

Meeting Summary
New York State Association of MPOs
June 11, 2004
Syracuse, NY

Attendees:

Hal Morse, GBNRTC
Fernando deAragon, ITCTC
Peter Plumeau, Wilbur Smith & Associates
Kealy Salomon, PDCTC
Jay Schissell, ECTC\
Steve Gayle, BMTS
Rich Perrin, BGC
John Poorman, CDTC
Mary Rowlands, SMTC
Jon Makler, SJS & Associates
Don Camph, SJS & Associates
Harry Miller, HOCTC
Kate Schmidt, NOCTC
Bill Tobin, UCTC

1. **April 2, 2004 Meeting Summary** – Two changes were requested in the meeting summary: 1) Hal Morse from GBNRTC was in attendance and, 2) NYSDOT committed to providing allocations and instructions to the NYSMPOs by the end of July.
2. **Update on TEA-21/AMPO Activities** – Steve Gayle reported on the 75 member conference committee activities. He also reported on the PL funding issue and that some trade association groups are actively opposing the increases that have been negotiated thus far.
3. **NYSDOT Transformation** – It was reported that the NYSDOT is working on its Statewide Master Plan and will have it completed later this year. The Master Plan is expected to include performance measures. The Plan will also include a discussion of trade corridors but details are vague at this point. Also a Blue Ribbon Panel has been formed and will begin hearings shortly to gather public input from throughout the State. A draft report on the Blue Ribbon Commission findings will be ready in September. The MPOs were planning on testifying at the hearings and will share testimony between the NYSMPO group. Sarah was asked to put key talking points together based on the discussion at the meeting. This was subsequently done and is being used in part for the MPO testimony. Also, materials from the press kit on the Long Term Funding Needs study were thought to be useful and MPOs agreed to distribute key materials from that package that had been previously developed.

4. **ITE October 7, 2004 Meeting** – The group discussed doing four sessions at the ITE conference on key planning issues. Mary Rowlands sent out some ideas on sessions subsequent to the meeting. This will be discussed further at the August 6 meeting.
5. **Venues for Technical Exchange** – Three specific ideas were discussed. One was to participate in the ITE meeting in October as noted above. Second, the MPOs agreed to pursue a Spring, 2005 meeting between the MPOs and the NYSDOT Regional Staffs. The third idea was that the staffs of the MPOs should be polled to discuss possible peer-to-peer exchanges and to identify topics that would be most useful for information sharing.
6. **SCI Projects**
 - a. **SCI Data Sharing** – Peter Plumeau made a presentation on the work he had done to identify status of various data efforts throughout the state. He indicated that the NYSDOT Information Exchange Network is supposed to be up and running in June 2004 and that this is a GIS-based system designed for public communication and communication between Transportation Management Centers.
 - b. **Travel Behavior Factors** – The project has been kicked off with FHWA and we are in the process of identifying authors and topics. A Steering Committee was named including John Poorman, Steve Gayle, Sarah Siwek, Don Camph, and David Kuehn of FHWA. Sarah will distribute the project schedule.
 - c. **GIS Training** – The training is going well and there is an effort to see how continuing education credits could be awarded for those who take these courses.
 - d. **Congestion Management System Scope** – A scope was circulated and this includes four key tasks: 1) review of best practices, 2) a workshop for all NYSMPOs with possible speakers from other areas, 3) a drafting of a CMS “protocol” that would be helpful for MPOs to use in developing their CMS, and, 4) a summary of the workshop and final protocol. SMTC is willing to sponsor this project and Mary needs the budget estimate by task and asked that funding be included for administration and for travel funds for those who may need it to attend the workshop.
 - e. **Integrated Community Design** – This project is nearing completion with case studies developed and prepared. Training will be done under the next round of SCI funding.
7. **NYMTC TIP Management/E-STIP Integration** – This item was postponed.
8. **Other issues** - Sarah volunteered to put a memo together on the transportation conformity interagency consultation process requirements for Hal, John, Rich, Kealy, and Kate.
9. **Next Meeting Date/Location** – Binghamton, NY on August 6 at 10:30 a.m.