

NYSMPOs
Thursday, March 03, 2005
Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Present:

Jay Schissell
Fernando d' Aragon
Jon Makler
John McNeil
Marty Neveu
Dave Kimmel

Dick Beers
Sarah Siwek
Kealy Salomon
Hal Morse
Rich Perrin
Larry McAuliffe

Don Camph
Steve Gayle
Mary Rowlands
Fred Budde
Bill Tobin
Aaron Frankenfeld

1. Welcome and Roll Call

(see above)

2. Regular Date/Time for Teleconference Meetings (Sarah)

Sarah suggested that we pick a day and time and then cancel if it turns out not to be necessary. There was support for the first Thursday or Friday of each (odd) month. People agreed to stick with Friday and that 1pm is a good time. So the next meeting will occur on May 6.

3. Status of Safety Forum Planning (Steve)

Conference call of steering committee coming up soon to identify speakers and resource people. The agenda distributed in February has an opening with keynote and three speakers on safety, human factors and emergency response. Second general session initiates the breakout tracks. So need to identify people who can play leadership roles (resources)...such as Mike Meyer (GA Tech, TRB Executive Committee is going to be keynote speaker), SEMCOG representative, Steve on emergency response, someone from Maine on ITS America Public Safety working group and Susan Herbel is working to identify other speakers. NJTPA has done a lot on safety and Lois Goldman is likely to participate. On logistics, there is some negotiating going on about hotel contracts and state sales taxes. With subsidy money from federal highway, we'll have to put a little money from the Training-SCI fund into it. In early April we should have the program finalized and we should be prepared to send out

4. CMS Status and Schedule (Jon)

Jon reported on the status of the project. Four proposals were received by the February 24th deadline and the steering committee (Jon, Sarah, Mary, Rich and Mark from PDCTC) will meet by phone on March 17th to review them using evaluation forms provided by Mary and Jon. Optimistically, a kickoff meeting may be held in conjunction with the Utica directors meeting on 4/1. Additionally, Jon asked for feedback on when the workshop should be held and several participants spoke in favor of the July-September time frame to avoid other conflicts.

5. NYSDOT – TIP Issues?

No news. Steve has been having some conversations. Sarah has a list of names of people (from the Integrator Division) from NYSDOT who are going to come to the April Directors' meeting in Utica to present status of NYSDOT transformation activities.

John McNeil to Hal and Kealy: Your new TIPS are going to have an effective date of June 15th (to satisfy conformity requirements). We've met with Tom Kearney of FHWA so that as soon as we get your draft TIPS we'll be reviewing them and doing any necessary STIP amendments as necessary so that everything can go into place on June 15.

6. Survey of MPOs re: Staffing/Operations (Jon)

Jon reviewed the memo/outline that he distributed by email earlier in the day. The survey will be accomplished in two ways. First, each director will be requested to submit documentation regarding staff, committees, and organizational structure (Section A). Second, each director will be asked to provide a one-hour interview to discuss their agency's "interesting practices" (Section B) and to have a loosely structured dialogue about a set of topics that will be provided in advance (Section C). In the immediate term, Jon will seek feedback on the content of the survey and coordinate the scheduling of interviews. The hope is to conduct the interviews in the balance of March so that a verbal report can be made at the April meeting in Utica.

7. Other Business

- a. TEA-LU (HR 3) was approved yesterday. There were also hearings on air quality conformity provisions
- b. Steve and John attended the national ITE meeting in Las Vegas. John presented a good paper on integrating planning and operations. His and other papers are available on the ITE website.
- c. Sarah re: Training: Has heard about training needs from a few directors but would like to hear from more.

8. Upcoming Meetings

- a. AQ group on 3/21 at 1pm
- b. April 1 in Utica, NY
- c. May 6 (telephone)
- d. June 10 in Poughkeepsie (lunch meeting after safety forum)