

**NYSAMPO Association  
Safety Working Group  
March 11, 2015**

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Participating**

BMTS – Cyndi Paddick  
CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz  
ECTC – Mike Perry  
GBNRTC – Hector Boggio  
GTC – Bob Torzynski  
NYMTC – Chris Hardej, Anne Marie Doherty  
OCTC – Ashlee Long  
PDCTC – Mark Debald  
SMTC – Mike Alexander  
UCTC – David Staas  
CLRP – David Orr  
GTSC – Chuck DeWeese  
NYS DOT – Rob Limoges, Robert Zitowsky  
FHWA – Emmett McDevitt

**2. Meeting Notes – January 14, 2015 (attached to agenda)**

The notes were accepted without comment.

**3. Special Presentation**

Anne Marie Doherty, New York City DOT  
Vision Zero Safety Action Initiatives [slides attached]

Doherty presented the strategies and methods that NYCDOT is employing to reduce pedestrian fatal and serious injury crashes. They have developed a separate plan for each Borough.

She noted that they have new partners in the effort including the MTA, District Attorney, and Teamsters Union.

She noted that in response to Failure to Yield being a primary cause of pedestrian crashes, the City passed Local Law 19-190 that makes it a misdemeanor when the result is a pedestrian K/SI. She noted there have been 6 instances of bus drivers being cited.

Hardej noted the importance of the 2010 Safety Study as a starting point that provided a foundation for the Vision Zero effort. Also noted a local law that requires an investigation of every fatal crash location.

Misiewicz: Are there specific enforcement focus areas in each Borough?

Doherty: Enforcement may be tailored based on findings and geography, but not very different in each Borough Plan.

Debald: He is aware of a locality that has done “sting operations” with local police focused on failure to yield. Does NYPD use that strategy?

Doherty: No.

Alexander thanked Doherty for her presentation.

#### 4. Partnerships/Coordination

- Cornell Local Roads Program
  - NHI Workshop - Roadway departures (location/date)  
Orr left the meeting, but provided an information flyer [attached]
- NYSDOT

Limoges reported that Sattinger is doing the annual PIL run, which when complete will be added to ALIS.

  - Crash Records  
Data Integration Phase 1 has begun, with the business plan approved and project manager assigned. Focus is on improving automated data transfer from NYS DMV
  - Other NYSDOT items  
Limoges reports on Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Action Plans. They are developing a short list of countermeasures (systemic, corridor, and location specific). There is some overlap between the two Plans, which is being reconciled. Expect to have draft reports in the next 2-3 months. Want to begin with application of simple systemic countermeasures as soon as feasible.
- ITSMR
  - Public Crash Record Database [update]  
Varone unable to attend. No report.
- NYSATSB
  - Meeting report  
Misiewicz attended January meeting, presented on behalf of NYSAMPO. Notes we still Chair the Engineering Committee. Biggest value is information exchange. 2015 dues have been paid, Sandy will remain as NYSAMPO representative.
- GTSC

DeWeese reported

  - NHTSA has a new Administrator, Mark Rosekind, who he met at the the GHSA Executive Committee meeting. He has experience in the field, supports State actions.
  - NYPD – process of digital data transfer is complex. They have a new consultant, Information Builders Inc. May be 1-2 years to accomplish this. An initial phase may have reports submitted in pdf format.  
Hardej asks about prior efforts, data transfer demos, lesson learned.  
DeWeese: there was a different vendor for ticket reporting, which was piloted and phased out. New vendor for crash reports. Important task is to standardize data dictionary among different applications. Timeline indicates testing forms within the month, but DMV may not be ready to receive data. NYSP is a major player as well.
  - Fall Highway Safety conference in Binghamton, Oct 19-21. Session review already underway.
  - Providing law enforcement training for (1) motorcycle awareness, (2) pedestrian safety, and (3) commercial vehicle enforcement (this is not for truck inspection, but to develop a comfort level in making traffic stops). More than 600 officers trained.
- FHWA

McDevitt not available, no report
- NHTSA

Purdy not available. Limoges reports there will be a federal Safety Walkthrough on Rt 59 in Rockland County.

## 5. Education/Outreach

- Bike/Ped Laws Factsheet with Bike/Ped WG – final action  
Alexander notes the Fact Sheet has been reviewed but last comments can be made. Notes that the Directors decided that the proposed version for law enforcement was not appropriate, will not proceed.  
Gayle noted that as soon as finalized, he will be polling the MPOs for quantity of printed sheets  
**ACTION ITEM:** Comments to Gayle by COB Friday March 13.

## 6. Training/Conferences

- Designing Streets for Pedestrian Safety: SMTC and CDTC  
Alexander reported this course will be taught at CDTC on June 2-3, at SMTC June 4-5.  
Hardej notes partnership with CLRP for PDH credits.  
RSG will assist with disseminating information, registration.
- NYSAMPO 2015 Annual Conference – technical program ideas  
Gayle reported that the Directors have decided to do a Statewide MPO conference for the first time since 2010. The Conference Planning Committee is asking the Working Groups to assist with the technical program by developing a session.  
Safety Working Group agrees to develop a session. Committee: Misiewicz, Torzynski, DeWeese, Limoges.

## 7. Other Topics

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 8 at 1:00 PM