

NYSMPO Teleconference
Friday May 6, 2005
1:00 pm
Call in information: 1-866-718-0131
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Confirmation Number: 2909287

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| 1. Roll-call | All |
| 2. SCI Projects | |
| a. Congestion Management Systems Project (Att. A) | Makler/Rowlands |
| b. Statewide Data | Makler/Gayle |
| c. Training Program (to be sent separately) | Siwek |
| 3. Statewide Survey (Staffing and Operations) (Att. B) | Makler/Camph |
| 4. Conference Information | |
| a. Safety Forum June 9-10 | Makler/Siwek |
| b. ITE (Att. C) | Perrin/Siwek |
| c. NYPTA | Siwek/Poorman |
| 5. Status of Statewide Master Plan | All |
| 6. Other business | All |
| 7. Next meeting date/location
(June 10- 12-3:00 pm following Safety Forum-Poughkeepsie) | |
| 8. Adjourn | |

Congestion Management Systems Project

Information (2 pages) for progress report on Congestion Management Systems SCI

Key Transportation Challenges Facing MPOs (from email responses)

NYMTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost of bringing transportation infrastructure to state of good repair • Meeting the air quality conformity requirement • Improving mobility in a highly urbanized area
GBNRTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited funding available for transportation projects • Reaching regional consensus on most needed transportation projects • Reinvigorating the central cities
GTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate funding • Improving mobility for those persons without access to a car • Ensuring that the transportation system supports the economic and social vitality of the metropolitan area
SMTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of the DestiNY project and its implications • Limited TIP funding for anything beyond maintenance projects
PDCTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population growth, with associated impacts on land use patterns and vehicle use • Mobility needs of the growing senior citizen population • Aging transportation infrastructure
BMTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate funding for deteriorating local transportation infrastructure • Lack of local political support for transit, and result lack of local funding • Lack of State support for ITS initiatives
ITCTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak-hour congestion in the urban area • Providing facilities for alternative modes • The limited funding for transit

Peer Metropolitan Areas/MPOs Outside of New York State, as Identified by NYS MPOs

NYMTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern New Jersey (North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority) South Western Connecticut (South Western Regional Planning Agency)
GBNRTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Diego, CA (San Diego Association of Governments) Philadelphia, PA (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) Denver, CO (Denver Regional Council of Governments)
GTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham, AL (Birmingham Regional Planning Commission) Tucson, AZ (Pima Association of Governments) Hartford, CT (Capital Region Council of Governments) Louisville, KY (Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency) Springfield, MA (Pioneer Valley Planning Council) Grand Rapids, MI (Grand Valley Metropolitan Council) Raleigh, NC (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) Dayton, OH (Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission) Oklahoma City, OK (Association of Central Oklahoma) Allentown, PA (Lehigh Valley Planning Commission) Providence, RI (Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program) Memphis, TN (Memphis & Shelby Co. DPD Dept of Regional Services) Austin, TX (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) Richmond, VA (Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization)
SMTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None identified (Have not worked a great deal with MPOs outside NYS)
PDCTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None identified (Not aware of another TMA covered by three MPOs)
BMTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erie, PA (Erie Area Transportation Study) Cedar Rapids, IA (Linn County Regional Planning Commission) Green Bay, WI (Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission)
ITCTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burlington, VT (Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization) Charlottesville, VA (Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization)

“Nominees” for Interviews (ICF will pick 8, per project scope)

- Allentown, PA (Lehigh Valley Planning Commission)
- Austin, TX (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization)
- Burlington, VT (Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization)
- Dayton, OH (Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission)
- Erie, PA (Erie Area Transportation Study)
- Grand Rapids, MI (Grand Valley Metropolitan Council)

- Hampton Roads, Virginia (Hampton Roads Planning District Commission)
- Hartford, CT (Capital Region Council of Governments)
- Lansing, MI (Tri-County Regional Planning Commission)
- Providence, RI (Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program)
- Salem, OR (Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study)
- San Diego, CA (San Diego Association of Governments)
- Seattle, Washington (Puget Sound Regional Council)
- Springfield, MA (Pioneer Valley Planning Council)
- St. Louis, Missouri (East West Gateway Region Council of Governments)
- Wilmington, Delaware (Wilmington Area Planning Council)

ATTACHMENT B

To: NYSMPO Directors
From: Jon Makler
Date: Wednesday, May 04, 2005
Re: Results from "Interesting Practices" section of MPO Survey

Dear Colleagues,

As you hopefully recall from the interviews that were conducted during the month of March, the statewide MPO survey had three sections dealing with data tidbits, interesting practices and other discussion topics. In advance of a discussion about the outcome of the survey during Friday's conference call, this memo describes where we (Sarah/Jon/Don) stand with respect to digesting the results of those interviews.

"Data Tidbits"

Almost every MPO has now submitted all of the "data" requested as part of the survey, such as job descriptions, committee structures, roles and membership, etc. Quite a few MPOs submitted supplementary information, such as staffing plans (or chapters thereof) and other documentation. Because all of that information was submitted electronically, we will be able to combine it into a single CD-ROM and/or make binders available for each MPO.

