

**NYSAMPO Freight Working Group Teleconference
23 January 2013
Meeting Summary**

Attendees

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| ▪ Howie Mann, NYMTC (Chair) | ▪ David Rosenberg, NYSDOT |
| ▪ Aaron Frankenfeld, A/GFTC | ▪ Mark Christian, NYSDOT |
| ▪ Leah Mosall, CDTC | ▪ Ahmed Ishmael, OCTC |
| ▪ Jim Arey, ECTC | ▪ John Czamanske, OCTC |
| ▪ Maria Chau, FHWA | ▪ Jenn Cocozza, PDCTC |
| ▪ John Pollot, GTC | ▪ Mike Alexander, SMTC |
| ▪ Rich Guarino, GBNRTC | ▪ Peter Plumeau, RSG |
| ▪ Ken Dodge, NYSDOT | |

Discussion Items

1) Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Howie Mann thanked everyone for joining the call and moving this effort forward.
- Recapped WG charter and the 3 purposes of the WG.
- Discussed how today's agenda items fit into and facilitate meeting the charter purposes.

2) Summary of August Teleconference

- Peter Plumeau recapped the August meeting proceedings, including the discussion of the Working Group's mission, goals and potential activities. (A written summary was not available.)

3) Scheduling a Face to Face Meeting

- Howie led a discussion on the potential purpose, content and length of a face to face meeting
- Several people noted that we should try to include a tour(s) of freight facility(ies)/field trips
 - Rich Guarino, John Czamanske, Leah Moll – would like to see facilities within NYS; maybe hold event in NYC since NYMTC has travel restrictions
- What are people interested in as content?
 - *RSG to survey WG members on topics/interests*
- Coordinating with the March 11 FHWA Freight-Land Use Workshop at NYMTC (see below) was discussed, but people ultimately agreed that it would be prohibitively difficult to make the timing, planning and logistics of the two events work together
- It was agreed that the preferred timeframe for the face to face meeting is **May/June 2013**
 - *RSG will work with NYMTC to coordinate and manage the meeting logistics*

4) In-state Conference and Training Opportunities

i) FHWA Freight and Land Use Workshop at NYMTC (Maria)

- Monday, March 11 at NYMTC

- FHWA is revamping the workshop presented in 2012 at the AMPO Conference before the March 11 event
- Workshop will include a broader cross-section of stakeholders than were at AMPO
 - May include attendees from NJTPA and NJDOT attendees, as well as local government officials, PANYNJ and City of NY
- FHWA has also received requests from NYS for Peer Exchanges on Border Crossings and on Heavy Trucks

ii) Freight and Alternative Fuel Conference (CDTC) 4/24/2013 (Leah)

- Concept for this Conference evolved from the “Advancing the Choice” Initiative under the Clean Cities Coalition
- Conference will be April 24, 2013 in conjunction with Earth Day, at Albany International Airport
- Agenda will include:
 - Morning – panellists on Energy Matters, Freight and Liveability, and Fuels
 - Lunch with keynote speaker
 - Afternoon – Facilitated workshop to discuss the status and direction of freight activity in the Capital District and where and how infrastructure for alternative fuels for freight movement could be developed

5) Presentation – Ken Dodge (NYSDOT Truck Permitting) – *Mitigation of Infrastructure Degradation through Permitting and Regulation of Overweight Trucks*

- This issue is framed by federal vehicle size and weight regulations and enforcement issues – How do heavy trucks and vehicles’ impacts fit into bigger picture of how we protect infrastructure?
- Ken has worked around the state and observed truck situations and operations across the spectrum
- NYSDOT issues two types of permits:
 - Special hauling (non-divisible load): over-dimensional cargos (GE Turbines, etc.)
 - Divisible load: carrying heavy materials, sand, Sandy debris, etc. (>28K permit apps/yr)
- NYSDOT has had to revise its permit system to accommodate newer trucking technologies and sizes/weights
- NYS is unique – no one else in the northeast U.S. has these permits; this inconsistency became an issue during the process of removing debris from Hurricane Sandy
- Some of the information NYSDOT receives on truck movements could conceivably be shared MPOs – perhaps for identifying key corridors and planning infrastructure needs and improvements; Ken noted that none of these data are geo-coded at this time
- NYSDOT is attempting to create a GIS platform that is able to extract truck routing information
- Much of the permitting system was structured “for the 20th Century and needs to be updated for 21st Century” – standards, technology, monitoring
- Discussion/Q&A:
 - Use of wide-based tires is not a big concern to NYSDOT

- Options when a roundabout can't allow an oversize vehicle through? Depends on the specific vehicle design (low trailers, etc); maybe add a factor of "clearance" in routing tool.
- DOT is starting to work with other agencies to make permit application process more seamless; started with NYC DOT (one app is sent to both entities). Trying to start working with NYSTA and NYSBA. Port Authority coordination is thru NYCDOT
- The permitting website is www.nypermits.org

6) Regional Economic Development Councils

- Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

6) Meeting schedule/next meeting

- *March date – TBD (RSG to conduct Doodle Poll)*
- Howie reminded WG members that this is an interactive gathering, and that their suggestions on speakers/topics are always welcome.