

**NYSAMPO Association  
Safety Working Group Teleconference  
Thursday, October 24, 2013**

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Introductions**

A/GFTC – Kate Mance  
BMTS – Nancy Dutta  
CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz  
ECTC – Mike Perry  
GBNRTC – Hector Boggio  
HOCTS – Matt VanSlyke  
PDCTC – Emily Dozier  
SMTC – Mike Alexander  
UCTC – David Staas  
NYSDOT – Rob Limoges, Cathy Kuzsman, Andrew Sattinger  
GTSC – Chuck DeWeese  
CLRP – David Orr  
RSG – Steven Gayle

**2. Meeting Notes – September 19, 2013 (attached)**

Accepted

**3. SWG Work Plan Updates**

**a) Initial thoughts on updating the SWG Work Plan for 2014-2015**

- Current SWG Work Plan (attached)

Misiewicz noted that the Working Group needed to begin addressing their Work Program for the 2014-2015 UPWP year. She asked for input.

Gayle noted that the MPO Directors were interested in having the Working Groups support the collaborative intent of the Integrated Planning task. The SWG does this as a matter of course.

Boggio noted that GBNRTC is starting LRP update; with the Performance Based Planning requirements from MAP-21, SWG should start looking at safety performance measures.

Gayle noted the NYSAMPO/NYSDOT MAP-21 Implementation Working Group. They would be seeking WG input to generate comments on the performance measure NPRMs. Safety NPRM is expected in January 2014.

Dozier proposed this could be combined with existing goal on performance measures  
Limoges: NYSDOT will keep SWG apprised of rulemakings. No information from FHWA Office of Safety

Misiewicz: Members asked to provide input; more fact sheet topics

Dozier: Consider slimming down the Work Program list, generating a better focus on priority areas

Misiewicz: Concur that it would be useful to refine, prioritize

**ACTION ITEM:** Review 2013-2014 Work Program. Send ideas to Misiewicz.

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> in person meeting agenda

Misiewicz noted this was organized as a joint meeting with GIS WG related to enhanced ALIS roll out.

Sattinger: Continuing to work on new ALIS application; should be completed by Dec 2.

It was agreed that it would be best for this meeting to provide a demo of ALIS applications, with hands-on training to be provided subsequently.

Sattinger and Limoges noted that NYSDOT is developing a training plan; that will include MPO staffs.

Sattinger can present demo remotely. It should take about 2 hours.

SWG wants to have part of the time reserved for their own meeting.

Gayle will confirm with Quackenbush the availability of space at HOCTS.

Perry noted he is on both WGs; others may be in the same situation.

## **b) Data**

- ALIS Update and Training

Discussed above.

Misiewicz noted that she is using it; it is faster than old version

Limoges: Match crash factors with vehicles; work flow improvements;

If others are interested in testing, send email request to Sattinger

- Kick off of the ITSMR led Internet Crash Data project

Misiewicz noted this is a Traffic Records Reporting Council project for 2014.

It will complement ALIS with a non-technical/public access tool to search for crash data.

Misiewicz is on the technical user group on system design, data elements/database; reports and query capability. Kickoff is Oct 30. She will report back, get feedback in development process.

Dozier asked about the geographic scale, and whether there will be a searchable map.

Misiewicz noted that is the intent.

- TED GIS Monthly Report (attached)

Update on internal project status in NYSDOT

Dozier: Will safety data include healthcare/hospital data?

Limoges: This is a data integration project. The long term vision will include hospital info; need to build phased approach to getting to that end. Vendor meetings to develop RFI

- ALIS user policy status [Dozier inquiry]

Misiewicz: will include on agenda for next call.

## **c) Partnerships and Outreach**

- Final SWG Brochure (attached)

Misiewicz noted MPOs should distribute this as they wish

- NYSATSB

Van Slyke noted he did not attend the meeting. Meeting minutes will be distributed when received.

Misiewicz suggested SWG continue to evaluate its relationship to NYSATSB.

- GTSC: NYS Highway Safety Symposium

DeWeese reported that over 300 people attended; went well. Good sessions. Next year will be in Lake Placid.

He also reported that NYC's pilot test of electronic reporting of ticketing was successful. It is expected this is the first step toward TraCS crash reports submissions. Perhaps SWG members can encourage this to occur.

- NYSDOT:

- 1) NYSDOT Complete Streets Checklist Comments

- Misiewicz reported that comments were consolidated by Scott Reigle, Chair of the Bike/Ped WG, and forwarded to Kuzsman

- Concerns reflected policy language (may v shall); specifics re: AASHTO design guide (deviate on road diets, for example);

- Will forward comments to SWG.

- Individual MPOs also sent comments directly to Nancy Alexander at NYSDOT.

- There was a question about feedback from Complete Streets workshops.

- Kuzsman reported the Buffalo workshop today; Long Island next week. NYSDOT is consolidating comments; will use findings to produce Complete Streets report due in Feb 2014 as required by the State CS law.

Limoges: Article in Buffalo News about New York having the worst pedestrian safety record – very misleading. TSTC using crash data to push advocacy, but the problem is not happening on on-system roads; SWG can help address off-system needs. Budget is small.

Gayle asked if NYSDOT is considering the NACTO design guides (urban streets, urban bikeway). These have received a good reception as an alternative to AASHTO with a strictly urban focus.

Dozier noted FHWA issued a memo on bicycle facilities design references that references NACTO, urges flexibility.

**ACTION ITEM:** Gayle will distribute link to NACTO documents.

- 2) NYSDOT Raised Crosswalk Policy (attached)

- Dozier asked if detail sheets are available to external users through NYSDOT website.

- Kuzsman/Limoges: Yes, search website for "standard sheets".

- NYSP

- No report

#### d) Education and Training

- Complete Streets 2.0 Fact Sheet (attached)

- Misiewicz reported that a few minor errors are being corrected, then it will be ready for printing.

- ACTION ITEM:** Gayle will poll MPOs on quantities of printed sheets.

- Misiewicz had to leave the call, so no report on the next 2 items.

- FHWA Rural and Rural Local Road Briefing Sheet Working Group

- Local Safety Peer Exchange Follow Up

- Cornell Local Roads Program Workshops

- Orr reported that CLRP does many workshops that include a safety perspective. Human factors in November (need more numbers in Buffalo). Presented by an FHWA

representative from San Francisco. More information is available at [www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm](http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm)

- In-Person Workshops:

Intersection Safety Workshops, November 18-19, Mount Vernon, NY and November 20- 21 at NYMTC.

#### **4. Other Topics and Next SWG Meeting**

Misiewicz

It was agreed that the November 21 teleconference meeting will be cancelled because of the in-person meeting on Monday December 2, 2013.