

**New York State Association of MPOs
Safety Working Group
Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Bob Torzynski
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- PDCTC – Mark Debald
- SMTTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- NYSDOT – Jackie Berlant, Andrew Sattinger, Robert Zitowsky, Cathy Kuzsman
- ITSMR – Renee Varone

2. Meeting Notes – May 13, 2015 (attached)

Sandy offered two corrections. The notes were then approved.

3. Working Group Items

- Presentation: Safety Performance Measures and Systemic Planning, Hector Boggio, GBNRTC [Information from the presentation was distributed with the agenda.]

Boggio explained that GBNRTC wants to get in front of the Federal Safety Performance Management rule, noting that it may be issued this fall.

He noted that VMT used does not include non-FA roads. This is a problem everyone will have to address, since Safety PM and HSIP rules apply to all public roads.

GBNRTC is considering tracking separate performance measures for urban and rural areas, and how to define them.

Boggio reports regarding Systemic Planning. They are reviewing the FHWA project selection tool.

There was a discussion of the use of A, or A&B (on the KABCO scale) for serious injury.

Gayle will check the FHWA NPRM [it uses A]

Torzynski/Sattinger note serious injury in ALIS is also just A

Misiewicz notes the Draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan uses A&B, asks why.

Sattinger will check.

Sattinger will follow up on completion of traffic volume estimates for local roads. He notes there have been contractor issues.

Boggio asks whether NYSDOT will decide to divide safety performance measurement into urban and rural, as was raised in the NPRM. This is an outstanding issue.

Gayle reviews current status of MAP-21 Rulemaking with information provided by Lynn Weiskopf on the MPO Directors call the previous Friday.

- The 3rd Performance Management NPRM (covering the remaining MAP-21 national goals) is not likely to be issued until late 2015.
- Although FHWA's initial commitment was to issue a single Final Rule on Performance Management, they are now likely to issue the Final Rule on Safety Performance Management in September.
- The Final Rule on Statewide, Metropolitan, and Nonmetropolitan Planning is scheduled to be issued in October.
- NYSAMPO 2015 conference session: <http://bit.ly/1tZgeB>
 Misiewicz reports Limoges and Doyle will present Pedestrian and Intersection Safety Action Plans, SHSP, and HSIP funding.
 ITSMR is unable to present on the crash records public access website in the Performance Based Planning session due to schedule conflicts for both Renee and Anne.
 Misiewicz offers to present on Safety Performance Measures if someone else can moderate the Safety Session, which is at the same time.
 Boggio offer to moderate, later confirms.
 Gayle provided a conference summary.

Gayle provided a summary of the current status of reauthorization. MAP-21 is now in its second extension, to July 31, 2015. Because Congress has yet to find a funding mechanism they can support, it is likely there will be another extension through the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30.

4. Partnerships/Coordination

- Cornell Local Roads Program
 - NHI Workshop – Combatting Roadway Departure Crashes
 Orr reported (by email) that 32 people attended; he is now certified as an instructor, will share the curriculum.
- NYSDOT
 - Draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
 The Preliminary Draft was distributed with the agenda packet. There will be additional work related to CLASS, analysis, MUTCD, and schedule.
 Misiewicz notes that Limoges asks for feedback on scope and content for proposed countermeasures; how to implement proposed strategies in MPOs; and what resources would be required from Main Office in order to support implementation.
 Misiewicz notes these take aways:
 - This is a New York State document that excludes NYC because of the fact that it would skew the analysis.
 - Focus on state highways; countermeasures on state roads with uncontrolled intersections; urban state roads with signals.
 - Recognizing that there is a lot going on outside of New York regarding development of countermeasures.
 - Includes education and enforcement strategies.
 - Defers emergency services strategies to the SHSP. Plan will feed into SHSP update.
 - Funding strategy for top twenty cities.

ACTION ITEM: Comments TO Misiewicz by Monday morning for feedback to Limoges by Wednesday.

Torzynski: Will send comments, this is a good product. Proposes the top 20 cities be broadened to include counties, expand eligibility.

Boggio: Will send comments. Received comments from one of their counties.

Misiewicz: Limoges will present the plan at a future SWG meeting. Guidance to Upstate municipalities about employing countermeasures will be helpful in moving crash outcome numbers even if they are not targeted in this round.

Debald: Exclusion of NYC data is confusing in that the term "statewide" is used in some parts of the report.

Misiewicz: Notation on p 6 references definition of statewide/NYC exclusion

Sattinger: NYC has its own plan. NYSDOT plan is similar in concept but adapted for upstate areas.

There was a discussion of target setting, as required by MAP-21 rule. Do targets in this Plan exclude NYC? Sattinger indicates there will be statewide targets.

Misiewicz: Given that the principal fund source is HSIP, she did not see discussion of coordination with MPOs regarding programming.

Sattinger: Will communicate concern. NYSDOT still looking at how to engage the MPOs. Kuzsman references page 7 recommended actions: provide input to Limoges on how we think MPOs become more involved. For example, how MPOs will identify projects/countermeasure locations that will contribute to meeting the Statewide target.

- ALIS Updates/Crash Records

Sattinger reported that the new version of the collision diagram tool is now incorporated in ALIS, would like MPOs to test it.

Misiewicz notes she has tested it. It will save time, no need to hand draw collision diagram. But does not autofill, must refer to crash reports to verify input information.

- ITSMR

- Public Crash Record Database

Varone reported loading data, running queries to test the system, looks good for rollout.

- GTSC

DeWeese unavailable, no report.

- FHWA

McDevitt unavailable, no report.

- NHTSA

Purdy unavailable

Misiewicz notes the USDOT Walking Safety Assessment in Monsey/Spring Valley, NY was distributed. She reviews the report and walkability checklist. Sees this as a useful exercise, provides context and content for MPO pedestrian safety audits.

5. Training/Conferences

- New York Highway Safety Symposium (Oct. 18-21, Binghamton)

Next Meeting Date: August 5, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. (no July meeting)