...info.html)
- Sept 17 Ped enforcement webinar based on NHTSA guide has been cancelled
- NYMTC area ALIS Training (Oct 1st and Oct 15th at NYMTC (attached)
Both overview courses.
- Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets in Upstate NY Locations – if MPOs want to host, contact Misiewicz
- Highway Safety Conference www.itsmr.org (MPO Session Tuesday at 3 PM October 19-22, Lake Placid, NY)

7. Other Topics

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 8th at 1 PM