



**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs  
TRANSIT WORKING GROUP  
March 19, 2019  
Teleconference  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Participating**

- AGFTC – Aaron Frankenfeld
- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- CDTC – Carrie Ward
- DCTC – Mark Debald
- ECTC – Tina Hager
- ECTC – Angela Wood
- NYSDOT – Lisa Cataldo
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- Tompkins County – Dwight Mengel
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- WJCTC – Barbara Cadwell
- WJCTC – Jennifer Hodge
- Planning4Places – Jim Levy

**1. Introductions**

M. Colone opened the meeting.

**2. Approval of Meeting Notes – December Teleconference**

The meeting notes were reviewed and approved for posting to the nysmpos.org website.

**3. NYSDOT Update**

Lisa Cataldo noted that the 5310 solicitation is being finalized.

**4. MPO Updates**

**a. UCTC**

Brian Slack noted that efforts in the region to consolidate two public transit providers are continuing to move forward. Kingston City Council voted to dissolve the city system. The issue is in hands of County Legislature. The County is currently in transition between County Executives and new one will be coming on-board in the next few weeks. Confident this effort will go forward since City has taken initiative. Will bring efficiencies to transit in the region. Current schedule is for full transition by July, but it may not happen on that timeline.

**b. ECTC**

Tina Hager stated that the MPO is working on an LRTP. They have engaged a consultant to assist and expect the effort to be completed by end of 2019. Rehab of the Transportation Center using state funding is planned. An RFQ was released this week and have firm on-board in a month or so. Triennial review in

2020 and looking to have Angela attend triennial workshops like those that were held for 2019. It looks like training will be held in April and May and Tina asked that anyone with any information please contact her? ECTC does have a handbook provided by Region 2 representatives. Mario Colone stated that smaller MPOs are often hosted by a County who runs transit system and he will provide contact information for CENTRO to get info from them. Mark Debald stated that DCTC also has a triennial review in 2020.

**c. WJCTC**

Barbara Caldwell stated that WJCTC is finishing the transit study. A draft will be provided to the Policy Committee next month.

**d. DCTC**

Mark Debald noted that DCTC is working with UCTC & OCTC on a Joint Study - Connect Mid-Hudson Regional Transit Study. The project has a website and a public survey has been completed. Some public outreach events have occurred and discussions with operators in the region have taken place. Currently, the project is in the technical analysis phase looking at service and operations, including schedules, to see when operators meet at central stops together. The plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

**e. BMTS**

Scott Reigle noted that their Coordinated Plan update was approved in December. They are working to meet with prospective 5310 applicants to prepare for next solicitation. An LRTP update is kicking off. Broome County Transit has new app. with a real time bus tracker for transit users. BC transit received 8 new buses that will get into rotation soon.

**f. SMTC**

SMTC has been working with the transit authority recently on updating a route map and expects to print 3,000 – 5,000 maps this year. At some point the MPO will be looking to make the map more interactive and move away from hard copies.

**g. A/GFTC**

A/GFTC is maintaining contact with Human Service providers to advance a rural mobility study. The LRTP was approved in October 2018. The MPO is looking to make better use of FTA MTP funds and exploring part-time staffing with the transit operator to provide transit-related staff at the MPO.

**h. ITCTC**

ITCTC is working on their LRTP and it is approximately 40% complete. TCAT was successful in 2018 with an application to FTA for a low/no emissions grant. That grant and VW settlement funds will allow for the purchase of 6 electric buses. The Region is looking to move to an electric fleet over the next several years. Tompkins County is involved with FTA & the Shared Use Mobility Center Mobility On Demand (MOD On-Ramp) program. It is one of only six participants in the country selected to participate in the program. The purpose is to create mobility as a service model for small and moderate size communities. The effort started

last August should be completed by June. A lot of effort has gone into this effort. Dwight was in Chicago two weeks ago for a workshop and the shared use mobility summit. Found out that FTA is publishing a notice of mobility on demand competitive grant soon. He also reminded everyone that the Transportation Camp is being held on April 6 at Cornell University.

**i. CDTC**

Carrie Ward noted that CDTA has electric bus on order. A coordinated plan is underway. Starting LRTP update now and expect it to be done in approximately one year.

**5. Workplan Review**

As a Working Group, we need to make a better effort to coordinate with other working groups, particularly the Bicycle & Pedestrian WG. Another is GIS WG. NYSDOT & Jim Davis (511 program) has been working on a transit analytics effort with a consultant and he has an interesting presentation on how MPOs can potentially use 511 analytics software. Dwight noted that there is interest in different companies desire to bring electric scooters into urban areas. Companies are soliciting support on how to do this. He asked if other cities are looking into this? Dwight has been contacted by a Cornell professor with an interest in this subject – he has created resource website related to scooters.

**6. NYSAMPO Conference**

Conference sessions will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The 15<sup>th</sup> is reserved for in-person meetings and the 18<sup>th</sup> will be a training day. Session topics are still being discussed. Some suggested items for 2019 Transit Work Plan could be a session at the conference. There was no input on potential session ideas. If a session idea is desired, the WG was asked to send an email to Mario and Jim so we can provide it to the Directors Conference Committee ASAP. Tina stated that because many of the sessions are not related to transit, it would be helpful to have transit-related sessions held on one-day. Mark Debald stated that the deadline for submitting session ideas is quickly approaching. Ridesharing and mobility as a service as a theme is being discussed.

**7. Other?**

Carrie Ward asked if anyone is using the 511 paratransit listings for paratransit providers or looking into it? CDTC was looking to put all public providers online in the last LRTP but it doesn't seem to be needed anymore as it seems like 511 is covering this item. Carrie called 211 to test the system and they didn't provide information on providers...they don't seem to have updated data for the region. Dwight stated that he does work with 211 and they are responsive. They also take reservations for one of the volunteer driver programs.

Mario Colone noted that we are now listing helpful resources on the 2nd page of the agenda.

Jim Levy stated that an ADA training opportunity is being provided at A/GFTC. Contact Jim if you have any questions.

**Action Items**

- Contact Mario and Jim with any session ideas.
- Identify a speaker for the May Teleconference Call