

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS (TSMO) WORKING GROUP

May 18, 2015

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

CDTC – Sree Nampoothiri

GTC – Joe Bovenzi

GBNRTC – Hal Morse

HOCTS - Richard Reichert

NYMTC – Jan Khan

SMTC – Mario Colone

NYSDOT – Jim Davis, Michele Bager

2. Roundtable

a. MPO Updates

Bovenzi reported that GTC Planning Committee approved scope of work for update to Regional TSMO Strategic Plan. It will include a broader look at TSMO than previous ITS plans. Intend to utilize consultant services. He will share scope of work, and RFP when available. This is a more detailed scope than is typical for GTC, to make clear the tasks.

Bovenzi also reported on update of GTC's CMP. He is looking at other CMPs that have been updated in last 2 years, looking for new approaches and strategies. For example, addressing travel time reliability, use of INRIX and other data services. GTC has extended its contract with INRIX for traffic data for up to 5 years.

Khan asked about the GTC CMP update schedule.

Bovenzi: This addendum should be completed by end of summer. Recurring congestion is modest at best; looking for new approaches.

ACTION ITEM: Bovenzi will send ITS Plan scope of work to Gayle for distribution with meeting notes.

Morse: Reported that GBNRTC received both FHWA and NYSERDA Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) grants. They will develop an RFP as a combined project. FHWA will be leading a workshop. Volpe Center is also participating on integrated planning.

Morse will provide additional information.

Davis: There is a NYMTC FHWA ICM grant that is also supported by a NYSDOT TDM contract that provides a matching sum of \$200K. New Jersey Northeast Corridor also received an ICM FHWA grant. NYSDOT is working with them on project management plan and system engineering plan.

Bovenzi: Interested in ICM lessons learned as a future topic.

Davis: The New NY Bridge (Tappan Zee replacement) includes integrated corridor management/mobility strategies for adjoining counties on I-87. There is an assessment of BRT. This is not an FHWA grant, but a similar timeline. It is interesting because of its suburban scope. NYS DOT is looking to find scalable strategies across all of the ICM studies.

b. NYS DOT Update

Davis: NYS DOT is working with UTRC and University at Albany AVAIL on developing a consistent way to manage NPMRDS data. They are using the NYSAMPO Modeling WG as project advisory committee. This project will be the topic of a presentation at the upcoming NYSAMPO conference.

NYS DOT is looking at work Munesh Patel is doing at NYMTC in developing a transportation information gateway.

Looking at ways to utilize and take advantage of TransCOM archived data.

Khan inquires about the NYS DOT Freight Transportation Plan and how it will address ITS. Davis notes the Plan is at its starting point; RSG is prime consultant. The foundation is to examine freight studies completed by MPOs and other agencies across New York. They are utilizing the NYSAMPO Freight Working Group for review and input.

Gayle notes that they will look at CVO ITS strategies, as well as how TSMO can improve freight operations at ports, border crossing, terminals, and others. He will report to the TSMO WG.

Khan asks about the Federal Rulemaking as it relates to TSMO.

Gayle explains that MAP-21 includes 7 national goals as a basis for performance based planning, and that are the subject of rulemakings to become detailed and finalized. To date, Notices of Proposed Rulemaking have been issued for safety, and pavement and bridge infrastructure. Comment periods have closed on both. The final NPRM, which will cover reliability, congestion, freight, and environment, will be issued later this year, but FHWA is not offering specific information on that or issuance of a Final Rule covering all of the proposed rules.

c. FHWA Update

No report

3. 2015 NYSAMPO Conference

Gayle reported that all MPOs and others have received registration materials. The technical program is nearing completion; training workshops are also being offered.

He notes that Rick McDonough, who leads NYS DOT's initiatives in autonomous vehicles, will participate in a Transportation Revolution roundtable.

4. Other Items

Bovenzi and Gayle inquired about topics the group is interested in covering on future calls. RSG can seek to arrange presentations.

- Bovenzi noted he is working to prepare an outline of a White Paper on AV.
- Planning for Connected Vehicles and their infrastructure requirements
- TSMO strategies on the New NY Bridge

ITS NY – June 11-12, Gideon Putnam. Includes presentations by agencies, vendors, academics.

5. Next meeting:

The group discussed shifting to a quarterly schedule. There was concurrence. Bovenzi will develop a new schedule for the remainder of 2015.