

**NYSAMPO Association**  
**Safety Working Group**  
**March 22, 2017**  
**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Introductions**

- A/GFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Cyndi Paddick
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- NYMTC – Sherry Southe
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- PDCTC – Emily Dozier
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Regina Doyle
- ITSMR – Renee Varone
- RSG – Steve Gayle

**2. Meeting Notes** – February 8, 2017 (attached)  
Accepted (add Boggio to attendee list)

**3. Work Plan Updates**

- NYS Strategic Highway Safety Plan: FHWA Target Setting Workshop (Albany, March 10)  
The workshop provided an introduction to target setting for the Safety Performance Management rule. Robert Zitowsky presented NYSDOT’s methodology, based on the required five-year rolling average method for each of the five performance measures. There are initial targets that reflect a continuation of the decreasing trend for motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries; less of a decrease for non-motorized, which may be driven in part by NYC increase last year.  
The FHWA instructors noted that New York is ahead of many other states, especially in the access to crash data by MPOs through ALIS.  
Doyle noted that there are no final target numbers yet; no change at this point to draft. They will be meeting tomorrow to review, should be approved to release numbers soon. Notes that GTSC must submit its Highway Strategic Safety Plan to NHTSA by July 1, and that some of the targets must be included identically in both plans. NYSDOT must submit targets in the HSIP Annual Report, due August 31.  
Boggio asks for confirmation that MPOs must report target action by Feb 27, 2018. That is confirmed. [MPOs can choose to support State target or set their own quantifiable target; can make a separate decision for each performance measure.] They will need time to be able to explain method and numbers to their Planning and Policy Committees.  
Perry: Confirm that MPOs will be unlikely to set own targets, at least for this first round.
- Overall SHSP Update  
Doyle: NYSDOT has concluded outreach with safety partners; Emphasis Area groups have met. They are in the process of writing; 1<sup>st</sup> draft by April 7, text-only. Participants/stakeholders will have first opportunity for review. Then NYSDOT will create a more final document with graphics. Plan to submit to FHWA by end of June to provide time for approval.
- PSAP Update  
Doyle: NYSDOT is getting Design Services Agreements (3) in place, will then hold kickoff meetings with consultants. Goal is to have some engineering work for on-system projects by the end of the year.

Next action will be a Local solicitation. NYSDOT is working on application, intended primarily for systemic treatments. Solicitation early summer, will allow plenty of time to complete, due by Dec 31. Schedule and process not yet finalized.

Misiewicz asked about the planned Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Blitz in June.

Doyle: Unsure of exact dates, but sometime near the end of June. Similar to effort in 2016 – a two week blitz, heaviest in the 20 municipalities that are identified as Focus Communities in PSAP. Some communities will take a warning/education approach, others may use zero-tolerance effort. There will be a PSA media buy, using the 2016 Distraction video. The new Visibility PSA will run in the fall.

- ALIS Data Access and Use Policy (included in agenda packet)

Misiewicz: Received examples from NYSDOT Legal Affairs office on FOIL responses. Wanted to incorporate, shown in new draft. Sattinger is busy with PIL identification, unable to respond at this time. Would like a Standard Non-Disclosure Agreement.

**ACTION:** Submit comments to Misiewicz.

Paddick: Re #7 – States that if MPO did safety investigation and made recommendation, must redact that. But the recommendations are part of the MPO Safety Study, which is typically a public document, so what is the basis for redacting. The study may have been shared with the municipality. Misiewicz: Agrees that this needs review, but was redacted in the NYSDOT example. May depend on wording in terms of recommended actions or proposed actions.

Paddick: #9 – States that if there is a request for interpretation of ALIS crash data, to refer to NYSDOT. Why is that the case?

Misiewicz: There had been an incident where the Tri-State Transportation Campaign had FOILed NYSDOT for data, then published the raw data without context. NYSDOT may be concerned about an MPO providing a different interpretation of crash data than they would.

Dozier: If doing analysis of off-system road, are limitations different? For example, in terms of redacting proposed solutions.

Misiewicz, Gayle: MPO host agency FOIL policies will apply. In any FOIL case, including on-system, the MPO staff should consult with the host agency. A County Attorney is not likely to be familiar with crash data and safety study issues, would look to MPO for context.

- Data Small Group

This was proposed on the last call, to advise NYSDOT (Sattinger) on the most desirable new applications of ALIS. Volunteers: Dozier, Kone, Boggio, Misiewicz. Southe said she will get someone from NYMTC data group. Misiewicz will send to Sattinger for follow up.

#### 4. Partner Updates

- NYSDOT  
Nothing additional
- ITSMR  
Varone reported on updates to TSSR. In February, added ticket data. Currently working on special reports on impaired driving, ignition interlock, texting. These will be Statewide and County reports; eventually county by municipality. Tweaking crash reports. Aware of issues with queries running slowly, working with vendor. Asked about SWG experiences.  
Misiewicz: Slow at times, but not consistently so.
- GTSC  
DeWeese not available. The Highway Safety Conference Call for Presentations deadline for submissions has passed.
- Cornell Local Roads Program – [workshop schedule](#)  
Orr not available.

Orr, Kone collaborating on offering Combatting Local Road Departures Workshop, possibly in Batavia, NY. Also possibly presented at NYSAMPO conference

- NHTSA

Simon not on call, no report

- FHWA

McDevitt not on call, no report

Misiewicz proposes a presentation on ADA on May 17 SWG call

Gayle reports that earlier today at the TSMO WG, Paul Jodoin from FHWA Office of Operations

Traffic Incident Management office, made a web presentation on using data to improve TIM. This has clear safety impacts. FHWA is looking at three performance measures – total duration of lane closures, total duration of incident, and number of secondary crashes.

Gayle will include copy of presentation with meeting notes.

- NYSATSB

No report

## 5. Training/Conferences

- June 20-21<sup>st</sup> – MPO Conference Syracuse

Misiewicz reports on the opportunity for an in-person SWG meeting, which would happen on Monday afternoon after training. Conference Planning Committee did not want Working Group meetings to conflict with Technical Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

SWG has committed to doing a session on Statewide planning. They will confirm NYSDOT availability to present SHSP.

**ACTION:** Send agenda topics for in-person meeting to Misiewicz.

- October 15-18<sup>th</sup> – NYS Highway Safety Conference (Niagara Falls)

## 6. Other Topics – New NYSAMPO Staff Support

- Misiewicz reports on CDTC project to install LED lighting on pedestrian safety corridor (Central Ave) for greater visibility. Testing early summer. Will report findings.

- Misiewicz reports that RSG will no longer be the NYSAMPO staff services contractor as of April 1. She and members of the group thank Steve Gayle and RSG for their continued support of the Safety Working Group.

## 7. 2017 Meeting Schedule (all Wednesdays at 1 p.m. unless otherwise noted):

April 19<sup>th</sup> – This conflicts with the Bike/Ped Working Group in-person meeting in Binghamton. Possibly reschedule.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Tentative FHWA ADA presentation

June 19<sup>st</sup> – Tentative MPO Conference in person SWG meeting in Syracuse

July 19<sup>th</sup>

August 16<sup>th</sup>

September 13<sup>th</sup>

October 18<sup>th</sup>

November 15<sup>th</sup>

December 20<sup>th</sup>