

NYSMPO Safety Working Group – Meeting Notes
Teleconference – January 29, 2009
1:30PM

Participants:

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Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
Emily Dozier, PDCTC
Chuck DeWeese, GTSC
Marty Neveu, NYSDOT
Jim Levy, Wilbur Smith Associates

1. Introductions

Mr. Schissell stated that he will still be an integral part of the SWG, but was stepping down from the role of co-chair. Ms. Misiewicz has been undertaking most of the coordination/ chairperson related effort of the SWG and has accepted the request to take on the role as chair for the group. Mr. Schissell thanked Ms. Misiewicz for her continuing efforts and acceptance of taking on the chairperson role.

2. Meeting Notes – December 19, 2008 Teleconference

A few minor edits were requested. Mr. Levy will make the changes and post the meeting notes to the nysmpos.org website.

3. Safety Assessment

Ms. Misiewicz is working on edits to the SA document and summary document. The ECTC SPR funds (approx. \$8000) are planned for use in printing the SA document. The group discussed the Term Agreement idea and issues/concerns. It was generally agreed that a standard template for the RFP process is a good idea. Ms. Misiewicz will work on developing a template document.

Funding is needed in 2009 budgets for Safety Assessments. CDTC is planning to utilize consultants to undertake safety assessments, though not all MPOs plan to do this. BMTS, for instance, plans to use staff to undertake safety assessments. Safety Assessments are in the HOCTS work plan and they intend to use consultants, but the framework for doing this has not yet been developed.

4. GTSC Update

The driving curriculum information on the GTSC website is updated. The article completed by Mr. Van Slyke was included in the most recent newsletter. GTSC is in the process of reconvening with GTSC partners to complete the 'Share the Road' program. GTSC is also working closely with the NYS Police on TraCS and hope to provide technical help for TraCS users next year.

This year, GTSC will provide approximately \$31 million in grants to 750 grantees. The 2010 call letter will be out in a few weeks. GTSC is working to make the application a paperless

electronic submission. The TSBs do currently sign-off on paper application submissions, so this is an issue they are working on, in addition to others.

The deadline for the next newsletter is mid-March – the earlier the better for submission of an article.

The next statewide TSB meeting is scheduled to be held on February 5th from 10:00AM – 12:00PM at the Crossings in Colonie.

Mr. DeWeese will email the list of GTSC sponsored events to Mr. Levy to forward to the SWG.

5. SWG Goal Areas

a. Human Behaviors

Mr. Van Slyke is reviewing the GTSC grant award list to assess where MPOs can/should be involved. The SWG powerpoint presentation for use at an upcoming statewide TSB meeting contains many of the slides provided by Mr. Wrafter because the MPO information is probably useful for the presentation to the group. Additional slides related to areas of focus by the TSBs were added. Mr. Van Slyke is looking for input on the last 2-3 slides regarding how MPOs can help the TSBs.

Ms. Misiewicz recommended that information be added to the Powerpoint regarding partnering on education programs, staff assistance; coordinate goal areas between Statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan and MPO work. Ms. Misiewicz asked if the NYSMPO Association has reached out to the statewide TSB group - this has not yet been done.

b. ALIS & Data Update

Ms. Neveu spoke with Barb Mullin in Don Baker's office regarding the MPO traffic count survey. The office believes that it has received all the input it will get on revising the 2006 data gathering information document. Ms. Neveu also reported that based on the replies, there has not been much change from the 2006 survey. A completed document will be distributed to the SWG.

Ms. Misiewicz spoke to Don Terry about testing vulnerabilities and security (of ALIS data). The underlying structure layers are being updated and it is expected that roll-out of the basic program to MPOs will occur soon, however, it needs to be staggered. The group was asked which MPOs need immediate access. CDTC is already working on the system. PDCTC, HOCTS, BMTS and ECTC would like access as quickly as possible. All other MPOs will be given access in the near future (NYMTC being part of the NYSDOT structure has their own procedures). There is a potential to tie ALIS training session in to the Friday afternoon of the MPO Conference. Sandy will call Mr. Levy to discuss conference sessions/available time for a training session..

PIES – Need to talk with Don Terry. Ms. Misiewicz will call him for and update next month.

Discussed HSIP - Ms. Misiewicz stated that getting the local system on HSIPs is difficult due to data issues. She asked if the group would like to draft a letter to FHWA. Ms. Thorkildsen stated that a letter is ok, however this is a nationwide data problem that FHWA is aware of and is already looking into. However, a letter might help FHWA focus on NY-related HSIP issues.

c. Other Items (Summary Discussion)

TraCS

Will ALIS go retroactive to when each department started using the data? Ms. Misiewicz responded that the ALIS will contain all data in DMV/DOT systems.

NYSMPO Conference

Topic – An ALIS demonstration at the roundtable (in addition to training session)

Older Driver Topic

ITSMR – Anne Dowling – State of Data in NYS

Website/Outreach

The MPO website has the latest version of the brochure posted on the SWG page. The AMPO website has safety planning presentations – we should post relevant information like this on the SWG page when it is found/developed.

Next Meeting: February 26th @ 1:30PM.