

NYSAMPO Association
Safety Working Groups Teleconference
Thursday, December 19, 2013
Meeting Notes

1. Introductions

A/GFTC – Kate Mance
CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
ECTC – Scott Shaw, Mike Perry
GTC – Bob Torzynski
HOCTS – Matt VanSlyke
PDCTC – Emily Dozier

NYSDOT – Jackie Berlant, Rob Limoges, Regina Doyle, Cathy Kuzsman
FHWA – Emmett McDevitt
GTSC – Chuck DeWeese
Cornell Local Roads Program – David Orr

2. Meeting Notes – December 2, 2013 (attached)

Approved

3. Draft SWG Work Plan for 2014-2015 (attached)

Misiewicz reviewed the Draft Work Plan. This will be submitted to MPO Directors by mid-January.
Dozier – liked the categories in the Excel version. Can that be replicated? She will send a mock-up.
Also, it is helpful to identify people who are responsible for each task.
Misiewicz agreed it is a good idea to assign tasks.
Gayle: Noted that the document being prepared for the Directors and NYSDOT needs a uniform format, but the SWG can use the Excel format internally. Sandy asked for any comments by the end of December.

4. 2014 Meeting Schedule

Misiewicz reported that at the Utica meeting, there was general agreement with monthly calls of one hour duration.
Misiewicz also noted the possibility of occasionally including a presentation, which might result in a longer call.

Try to find a better day/time to accommodate all members.
No need to retain current time; NYMTC cannot make this.
ACTION ITEM: Gayle to survey members.

5. Status of ITSMR (Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research) Crash Database Project

Misiewicz reported: this is to provide a means for crash data inquiries by general public. MPOs can assist in identifying data fields, queries, and reports needed based on local experience.
DMV (support most robust data, except for subjective fields), DOH (HIPAA complication of linking health data), NYSP input (location, contributing factors, tickets). Concern about public understanding of definitions (e.g., contributing factor v cause).

VanSlyke: HOCTS receives requests by crash type – bike/ped; also, analyze driver actions to understand crash patterns.

Torzynski: include pedestrian prior action.

ACTION ITEM: Sandy will email list of proposed fields for group to review. Submit desired queries and data fields to Misiewicz. Check on ITSMR preliminary data list.

6. NYSDOT Updates:

- HSIP Solicitation:

Limoges reported that the HSIP Statewide solicitation has been released, for FFY 2015-2017 (contingent on extension of MAP-21 or reauthorization). Application deadline Feb 21 to Main Office (MO), so earlier to Regions. More emphasis on systemic applications.

Since guidance was released, questions include soft cap by Region to limit number of projects (Regions asked to submit no more than 3x annual allocation) includes off-system projects. Regions (System Safety and Optimization Team) and MPOs and RPPMs need to work together to identify best projects. Systemic projects must focus on SHSP goals (rumble strips and countdown timers) on- and off-system. Will consider other systemic treatments, to be screened for consistency.

Work with Regional Safety Evaluation Engineer to check benefit/cost ratio inputs on local project submissions.

McDevitt had example from SMTC of network screening process for City and County. Good example of quantitative information that can be referenced in application.

Doyle: for additional systemic projects, talk to MO prior to submission for consistency and eligibility based on SHSP.

Misiewicz: How much lead time between submission to MPO and Regional submission to MO?

Limoges: Coordinate with Regions.

- Final Engineering Instructions on Shared Lane Markings, Pavement Marking Operations and Raised Crosswalks (attached)

Kuzsman: If there are questions, the Policies and EIs have contact information. She will also respond to questions.

7. Training

- Intersection Safety (FHWA course, done in NYMTC – reached out to Jeff Shaw) If there is interest in additional courses in the state, need to know how many, where?

Limoges: recent EDC webinar on this topic. Working with Jeff to leverage FHWA help in developing a State Intersection Safety Plan. (looking at South Carolina success). Intersection safety data reveals crashes more prevalent on local system, therefore need MPO assistance. Key challenge.

ACTION ITEM: Gayle will distribute a Survey Monkey survey on work group meeting times and FHWA course interest and location.

- PDH and AICP credits

Misiewicz reported that the Climate Change WG had inquired about continuing education credits for WG presentations. Gayle is following up.

8. Partner Updates:

- NYSATSB

Van Slyke reported discussion of having an MPO representative chair the Engineering Committee; clarified requirements with Chief Trentanelli (Chair NYSATSB); he says PE not needed. Role involves attending quarterly Board meeting, update on issues affecting traffic safety highway design.

Gayle will bring this to Executive Committee.

- GTSC

DeWeese reported: 2013 Annual Report just submitted to NHTSA. David Strickland, NHTSA Administrator left, which was unexpected. No information on new Administrator. Fatalities in NY up for 2013 so far.

Teen Summit that will involve 40 teens will be held in Lake George, May 2-3. Intensive training, will be encouraged to implement safety programs back at their schools. GTSC will be recruiting; send any recommendations to Chuck.

- NYSP

No update

9. Other Topics

- ALIS User Policy

Misiewicz reported that the Directors had reviewed, going beyond ALIS data. Question was raised whether existing user agreement apply. Perrin to follow up.

Gayle reported that in the interim, MPOs should be guided by the draft, sharing safety analyses they may have done, but not raw data from ALIS. If they receive a FOIL request, consult with the host agency's FOIL Office.

10. Next Meeting Date

To be determined, pending survey.