

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

1. Participating

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- BMTS – Cyndi Paddick
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC - Mike Perry
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Bob Torzynski
- NYMTC – Chris Hardej
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- PDCTC – Emily Dozier
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – David Staas
- GTSC – Chuck DeWeese
- ITSMR – Renee Varone
- CLRP – David Orr

2. Meeting Notes – November 12, 2014 (attached)

Meeting notes were approved.

3. SWG 2015-2016 Revised Workplan (attached)

Dozier introduced the revised work program.

Boggio and Misiewicz stated approval.

Hardej asked about a NYSDOT Lane Departure Safety Action Plan. Gayle will follow up on whether NYSDOT is doing a separate plan, will add under NYSDOT coordination and specific work products.

Hardej proposes adding an item under NYSDOT coordination reflecting collaborative work on safety performance measures and data sources.

ACTION ITEM: Send any additional items by Dec 17

4. SWG Interim Chair (January – April)

Dozier reported that Perry and Alexander have agreed to serve as interim Chairs for this period.

Perry for January and February call. Alexander for March and April.

5. MPO Safety Initiatives

Dozier reported that Doyle will present on NYSDOT's Safety Plans on the January call. Hardej will check with NYCDOT presenters on their availability for a January or February presentation.

ACTION ITEM: Hardej to confirm presentation for January or February.

6. FHWA and NHTSA notice for comment on State Safety Plan development and reporting requirements.

DeWeese reported that he and Limoges, Doyle, and McDevitt met to discuss the topic. GTSC and NYSDOT have similar answers to the 6 questions posed in the Notice, being strong proponents of

merging plans for FHWA and NHTSA (and FMCSA). Think this could happen in New York, given the strong working relationship with NYSDOT and GTSC. Others across the country, where the working relationships are not as good, do not want to do this.

Gayle notes that the Notice states that any streamlining of plan development and reporting must be accomplished within existing Federal legislation. FHWA SHSP requirement and NHTSA HSP requirement are in separate sections of MAP-21.

Dozier: Could the law be more flexible, to allow States to choose to merge their plans if they choose to?

DeWeese: In reauthorization, a state like New York could be identified as a pilot state. NYSDOT and GTSC may put both plans in the same document as a test.

Hardej notes different update cycles.

Gayle: This is a state issue, but the MPO Directors may submit a comment of support.

ACTION ITEM: DeWeese will share GTSC's draft comments; NYSAMPO can add support if choose to.

7. NYSDOT/Crash Record Coordination

- ALIS Data Access and Use Policy [update]

No report

- ITSMR Public Crash Record Database [update]

Varone: The software contract is in place, but there are issues with purchase of servers based on Buy America Act requirements. (DeWeese notes that a waiver can be submitted through NHTSA, but it may take 6 months to a year to get a response.)

8. Partnerships/Coordination

- NYSDOT

- Status of NYS Pedestrian and Intersection Safety Plans

Doyle to present in January. Pedestrian Action Plan workshop Jan 21-22 at CDTC.

Bike/Ped WG is taking the lead, let Scott Reigle know if interested in attending.

- Other NYSDOT items

Misiewicz had distributed Central Ave Safety Study, still draft. Used Long Island study as model, may want to replicate across the state.

- NYSATSB

Misiewicz had sent minutes.

- GTSC

DeWeese reported GTSC is finalizing Annual report, will post.

Meetings with NYPD concerning automated forms reporting, moving forward. Using current vendor to develop a new crash report form, then the ticket form.

- FHWA

No report

- NHTSA

No report

5. Education/Outreach

- Bike/Ped Laws Factsheet with Bike/Ped WG [update]

Dozier reported that review of existing documents is completed. There is a current discussion on format model: either user-specific approach for pedestrians and bikes, or topical (eg crosswalk laws).

Hardej: There is a lot of information, must make it useful. Supports topical approach; bullet points.

Boggio: Likes NYBC respect flyer. Succinct and effective. Organized by users.

Dozier: Focused on version for the public. Hogan provided GTSC Quick reference guides for enforcement organized by mode. Can use direct V&T language for enforcement version.

Hardej: Why a law enforcement version?

Dozier: Local law enforcement not necessarily educated on the law.

Perry: What are the MPOs doing for distribution? Don't overstep in "teaching the police". He sees little adjudication support in this area.

Is there a liability issue with MPOs educating about the law?

Dozier: Work through TSB, share it with them as part of their outreach activities.

Dozier: Will work on putting draft text together for public version by early January.

6. Training/Conferences

- Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets: SMTC and CDTC

Alexander and Ceponis are coordinating. SMTC is looking at an off-site facility, site visit to specific intersection.

June 2-3 Albany. June 4-5 Syracuse.

- NHI Workshop- Roadway departures

Orr reported this is a brand new workshop from NHI. Scheduled for late March or early April.

Propose to teach in 3 locations around state (Central upstate, Hudson Valley, Rochester/Syracuse). After these sessions, Orr will be certified to instruct.

Logistics – classroom style, 30 student maximum, full day.

ACTION ITEM: Orr will email agenda. Let Orr know if interested in hosting.

7. Other Topics

Orr: Will be at TRB participating in a session on the Northeast Transportation Workforce Training center. The effort is being led by University of Vermont Transportation Research Center and Rutgers University.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 14 at 1:00 PM