



## **NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

**September 19, 2018**

**Webinar**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **Participating**

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- ECTC – Courtney Taylor
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Alex Kone
- NYMTC - Sherry Southe
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – David Staas
- WJCTC – Justin Wood
- NYSDMV – Chuck DeWeese
- NYSDOT - Mike Flynn
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember

#### **1. Introductions**

Sandy Misiewicz opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

#### **2. Meeting Notes**

The July 18, 2018 meeting notes were accepted with requested changes noted.

#### **3. Vulnerable Road Users Presentation**

Alex Kone: There is a significant crash history for bike/ped crashes and we are still evaluating horse and buggy crashes. This safety analysis is for a 9-County planning area – from Rochester to smaller cities along the Finger Lakes and rural areas. GTC has completed the Regional Vulnerable Users Safety Analysis and is working on a Bike/Ped Countermeasures Toolbox. We will be conducting Road Safety Audits as part of this effort (3 of 10 are complete). The remaining audits will be completed in September/October. Emily Dozier asked how the weighting was done regarding the Severity Index. Sandy Misiewicz noted that this could be done several different ways. Alex Kone stated that there is no definitive map for project scoring. Alex Kone noted that the study is looking at RSA corridors and crash types. The project also includes a nighttime review for the Road Safety Audits. The project will be finished by the end of the year. Sandy Misiewicz asked Alex if he could follow-up and provide more detail on the statistical assessment it would be interesting to see how it is completed so we can learn from each other.

#### **4. Local Road Safety Peer Exchange**

##### **a. Meeting Summary and Next Steps**

Sandy Misiewicz: Thank you to everyone who attended the Peer Exchange. Attendees learned quite a bit, including identifying gaps in knowledge, and the session was very successful. The meeting summary is almost finalized - FHWA is

reviewing it. We are summarizing the conversations and presentations, and consolidating break-out groups and comments. We will use this as we move forward to develop next steps. One next step is that NYSDOT will consider is an annual HSIP solicitation with perhaps a smaller dollar value (making it a more consistent and reliable fund source). Other thoughts are to work towards updating guidebooks on HSIP work flow, providing more technical assistance, and identifying better ways to disseminate information to locals such as an HSIP 101 training. Moving forward, NYSDOT will be getting crash data to local governments. Kathy Ember: The proceedings and PowerPoints will be sent to the Safety Working Group once FHWA okays their distribution.

**b. Review of Draft NYSDOT County Fact Sheets**

Sandy Misiewicz: The draft Fact Sheet that provides information related to New York State performance measures and statistics on fatalities and serious injuries by county level was reviewed. Please provide feedback by middle next week to Sandy. Emily Dozier asked if this will help a local municipality with an application? Sandy Misiewicz: This is an attempt to disseminate information to local governments. Emily stated that her understanding is that HSIP applications need more detail and specific data than this type of information. Sandy Misiewicz stated that this is for a different purpose. This is an attempt to bridge the gap on providing information. Emily Dozier asked if this could be broken out by municipality? Sandy Misiewicz will bring this comment back to NYSDOT. Jack Mance stated that he is not sure how useful it is because it includes state infrastructure. So, the concern is whether the roads apply to the viewer. A suggestion is to break out the data based on ownership of the roadway. Sandy Misiewicz noted that perhaps this could be done in a tabular form if they can't be done visually. Emily Dozier asked if there was a discussion about making it more user friendly. Sandy Misiewicz noted that that is the intent. Please provide feedback by Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and then we will work to have a revision before the next call.

**5. Work Plan Discussion Items**

**a. SMTC Bike Safety PSA Project Update**

Mike Alexander: The videos are available on the NYSAMPO website under the Safety Education Toolkit. If you are interested in running a televised campaign, you will need high definition quality files, please contact Sandy or Mike to request them. We also had an article about the PSAs in the most recent NY Upstate Chapter of the American Planning newsletter.

**b. Subcommittee Updates:**

ADA:

Emily Dozier: A Bike/Ped Working Group meeting was held Kingston and we talked about the Complete Streets toolkit. Jack Mance gave a presentation on the use of the Warren County ADA field-work data collection application. There is a desire to have a joint training with the SWG, Bike/Ped and GIS Working Groups. The Consultant Team was asked to coordinate development of a meeting. Ideally in-person in Warren County. Kathy Ember stated that the Consultant Team will arrange this training.

Safety Education Toolkit Subcommittee:

Alex Kone: Nothing to report at this time but will follow-up to the group again.

Complete Streets Subcommittee:

Sandy Misiewicz: A Fact Sheet is being developed and discussed with the Bike/Ped Working Group. Emily Dozier reviewed some of her comments. Please provide any other feedback on the Fact Sheet by Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

## **6. Metropolitan Planning Requirements**

Alex Kone: GTC developed a standalone report for national performance measures. Sandy Misiewicz: I have shared the file with the CDTC Director and thought this was well done. The hard part is the time frame. The question is if GTC is using the fiscal year since the data is available at different points. Alex Kone stated that they will be doing this on a biannual basis. Alex Kone noted that there was a message from Highway Data Services – data is now calculated for fatalities and injuries for each of the counties.

## **7. Partner Updates**

- a. NYSDOT: No report.
- b. ITSMR: No report. Sandy Misiewicz:
- c. GTSC: Chuck DeWeese: No report. Sandy Misiewicz: The Highway Safety Conference is in October.
- d. Cornell Local Roads Program: Sandy Misiewicz: The link to the workshop schedule is on the agenda.
- e. NHTSA: No report
- f. FHWA: No report.
- g. NYSATSB: Sandy Misiewicz: The Traffic Safety Boards will be meeting at Highway Safety Conference.

## **8. Other Topics**

- Sandy Misiewicz: We are revising the meeting schedule – October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.
- Sandy Misiewicz stated that the concept of creative crosswalk projects has come up recently and there is some concern because they are not MUTCD compliant. The issue is when they become more permanent in nature versus a temporary demonstration project. Sandy will follow-up with the Bike/Ped Working Group.

## **9. Training/Conferences**

- a. September 28: New York Bike Summit (Saratoga Springs, NY)
- b. October 15-18: New York Highway Safety Symposium (Lake Placid, NY)
- c. October 23: NACTO Transit Street Design Guide Training (Albany, NY)

## **Action Items**

The following items were noted for follow-up:

- All: Comments on the Complete Streets Fact Sheet and the NYSDOT County Fact Sheet are due by Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Consultant Team: Start planning a training in Glens Falls on ADA best practices for the GIS, Safety, and Bike and Pedestrian Working Groups.