

**NYSAMPO Climate Change Working Group Teleconference
10/10/12
Meeting Summary**

Attendees

- Kate Mance, AGFTC (Chair)
- John Sterbentz, BMTS
- Jay Schissell, ECTCC
- Joe Bovenzi, GTC
- Jeff Quackenbush, HOCTS
- Larry McAuliffe, NYMTC
- Cathy Kuzman, NYSDOT
- Colleen Smith-Lemmon, NYSDOT
- Mark DeBald, PDCTC
- Sreekumar Nampoothiri, CDTC
- Peter Plumeau, RSG (NYSAMPO staff)

Discussion Items

1. Changes or Additions to Agenda

- *None*

2. Presentation: Bicycle-Pedestrian GHG Emission Reduction Strategies (Larry)

- *Larry made a presentation on a study undertaken for NYMTC by a graduate student assistant earlier this year that examined bicycle-pedestrian strategies for GHG reduction in the New York metropolitan region. The study was in response to a request from NYMTC's Emissions Reduction Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of how bike-ped strategies can contribute to emission reductions (the presentation was previously sent to Working Group members with the meeting agenda). The central theory advanced in the presentation is that we may make a substantial reduction in GHG gases in the long term by combining a number of proactive bike-ped strategies that will increase the share of those traveling by walking and biking, especially when combined with land use strategies that encourage density, mixed use and use of transit.*
 - *Key annotations noted by Larry during his presentation include:*
 - *Pg. 2 – "NYC" percentages are for all boroughs*
 - *Pp. 3 – older suburban communities often need retrofitting of intersections designed to facilitate car and truck movement in order to make them bike-ped friendly*
 - *Although it hasn't yet been pursued, it may be possible to engage Business Improvement Districts (BID) to help establish bike corrals at commercial locations*
 - *Pg. 5 –NYMTC has conducted Walkable Community, Safe Routes to School and Parking Management Workshops since 2001 throughout the metropolitan area*
 - *Portland Case Study – most improvement in transit, walking and biking*
 - *NYC/Union Square conversion – huge upsurge in pedestrian volume after conversion was completed*

- *NYC – installation of shared bike facilities (to be run by Alta) delayed until Spring 2013*

3. Discussion/Action Item - Revised Work Group Goals (Group)

- *Kate led a discussion of whether and how to refine and/or update last year's WG goals. She suggested that they could be refined to emphasize actions with measurable outputs (rather than static conceptual goals that lack the flexibility to address dynamics within the year)*
- *Larry suggested that the goals identify products that are anticipated to have been produced at year's end (e.g., recommendations)*
- *The WG members engaged in a discussion of the goals and proposed various revisions and edits. The resulting updated goals document is attached to these notes.*

4. DOT Business/Announcements

- *Cathy stated that the NYS Energy Plan release is delayed until the state releases other related plans and initiatives (e.g., Energy Superhighway)*

5. Other Business/Announcements

- *Kate announced that RSG has converted the Climate Working Group White Papers to the standard NYSAMPO format. They are now posted on the NYSAMPO website (http://nysmpos.org/wordpress/?page_id=942).*

6. Resource Review

- *Kate noted that a series of recently identified resources related to transportation, planning and climate change were attached to the agenda for today's meeting.*

7. Set Date/Time/Agenda Items for Next Teleconference

- *December 12, 2012, 10:30 am*

8. Adjourned at 11:40 am.