

**New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 9, 2005**

Present:

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Aaron Frankendorf
Jay Schissell
Steve Gayle
Mary Rowlands
John McNeil
Jim Stack

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Jon Makler
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Guest Speaker: Rick Bennett, NYSDOT

1. E-Scoring

Rick Bennett (NYSDOT) joined the call to discuss the e-scoring initiative that is underway. There have been some preliminary emails circulating and Rick was present to address a few basic questions and initiate a meeting with interested MPOs. The consensus was that the meeting should be aimed at the relevant members of each agency's staff. Interest was expressed by HOCTS, PDCTC, AGFTC, ITCTC, and ECTC with tentative interest expressed by GBNRTC and GTC. Action: Jon Makler will help organize this meeting via email.

2. ITE/NYPTA

- Re: ITE: Sarah and Jim reported that final details are being ironed out for the meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday, October 5th in Rochester.**
- Re: NYPTA, Sarah and Jon are working with Brian Shaughnessy from NYPTA on organizing several sessions. Brochure and registration information are shortly forthcoming. Action: Sarah will push for a joint meeting of transit and MPO directors. This has been done and NYPTA is working on scheduling a meeting on Thursday when some of the MPO directors are expected to be at the conference.

3. Updating the NYSMPO Brochure

Jon is working to collect existing brochures from MPOs that have them and will present an outline for a new brochure at the October meeting. Action: Jon will be asking several MPOs to mail him their current brochures.

4. SCI Program

In the first portion of this topic, there were brief reports on the status of current SCI projects.

- **The CMS forum is being held on Friday, September 16th in Syracuse, NY.**
Jon reported that registration is good and about 30 people are expected. There will

be guest speakers from FHWA resource center in Baltimore as well as MPOs in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Virginia.

- Steve reported that proceedings of the safety forum are being distributed via TRB's website, with advertisements through AMPO and other sources. Near-term work will focus on coordinating efforts with state and federal partners and the creation of some kind of users group, modeled roughly on the GIS group, is in the works. Action: Steve & Jay will circulate emails about this activity. The proceedings will also be posted on the NYSMPO website.

In the second portion of this topic, Jon facilitated discussion about the ideas for new SCI's that were submitted by several MPOs. These topics include:

- Project Delivery & TIP Performance Monitoring
- Transit Oriented Development
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Access to Transit Facilities
- Organizational options for NYSMPO
- Data Resources & Travel Demand Modeling
- Training

Clarifications were sought on each topic and "sponsors" had an opportunity to elaborate on their ideas Action: Jon will prepare consistent descriptions of each project concept based on the discussion and distribute to the group. Jon will also prepare and distribute a brief questionnaire that will be used for evaluating the nominated SCI concepts.

5. SAFETEA

Steve reported on the AMPO policy committee's work with respect to SAFETEA-LU. He noted that it appears FTA is planning listening sessions in advance of rulemaking, whereas FHWA seems focused on preparing guidance. Action: Steve will draft and circulate a letter to FHWA on behalf of the Association. He will also distribute the list of topics that the AMPO policy committee found "ripe for rulemaking." The letter has been drafted and distributed to MPO directors for comment by COB September 13.

PL Funding: The funding formula will be a subject of discussion at the next meeting of the MPO Directors.

6. Calendar

- 10/5: ITE meeting (Rochester)
- 10/20: NYSMPO Air Quality Workshop (NYMTC)
- 10/21: NYSMPO Meeting (NYMTC)
- 11/16-17: NYPTA (Albany)
- 12/2: NYSMPO Meeting (Albany)