"Interesting Practices"

There were three categories (planning issues, techniques/activities, management) within this section and, in all, there were 24 topics addressed. In the matrix that is attached to this memo, I have attempted to identify the topics for which each MPO identified either an "interesting practice" or an area of interest/need. Because of the small scale necessitated by a 24x13 matrix, these are VERY succinct entries. Exclamation points (!) are used to identify instances where the MPO felt others might be interested in its experience. Question marks (?) are used to identify instances where the MPO expressed frustration and/or interest in learning more about that topic. We will discuss this matrix on Friday in order to get at how to make use of the information represented in this table.

"Discussion Topics"

As you each are likely to recall, this was the most open-form portion of the interview process. Appropriately, the answers we documented were wide ranging across the state. It is our intention to prepare short synopses of each of the six topics included in this section in order to facilitate further dialogue on subjects such as shared staffing, local interagency relationships and the SCI program.

ATTACHMENT B (continued)

On the second worksheet (see tab below), you will find the matrix linking each MPO to the 24 discussion topics. The 24x13 matrix is so large that I have formatted the cell size so that the worksheet should print evenly on two letter-sized pieces of paper. If you're feeling adventurous, you can try to convince it to print to an 11x17 (landscape).

		GBNRTC	GTC	SMTC	HOCTS	AGFTC	CDTC	UTC	OCTC	PDCTC	NYMTC	BMTS
Planning Issues	Transit	scenario-based theoreticals!	offer to do dirty work!	help?			co-mgmt of TDM program!					overlapping service problems?
	Air Quality		CMAQ?	CMAQ!			modeling!		PM2.5?	process?		
	Safety	state data?	accident studies!	accident studies!	guidance?	accident studies!	state data!	freight rail?	freight rail? Hazmats?			local engineering assistance!
	Bike/Ped	regional cooperation!	trail network! On-road?	mapping! Legalities?	health link! Legalities?	trails!	spot improvement program!	legalities?	starting out?	local assistance!		leadership!
	Roads/Bridges	Management Systems!	studies!	GIS-based Mgmt System!	Scoring!		Life Cycle analysis!			traffic counts! Signal mgmt studies!		
	Freight	federal guidance?	help?	participation?	rail data?	participation?	participation!		participation!			participation?
	Airports			?			mitigation fees for projects!		clout?			
	Econ. Dev.	partnership!		respect?			relationships!					scenario planning!
	Sm Grwth				?		linkage studies! Policy-based forecasting!		sub-area study!	greenway designation!		
	ITS			coordination meetings!	?			active committee!	?			leadership!
Techniques	Mod/For	outreach tool!		forecast method!	forecast method?				AQ link?	forecast method?		
	GIS		staff skills!	staff skills!		alliances!	delegation!	partnership!	transportation applications?	leadership!		
	Public Invol.	email tree!		skills for young staff?		Saturday am mtgs!	via linkage studies!		handling interest groups?	small agency?		county website!
	EJ/Title VI	added value?	geographic overlays!	guidance?		threshold values?				?		
	CMS						source of leverage!	new TMA?	new TMA?	new TMA?		
Management Areas:	LRP/TIP/UPWP	risk analysis! NYS DOT database?	TIP Study!	ICG? Scope Creep?			TIP Amendment policy!	MPO Role?				Scope Creep?
	Project Select.	Education! Site videos!	Education!	Education!	NYS DOT Database?		Funding Categories!	Weight Free! Authority?	MPO Role?			Guidance to DOT Region?
	Consultants	Incentive system!		On-call Firms!		Local Assistance!						ITE Articles!
	Advisory Cmtes			rules for behavior?			Linkage studies!		Use of existing groups!			
	MOU's						linkage studies!					
	Hiring						interns!		salaries?			stability!
	Host Agency						clear roles					admin!

Lorenzo Rotoli has tapped me to be the 2005 ITE Fall Conference Tech Program Chair

Please find attached a copy of the **ITE NY UPSTATE SECT. 2005 FALL CONFERENCE SUGGESTED TOPICS LIST** for your prioritization. You have ten (10) chips. You can use all your ten chips on one topic or spread them out. There is a line for write in topics. Please complete this form and e-mail to Jtocke@aol.com Thank you for attention and serious consideration.

See you in Rochester this Fall for our Great Conference. Watch the Newsletter and our WEB Page as the Conference Program Develops.

Best regards,

Joe Tocke, PE
Tech Program Chair

ITE NY UPSTATE SECT. 2005 FALL CONFERENCE SUGGESTED TOPICS LIST

Your Priorities

Adaptive Signal Control Evaluation

Innovations in Pedestrian & Bicycle Planning

Emerging Toll Road Environments

Improving Transportation & Urban Form for Health

The TRB Access Management Manual

Models for Regional Smart Growth Planning

Road Safety Audits, the State of the Practice

Neighborhood Traffic Management

The High Cost of Free Parking

Centerline Rumble Strips, the Pro's & Con's

A Zillion Reasons Why the Message is not Understood

Promoting Sustainable Transportation through Site Design

Speed Zoning Based on the Road Environment

What Works and What Doesn't in Improving Roadside Safety

New Concepts for Context Based Designs of Streets

Improving Pedestrian Safety at Unsignalized Intersections

Eco-Tourism & Transportation

Smart Transportation Codes

Components of Transit Villages

Transportation in “The Eco-City”

From Retail to Mixed Use: Consensus for a Walkable Environment

Making Room for Parking Technology in ITS

OTHER(S).....

YOUR TEN CHIPS: □□□□□□□□□□

