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WORKING GROUP: Transit

MEETING DATE/TIME: Monday, June 6, 2016, 10:30AM to 12:00PM

MEETING LOCATION: Conference Call (1-719-234-7872, Code: 6135021939)

ATTENDEES:

Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council – A/GFTC: Kate Mance
Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study – BMTS: Scott Reigle, Cassandra Gascon
Capital District Transportation Committee – CDTC: Anne Benware, Carrie Ward
Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council – ECTC: Tina Hager, Jim Arey
Genesee Transportation Council – GTC: Bob Torzynski
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council – GBNRTC: Not Present
Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study – HOCTS: Barb Hauck
Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council – ITCTC: Dwight Mengel (Tompkins County)
New York Metropolitan Transportation Council – NYMTC: Angelina Foster
Orange County Transportation Council – OCTC: Ashlee Long
Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council – PDCTC: Mark Debald
Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council – SMTC: Mario Colone
Ulster County Transportation Council – UCTC: Not Present
Watertown Jefferson – WJCATC: Jennifer Hodge
New York State Department of Transportation – NYSDOT: Tom Vaughn, Diane Kenneally, Marty Neveu,
Lisa Cataldo, Colleen Smith-Lemmon
RSG: Christine Sherman

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Introductions (All)**
- 2. Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan, and Metropolitan Planning (Sherman)**

Available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/05/27/2016-11964/statewide-and-nonmetropolitan-transportation-planning-metropolitan-transportation-planning>

Steve Gayle distributed an analysis of the rule to the NYSAMPO Directors on June 3, 2016

- 3. FTA §5310 Solicitation (NYSDOT)**

NYSDOT will send the list of contacts for the solicitation for review to make sure all critical contacts are included.

NYSDOT hosted one webinar last week and will host another tomorrow. They will record the webinar for reference and also plan to set another up for the week of the 13th. This information will all go on the website and NYSDOT will also send an email to the Transit Working Group distribution. There will also be an FAQ list on the website for reference.



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Question: What are the source(s) of the funds? Same fiscal year or a mix? Response: There are three MPOs with FY14 money left (CDTC, BMTS, and SMTC). The rest is what was available in FY15.

Question: Last round, mobility management projects were not allowed in rural areas. There may be interest in small mobility management projects in the rural counties. Response: This restriction remains. Those interested should talk to their county. They will be able to apply for a FTA §5311 project.

Question: Any status on the vehicles from the last funding round? Response: The application formerly had a variety of options, but NYSDOT changed the catalog to avoid confusion and make the application as simple as possible. (There are now only three categories: Capital, Mobility Management, and Operating.) Between the application process and the actual award, NYSDOT will work with the agencies on details. Regarding the vehicles: NYSDOT is working with grantees to match their vehicle requests with the NYS OGS contract.

Question: How do applicant agencies access the spreadsheets? Response: They are all on the NYSDOT website.

Throughout the review and evaluation process, NYSDOT will provide guidance – specifically through phone calls.

Question: In terms of the processing of the applications, will NYSDOT email or hardcopy the applications to the MPOs for review? Response: Yes, NYSDOT will make the original submissions available to all of the MPOs.

NYSDOT will do a prescreening of the applications the week they come in (i.e., the week of July 4th). NYSDOT will ensure that each agency's submittals meet the requirements for the application, and meet minimum project eligibility requirements. If an MPO is undersubscribed, NYSDOT will have a process to look at minimum qualifications. If an MPO is oversubscribed, there will need to be a rating and ranking process involving evaluation committees. NYSDOT will distribute a document on how the points work and on what tabs. Scoring will occur by project type.

Vaughan asks that each MPO submit names/contact information for their evaluation committee.

Question: Following the week of July 4, will NYSDOT have reviewed these for eligibility as well as pre-rating them? Response: No, NYSDOT will separate the applications by oversubscribed and undersubscribed. NYSDOT will contact each agency to inform whether their applications were over or undersubscribed.

Question: When do the applications get scored? Response: If NYSDOT finds that an agency is oversubscribed (which will take place after NYSDOT reviews for eligible and minimum requirements), NYSDOT will engage in conversations with the agency to identify next steps. NYSDOT will not provide recommendations on priorities. The score is based on the three main tabs (not every tab is scored - other tasks are scored as needed). They will provide that by the week of July 13th. MPOs will have their own evaluation committees to recommend priorities.

Question: Can an agency exclude FY15 funds/not participate in this solicitation? Response: No. If an agency does not participate in this solicitation, there would have to be another application



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round in early 2017 for the FY15 money, which will otherwise be lost in September 2017. NYSDOT is attempting to clean up the 2015 funds to get on a two-year cycle for 5310.

Question: Could NYSDOT get on a three-year schedule instead of two-year? Response: This is possible, but NYSDOT is looking to put this and other programs on a regular two-year cycle.

Question: Do the funding charts include the statewide amount or is that allocated separately? Response: That "statewide amount" was actually money left over from 2012. The amount shown in the funding chart is the total for the MPO area in Federal dollars (i.e., not matched).

Question: When the solicitation is complete, Tompkins County would like to be a Direct Recipient, Is that possible? Response: Yes, if the County is willing to provide oversight of all grantees.

4. Mobility Solutions Summit and Transportation Camp in Ithaca, June 23-24 and June 25 (Mengel) www.nymobilitymanager.org

The Summit is organized around shared use mobility and federal practices. ITCTC teamed up with the Shared Use Mobility Center from Chicago to provide sessions on bike share, car share, and ride sourcing. There will be a discussion on Uber, Lyft, and other ride-sourcing platforms to discuss questions and concerns about these services by individuals – especially those who are advocating for ADA types of services. The Summit will look at a wide spectrum of modes and programs including active transportation, rideshare, transit apps, taxi apps, etc. The Summit will look at state policies from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, offering different approaches than current practice in New York.

Registration fee pays goes toward the local share of a grant received from NYSDOT. NYSERDA has also been supportive in a project on the shared use side, looking at business models and solutions. The Summit will be a good opportunity for senior and junior planners to learn about a wide spectrum of emerging and new and developing mobility services and integrated services. Mengel will send out an email with more details.

5. Roundtable Discussion (All)

No new items.

6. Action Items/Adjourn (All)