

**AGENDA**  
**New York State Association of MPOs**  
**Friday, June 11 2004**  
**Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council**  
**100 Clinton Square**  
**126 North Salina Street, Suite 100**  
**Syracuse, NY**  
**10:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions                                 | All               |
| 2. Meeting Summary April 2, 2004 (Attachment A)              | All               |
| 3. Update on TEA-21 reauthorization/AMPO                     | Steve Gayle       |
| 4. NYSDOT Transformation –                                   | NYSDOT            |
| a. NYS Advisory Panel on Transportation for 2025             |                   |
| b. Relationship between Statewide plan and MPO Plans/Updates |                   |
| c. STIP/TIP Update Schedule                                  |                   |
| 5. October 7 - ITE Conference in Syracuse                    | Mary Rowlands     |
| 6. Venues for Technical Exchange among MPOs                  | All               |
| 7. SCI Projects  |                   |
| SCI Data Sharing – Presentation                              | Peter Plumeau     |
| Travel Behaviors Factors Update                              | Sarah Siwek       |
| GIS Training   | Kealy Salomon     |
| ITS Statewide Study  | John Poorman      |
| CMS Draft Scope  | Jon Makler        |
| Integrated Community Design                                  | John Poorman      |
| 8. NYMTC TIP Management/E-STIP Integration                   | Tom Kearney, FHWA |
| 9. Report on June 2 Scenario Planning Peer Forum             | Steve Gayle       |
| 10. Next Meeting Date and Location                           |                   |

**NYSMPO Meeting Summary – April 2, 2004  
Utica, NY**

**Present:**

**Kealy Salomon, PDCTC  
Richard Bears, FHWA  
Harry Miller, HOCTS  
Bill Tobin, UCTC  
Mary Rowlands, SMTTC  
John McNeill, NYSDOT  
Sarah Siwek, SJS & Assoc.  
Jon Makler, SJS & Assoc.**

**John Poorman, CDTC  
Steven Gayle, BMTS  
Aaron Frankenfeld, A/GFTC  
Rich Perrin, GTC  
Kate Schmidt, NOCTC  
Michael McCarthy, NYSDOT  
Don Camph, SJS & Assoc.**

**Meeting Summary for February 27, 2004** – the meeting summary was approved without comment.

**Update on AMPO and TEA-21/Reauthorization** – Steve Gayle reported on the flurry of reauthorization related activity occurring in Washington recently. The Senate passed \$318B legislation; followed by a \$275B house version after Speaker Hastert negotiated a funding level that would avoid a White House veto. At \$275B, some problems can't be fixed, including the donor/donee issue, which doesn't bode well for NY. The Senate version includes a "reopener" provision at the conclusion of FY05, to which the White House objects. Other issues: 4-year cycle and TCM substitution are moving forward. The next step is to see how NY is represented on the conference committee, which will be named in mid-April. There was some discussion about how to educate Representatives on local concerns and how to counter AASHTO attacks on increased funding for planning at MPOs.

**NYSDOT Transformation Update** – Mike McCarthy of NYSDOT provided an abridged version of a 40-minute talk given by the NYSDOT commissioner recently. He described the four pieces of NYSDOT's revised organizational structure. The integrating piece is expected to be the main point of interaction for MPOs, with the operating, program support and administrative policy pieces playing a small role. There was discussion of how NYSDOT will compete with itself for design work and the implications for interactions with MPOs. In 2004, NYSDOT hopes to press on four areas: within program support, to set up the 2-4 regional centers and establish a consultant management process; within the operating area, to "maintain job during transition" and initiate corridor analyses to support corridor management objective. The group generally responded by urging NYSDOT to incorporate MPOs directly into appropriate aspects of the process both to better inform the concepts and ease the transition.

**STIP/TIP Update** – John Poorman discussed the challenges faced by an MPO of beginning its capital programming process without knowing what funds will be available, especially on a program-by-program basis. Mike McCarthy explained why NYSDOT was asking MPOs for federal funds to be substituted for state funds in several projects

statewide; apparently state funds had been overspent and the department was trying to avoid interruptions. Steve Gayle pointed out that it was not clear the arrangement was short term and that the alternative was singularly unappealing. John Poorman noted that deflecting local attempts to bend the rules on amending TIPs is harder when the state is trying to bend them itself.

**Community Integrated Planning and Design** – A consultant from Wilbur Smith spoke about the preliminary outcomes of this project, which has identified 20 exemplary projects and seven detailed case studies and is the process of developing educational/outreach materials that should be useful to planners around the state. In the balance of the spring and early summer, the consultant team will be providing reports and education materials, as well as a policy workshop.

**Shared Cost Initiatives** –

1. Data Sharing: Jon Makler reported that Peter Plumeau is gathering information about the data archiving approaches of regional ITS architectures around the state. Steve Gayle shared the brand-new BMTS architecture and Mary Rowlands mentioned SMTC's is being finalized. The Phase II RFP will need to be developed in the coming weeks in order to move ahead on Phase II.
2. Travel Behaviors – John Poorman reported that the project is getting ready to go. A steering committee is being arranged and a consultant will be sought.
3. GIS Training –Kealy Salomon distributed a handout describing the schedule of course offerings and explained how some classes are over and under enrolled.
4. ITS Statewide Study – John Poorman reported that a consultant has been retained but there is some confusion about how it will fit in or be relevant in terms of NYSDOT and the Transformation process.
5. New Efforts-
  - a. Mary Rowlands said SMTC will host the CMS project and said the next step is to have Sarah prepare an RFP. It was agreed the project should be aggressive in developing useful products, such as a facilitated workshop linking best practices and local circumstances.
  - b. Steve Gayle reported that ITE's local chapter is not interested in the Pan Am conference. There was a general sense that there is much to gain from interactions on such occasions.
  - c. Dick Beers reported that there had been no volunteers for receiving FHWA support for scenario-based planning. He also mentioned a workshop on linkages between planning and NEPA expected to be in NYC in July or August.
  - d. Don Camph talked briefing about his role advising Caltrans on its own transformations-like experience.