

**NYSAMPO Climate Change Working Group Teleconference
8/8/12
Meeting Summary**

Participants

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| ▪ Kate Mance, AGFTC (Chair) | ▪ Mark DeBald, PDCTC |
| ▪ John Sterbentz, BMTS | ▪ Chris O’Neill, CDTC |
| ▪ Joe Bovenzi, GTC | ▪ Larry McAuliffe, NYMTC |
| ▪ Jeff Quackenbush, HOCTS | ▪ Peter Plumeau, RSG |
| ▪ Cathy Kuzman, NYSDOT | ▪ Steven Gayle, RSG |
| ▪ Colleen Smith-Lemmon, NYSDOT | |

Discussion Items

1. Changes or Additions to Agenda

- *Agenda - no changes*

2. Discussion/Action - White Papers on Statewide Initiatives

a. Revised Linkage Study paper (Chris)

- *Chris revised to strengthen the link between actual program and GHG reductions*
- *Joe – question on gas mileage standards and increased GHG emissions (p. 6); should be edited to “reduce GHG emissions”*

b. Hybrid Bus paper (Larry)

- *Research shows that fuel economy for hybrids is much better than conventional buses, particularly in cities with stop and go traffic; 20-40% better on average; regenerative braking power is helpful in this; however, battery replacement cost after about 6 years plus additional training for mechanics that makes life-cycle cost of buses have a higher cost per vehicle mile as of today; may change over time as battery technology improves. May eventually be able to pay back their costs as technology gets better. Hybrid buses in metro NYC being deployed. Toronto & Seattle both had problems: cold shortened battery life in Toronto; Seattle didn’t see mileage they had expected.*

Comment – price of fuel directly affects cost-effectiveness; need to look more at quality of life issues and tradeoffs that people may be willing to make beyond pure cost-effectiveness.

- c. Next Steps & AMPO Conference Roundtable Handout (Kate)
 - *White Papers - Kate talked to Directors regarding White Papers and what is to be done with them; not great candidates for fact sheet format; rather, RSG will reformat the WPs and add them to the website; Kate will develop short summary of each and add link to WPs; need to be able to printed individually (not as a single booklet)*
 - *AMPO Conference – WG chairs having a roundtable discussion; Jay suggested that some of the WGs prepare a one-page handout; Kate will work with RSG to create this from existing information; will forward draft to WG before conference for review*
3. Discussion/Action Item - Potential agency contacts for group (*Follow up from last call*)
- a. NYSDEC
 - *Possible - Mark Lowery*
 - b. NYSERDA
 - *Possible - Adam Ruder*
 - c. Other?
 - *Sustainability Councils being established by Governor/Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC)*
 - *CDTC and AGFTC are part of eight-county Cleaner/Greener Initiative*
4. Discussion/Action Item - Updates for GreenLITES and INVEST
- *FHWA is also currently finalizing its own model (INVEST), which is similar to GreenLITES.*
 - *Should WG sponsor a ½-day webinar/training on these tools? (Probably in the winter.) Tabled for a future due to time constraints and competing issues.*
5. DOT Business/Announcements
- *NYS Energy Plan draft to be released on September 1 on the NYSERDA website; Colleen will send to Kate and Peter for distribution; to contain a volume with recommendations and actions plus other volumes including issues such as smart growth, GCC, transportation, as well as technical appendix containing details of technical energy analyses; comments can be submitted via the website; will be several public hearings during the fall (not yet finalized).*
- ACTION ITEM:** Need to decide whether and how NYSAMPO will put forth its comments – single orchestrated response or simple compilation of comments from different MPOs; need to get Directors to decide and advise; probably 2-3 months allowed for comments.*

6. Resource review

- *AASHTO info – Peter (RSG) and NYSDOT to be link*

7. Other Business/Announcements

- *Rich Perrin will be moderating a session on Climate Change Mitigation and Vulnerability Assessment at the AMPO Conference (Sept. 13).*

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

- *Oct 10, 10:30-11:30 (new time)*

9. Adjourned at 11:00 am