

NYSAMPO Freight Working Group
Conference Call
March 21, 2013 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Attendees

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| ▪ Howie Mann, NYMTC (Chair) | ▪ Mark Christian, NYSDOT |
| ▪ Aaron Frankenfeld, A/GFTC | ▪ Ahmed Ismail, OCTC |
| ▪ Jim Arey, ECTC | ▪ Jenn Coccozza, PDCTC |
| ▪ Maria Chau, FHWA | ▪ Mike Alexander, SMTC |
| ▪ Jody Binnix, GTC | ▪ John Sterbentz, BMTS |
| ▪ Rich Guarino, GBNRTC | ▪ Jerry Kres, ECTC |
| ▪ David Rosenberg, NYSDOT | ▪ Peter Plumeau, RSG |

Discussion Items

1. Summary of January Teleconference (RSG)

- No freight plan in development right now (NYSDOT) – are discussing internally; *discuss at later meeting*
- National Freight Advisory Council (Rich G) – Howie and Rich both nominated by their MPOs; NYSAMPO sending letter of support for both; Howie – very positive development for freight planning; Maria – great that freight having its own category, just the beginning

2. Freight Events and Training Opportunities

- Summary of Freight and Land Use Workshop, **NYMTC** (Howie) - About 30 attendees – high level of interest, not just govt but also private and good geographic representation; led by FHWA staff and materials provided, including Freight and Land Use Guidebook; day ended with evaluation of the workshop; instruction was good and useful. There are more training opportunities in the pipeline through FHWA that NYMTC will be trying to host in the future.

Maria – highlight was bringing people together and networking on common issues, problems and opportunities (“ah-ha moments”).

- April 24, Freight and Alternative Fuel Conference, **CDTC**, Albany (Leah)
 - www.freightandfuels.eventbrite.com

- **May 6 – 9, FHWA/AASHTO Freight Partnership V, Washington DC (Maria)** – Meets every 2 years; brings together national groups and state reps and MPOs; learn a lot about what’s happening and emerging in freight planning and investment nationally and across states; may be invitation-only (Maria to check).

David – was useful to see how the private sector makes location and investment decisions; scenario planning insights were very interesting

- **Mid–May 2013 Peer Exchange–BMTS Freight Peer Exchange (Energy Development Related Truck Impacts)**

Maria – BMTS requested this; some discussion in the MPO Directors’ meetings – interest from western/southern NYS; other states included – NC, WA, ND, others (?), these places have had truck impacts from energy development.

John – will be at Binghamton State Office Building; will try to have a lot of local/municipal highway staff participate

- FHWA’s “Talking Freight” Webinars (Howie) – generally one per month; great opportunity to learn about what’s happening domestically and globally

3. NYSAMPO Freight Working Group Conference Update Discussion

June 3 – 4, at NYMTC in New York City

- Draft Agenda and Topics for Discussion Survey (RSG)

Peter presented results of WG member survey on topics and format

Potential panelists - NJTPA, DVRPC, smaller MPO

- Interest in field trip – polled WG members and decided to go with New York and Atlantic Railway (Brooklyn) tour and train ride as the field trip for Day 2 of the workshop

4. Open Discussion on: Stakeholders and Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC)

Howie – Three REDCs in NY Metro Area; some funds from the REDCs are often directed to projects that support logistics, freight access, etc.; are significant players in NYS because of focus by Governor’s Office and use by other state agencies for supporting important projects; Brooklyn Rail Terminal received REDC funding for expansion of rail freight facility; NYMTC conducted feasibility

study of Terminal as freight village site. Howie is on one of REDC's infrastructure committees. Becoming a major player in ED on Long Island.

Rich – GBNRTC helping to identify potential projects

Jody – GTC was involved in first round of project identification

<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

5. Other Recent MPOs' Freight Developments

Syracuse – starting to identify freight issues; developed a questionnaire on web and mailed out to freight industry; trying to gauge issues freight stakeholders are dealing with

6. Wrap up

Howie – Feel free to contact Howie and/or Peter regarding what your freight planning needs are – data, procedures, resources, etc. Maria has FHWA access; others on WG have lots of experience that can be applied.

Next meeting early May – RSG will do Doodle Poll.