



## NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs SAFETY WORKING GROUP

June 19, 2017

**In-Person Meeting**  
**4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

### MEETING NOTES

#### **Participating**

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Cyndi Paddock
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Alex Kone
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- CLRP – David Orr
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember
- Cambridge Systematics – Nicole Waldheim

#### **1. Introductions**

Sandy Misiewicz opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

#### **2. Meeting Notes**

The May 17, 2017 meeting notes (attached) were accepted with no changes.

#### **3. Informing the Performance Based Planning Process**

##### a. Presentation by Nicole Waldheim, Senior Associate, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Nicole Waldheim provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Safety Working Group on using safety data and analysis methods and how your MPO can plan for reductions in fatalities and serious injuries. Safety data (including crash, roadway, and vehicle miles traveled) can inform different types of analysis that ultimately lead to the development of goals, objectives, performance measures, and programs and projects in transportation planning documents. The different types of analyses reviewed included benchmarking, contributing factors, crash types, network screening, and systemic analysis. The types of data needed and how to conduct each analysis were reviewed, including examples from other states. The final presentation and other resources discussed during the presentation will be sent by email.

- Questions/Comments/Discussion regarding the presentation:
  - Emily Dozier noted that the contributing factor crash data from ALIS has only a limited amount of data. Sandy Misiewicz added that you need to review the individual DMV-104 forms to get a more complete picture of the factors. Emily asked if you need to look at K's and A's only—or if you could focus on clusters of

less severe crashes. Nicole Waldheim said that would be fine if there are not a lot of K's/A's.

- Sandy Misiewicz noted that NYSDOT just sent county-level VMT estimates. These could be used to develop crash rates (crashes/VMT). The data is summarized by Functional Class by county – not specific roads.
- Sandy Misiewicz noted that she doesn't see different patterns when comparing local to statewide data. Do you start with looking at fatalities and serious injuries? Nicole Waldheim noted that you don't have to compare data to the state data – look at what is rising to the top in your particular planning region (i.e. distractions while driving) and what data is high. At a minimum, just showing the public, stakeholders, and elected officials data on the number of fatalities and serious injuries in the planning area should serve as a wake-up call that more needs to be done.
- Emily Dozier asked whether there are universal dollar amounts used for the cost of crashes. Nicole Waldheim noted that the federal guidance in the Highway Safety Manual is a good resource. However, NYSDOT also provides state specific guidance on this topic. The Average Crash costs published online by NYSDOT can be found at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/accident-costs>. There is a one-year lag because of the time it takes to get the average crash costs calculated.
- Jack Mance shared information about the network screening project that AGFTC conducted.
- Hector Boggio noted that GBNRTC is sharing ALIS data via the cloud with their municipalities.
- A number of participants mentioned the challenges associated with engaging local jurisdictions in safety planning. Nicole mentioned there is no easy solution to this and many MPOs in other states struggle with the same problem. The Ohio MPOs are just starting to tackle this issue through a working group and Nicole will share more information on this effort as it becomes available. In addition, the South Jersey TPO has had success in this area. Working Group members might find this information on their website helpful: [www.sjtpo.org/hsip](http://www.sjtpo.org/hsip)

#### **4. SMTC Bike Safety Public Announcements**

##### **a. Presentation by Mike Alexander, SMTC**

Due to the shortened meeting (because of the fire alarm interruption), Mike Alexander briefly summarized the project. The videos will be shown throughout the conference and the SWG reviewed them briefly at the close of the meeting. The presentation will be rescheduled for the next Safety Working Group meeting. There was a discussion of whether these PSAs could be shown elsewhere in the state. There is an option to do so after securing permission. Mike asked people to email him if they are interested in using the videos. The PSAs will be uploaded to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and the SMTC website. Mike Alexander noted that for the five videos created, one video was shown for one week at a time for a five-week campaign. A report will also be available on the SMTC website summarizing the development process and the project as a whole.

## **5. Other Agenda Items**

The remaining agenda was deferred due to the shortened meeting time to the next SWG meeting.

## **6. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

The July 19<sup>th</sup> SWG teleconference will be rescheduled. Kathy Ember will send out a Doodle Poll to select another date. The Bike/Ped Working Group will be invited to participate for the first part of the meeting for the SMTC Bike Safety PSA presentation.

## **7. Working Group Co-Chairperson Position**

Emily Dozier will be the new Chair for the Bike/Ped Working Group. Sandy Misiewicz will be looking for a Vice-Chair. Please contact Sandy if you are interested in serving as a Vice-Chair.

## **Action Items**

The following were noted for follow-up:

- The Consultant Team will send the following materials from Nicole's presentation.
  - The PowerPoint presentation will be sent to the Safety Working Group.
  - Nicole Waldheim will provide a benchmarking Excel spreadsheet example and information on segment analysis (from Arizona) and additional information when available.
    - Hector Boggio will also send around some information regarding crash severity weighting.
- The July meeting will be rescheduled to another date and the Bike/Ped Working Group will be invited to attend for the SMTC Bike Safety Public Announcements portion of the meeting.
- Sandy Misiewicz will send out an update to the SWG regarding the request for comment on the NYSDOT Safety Data Integration Project. She noted that the project is estimated to take about 4+ years including the bidding and testing process.
- Contact Sandy Misiewicz if you would like to be the Vice Chair of the Safety Working Group.