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Federal Highway Administration (fhwa.dot.gov)

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (safeny.ny.gov)

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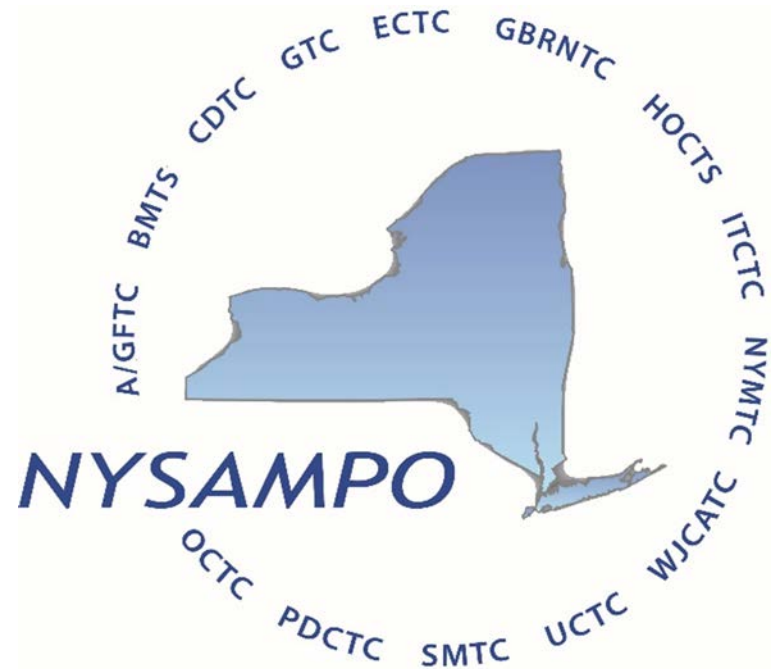
New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards (nysatsb.net)

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Safety Working Group



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Safety Working Group Mission

“To advance initiatives intended to preserve, maintain, and improve traffic safety for all users in New York State”

What is an MPO and NYSAMPO?

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning and approving federal transportation funding in metropolitan areas throughout New York State (NYS). They are designated under federal law in any Census-defined urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more. MPO's have a significant role to play in safety, ranging from establishing safety objectives in the long range plan to reviewing and analyzing crash data to programming federal funds for projects that reduce injuries and save lives.

NYSAMPO (NYS Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations) is a coalition of the 14 New York MPOs that works to advance initiatives through working groups (such as the Safety Working Group) and to pool financial resources for training, planning, and research.

What is the Safety Working Group (SWG) and what does it do?

The SWG is a coalition of MPOs, state and federal agencies, and organizations working to advance safety initiatives intended to preserve, maintain, and improve traffic safety for all road users, regardless of travel mode, in New York State. The SWG discusses safety-related issues in an effort to advance safety planning and to support engineering, education, enforcement and emergency services safety efforts. The SWG holds monthly telephone conferences and occasional in-person meetings to discuss a wide range of safety topics related to an annual work plan.

Accomplishments

- Developed the Safety Assessment Process for NYS MPOs, based on the FHWA Road Safety Audit approach and tailored to New York State.
- Developed factsheets on traffic safety topics ranging from *Complete Streets* to *New York's Statewide Safety Program: How You Can Be Involved*.
- Participated in the development of NYSDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Provided MPO member agencies with information and technical assistance to identify candidate Highway Safety Improvement Program projects.
- Offered input and helped test the upgrade to NYSDOT's Accident Location Information System (ALIS).
- Researched network screening techniques and options for safety performance measures.

Current Activities

The Safety Working Group undertakes multiple initiatives and looks for new and innovative methods and programs that will assist in carrying out the SWG mission. Some of these activities include:

Strategic Highway Safety Plan (Update) – Members of the Safety Working Group are participating in the 2017 update of the NYS SHSP. As key stakeholders, the MPOs are assisting in the development of strategies that will lead to the establishment of performance measures for six emphasis areas: Driver Behavior, Age Related Solutions, Speed, Vulnerable Users, Lane Departures and Intersections.

Performance Measures – SWG is working with NYSDOT in 2017 on the identification of safety performance measures and targets per the final federal rules for safety related to MAP-21 and the FAST Act.

Factsheet Development – The SWG continues to partner with other NYSAMPO Working Groups to develop factsheets as a means of disseminating important safety related information. SWG plans on developing an educational factsheet in 2017 based on the updated NYS Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Safety Education Toolkit – SWG continues to contribute to the safety education toolkit section of the NYSAMPO Safety Working Group web page. Links to a wide variety of engineering and other safety resources are provided. SWG will work with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group to evaluate the effectiveness of safety education campaigns.

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – SWG continues to work with NYSDOT to use data to identify HSIP candidate projects, particularly on the local system, and plans to explore ways to improve the HSIP obligation rate. The Strategic Highway Safety Plan and the related NYS Pedestrian Safety Action Plan provides guidance.

ALIS and Data – The SWG has a long relationship with NYSDOT regarding the Accident Location Information System (ALIS) and continues to partner in program monitoring, ensuring local access, and assisting with local data and crash rate analysis. A draft MPO user policy has been established in coordination with NYSDOT. SWG also continues to participate in the NYS Traffic Records Coordinating Council to improve New York's traffic record databases.

If you would like to get involved with the NYSAMPO Safety Working Group, please visit: www.nysmpos.org