

**NYSAMPO Safety Working Group
Teleconference
Thursday, September 22, 2011**

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☒ Participating

A/GFTC: Kate Mance
CDTC: Sandy Misiewicz

GBNRTC: Hector Boggio
HOCTS: Matt Van Slyke
OCTC: Todd Cohen
PDCTC: Emily Dozier
SMTC: Mike Alexander
NYSDOT: Jackie Berlant, Marty Neveu, Robert Limoges, Andrew Sattinger and Natalie Grigoryants
RSG Staff David Saladino, P.E.

1. Introductions

2. **Meeting Notes:** Review of Meeting Notes from 08/25/2011. No comments.

3. SWG Goal Area Updates

a) Data/MPO Safety Planning Peer Exchange Subcommittees

- **Comprehensive Safety Planning & Monitoring Process:** Sandy explained that the goal of this effort is to develop a consistent methodology for use in assessing and analyzing crash data, particularly off of the State system. Emily provided a summary of her review of chapter 4 of the Highway Safety Manual, which focuses on “Network Screening”. This chapter outlines various analytic approaches for screening networks as part of a safety assessment. Emily’s summary focused on 5 primary analytic approaches. (*Full summary circulated with agenda*). Sandy noted that it would be ideal to use crash rates, rather than total number of crashes when screening a network, however the lack of comprehensive AADT volumes makes this assessment difficult, particularly off the State system. Andrew suggested using the NYSDOT Roadway Inventory data, which includes volumes for approximately 20% of the local roadway network. Andrew also suggested using the ALIS intersection GIS layer for referencing crash data at intersections. Andrew to forward this shapefile to Sandy for distribution.
- **NYSDOT Podcast Update:** Sandy noted that interviews are currently ongoing for the NYSDOT podcast with the goal of releasing the podcast to a wider audience in the coming months.

- **TraCS Status Report:** Sandy distributed a listing of agencies not complying with required crash information submittals. She also noted that grant funds, which had been focused on purchase of TraCS equipment, is now being used for training in the use of TraCS.

b) **Human Behaviors Subcommittee**

- **Pedestrian Signal Timing Brochure Status:** Following up on Larry McAuliffe's presentation last month, Sandy noted that the MPO Directors have approved the development of a pedestrian signal timing brochure for distribution to municipalities and other agencies to inform them of the critical elements to consider when timing traffic signals to accommodate safe pedestrian crossings. RSG is currently developing a draft brochure which will be circulated for review in the coming months. Emily noted that Larry presented this same information to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group and they expressed interest in being involved with the brochure development as well.
- **Safe Routes to School:** Sandy indicated that Safe Routes to School mini-grants were available (up to \$1,000), with applications due 10/19/2011.
- **NYSATSB Update:** No update

c) **Federal/State/Local Legislation Watch**

- **Complete Street Legislation Implementation:** Sandy indicated that there is broad interest in this legislation and how it will be applied. Sandy noted that the New York Bicycle Coalition has prepared a draft Fact Sheet summarizing the details of the Complete Streets legislation. Sandy noted that she would like to keep this item on the agenda for upcoming meetings to help keep the Working Group up to speed on the latest information.

d) **Training:**

- Cornell Local Roads Fall 2011 Workshops (<http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm>)
- NYS Highway Safety Conference, October 16-18, Hauppauge, NY, MPO Session: Tuesday October 18th 10:30 -11:30 AM
- Cornell Local Roads 67th Annual School for Highway Superintendents, June 11-13, 2012, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

4. **Other Updates**

- a) **GTSC Update:** No update
- b) **NYS DOT Update:** NYS DOT regions are currently working on their program update process. No further progress has been made on revisiting the HSIP process.
- c) **NYSP: No update**
- d) **Other**
 - FHWA is interested in hosting a Tribal Safety Conference in New York State (Turning Stone Casino, potentially March 2012). FHWA is currently looking for MPO contacts within the tribal nations to assist in planning for the event.

- Emily noted that she discussed rumble strips with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group and had circulated the League of American Bicyclists' (LAB) Best Practices summary for rumble strips. Emily also compared the LAB's Best Practices with the current NYSDOT draft guidelines for rumble strips on secondary roads. NYSDOT is currently in the process of developing a draft EI on rumble strips for review.
- NYCDOT was granted approval to use HSIP funds purchase and install 1,700 pedestrian signal countdown times in the City.

Action Items:

- Andrew to send Sandy ALIS intersection GIS coverage with node ID numbers for use in network screening efforts.
- RSG to review current MPO safety network screening efforts and conduct a national scan to develop a Best Practices document for use by MPO planners.

The Next SWG Teleconference: Thursday, October 20th @ 1:30 PM