

NYSMPO Safety Working Group – Meeting Notes
Teleconference – March 26, 2009
1:30PM

Participants:

Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
Jay Schissell, ECTC
Emily Dozier, PDCTC
Mike Perry, ECTC
Matt VanSlyke, HOCTS
Mario Colone, SMTC
Bob Torzynski, GTC
Todd Cohen, OCTC
Sarah Gebbie-Measeck, A/GFTC

John Sterbentz, BMTS
Marty Neveu, NYSDOT
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Barbara O'Rourke, NYSDOT
Jackie Berlant, NYSDOT
Hector Boggio, GBNRTC
Cindy Paddick, BMTS
Chuck DeWeese, GTSC
James Levy, Wilbur Smith Associates

1. Introductions

2. Meeting Notes

Two edits noted. Mr. Levy will revise the notes accordingly and post to nysmpos.org.

3. Safety Assessment

The SA brochure was discussed. Edits to the first page were recommended, the year of production should be added to the back page, and the consultant logos should be placed on the back page. The NYSMPO logo should also be reduced in size and placed at the bottom of the back page. Safety Assessments are programmed at CDTC, ECTC in their UPWPs. HOCTS is discussions options for conducting and programming. Ms. Misiewicz will talk with Mr. Levy about developing a display board and associated materials for the NYSMPO Conference in June.

4. GTSC Update

Filming of the share-the-road PSA will be done tomorrow. Cards and handout materials will be produced and provided for anyone interested in distributing the material. Mr. Schissell asked if there has been any discussion of a unified safety newsletter. Mr. Deweese responded that he has no control over other agencies programs, however if issues and articles begin to overlap, there may be a need to discuss future newsletter coordination.

a. NYS Highway Safety Symposium Applications

Ms. O'Rourke questioned the validity of the technical session application for this conference because PIES is an internal NYSDOT program and ALIS has limited use outside of the NYSDOT and MPOs. Also, Don Terry is the only person who could really speak to these programs and therefore should be consulted on his availability to participate in any session on PIES and ALIS. The group discussed the intent of any data-related session at the Symposium and generally agreed that it should focus on presenting information on the data available and how it can be used. Discussion on ALIS could be useful, but PIES should not be included in this discussion.

It was generally agreed that the data session idea would be abandoned and only the roundtable session will be submitted. Mr. Schissell is going to talk with Lois Chaplin

tomorrow and will ask if she is interested in participating in the roundtable discussion. Don Terry will also be asked to be on the panel to discuss data resources available through the NYSDOT.

b. Newsletter Article

Eoin Wrafter drafted an article for the GTSC newsletter. Ms. Dozier will forward the final version to Sandy. The article reflects a topic that may be worthwhile discussing in the NYSATSB newsletter as well.

5. NYSDOT Update

Ms. O'Rourke discussed the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. It was intended to be released in December, but with other activities and conferences taking place, the NYSDOT is now looking at releasing the plan in 2010. A preliminary document will be completed by fall 2009 and available to GTSC for use at the fall conference.

6. SWG Goal Areas

a. Human Behaviors

Mr. VanSlyke attended the Utica-area TSB meeting where a local bicycle club released their emergency ID tag program which was of interest to the TSB and may be something for other areas to consider developing. Mr. VanSlyke will provide the recently completed PowerPoint presentation to Mr. Levy for posting on nysmpos.org

b. ALIS and Data Update:

ALIS training courses are being developed. Preferences on potential training dates should be sent to Mr. Levy – final dates will be decided based on staff and training room availability. If there are any questions in advance of the course, please send them to Ms. Misiewicz. Mr. Sterbentz asked if it is possible to download data for use in GIS? It can be, however there is a limit to the number of records that can be downloaded at any one time.

c. Other Items

Website Updates & email outreach – The larger list of SWG-interested individuals is now out-of-date. Ms. Misiewicz has updated the most recent list the NYSMPO Association has on file, but it needs additional review by all MPOs. Mr. Levy will send out the list to SWG members. Please review, edit incorrect entries, and add additional entries that you think are needed.

The NYS Police are interested in having an MPO attendee at their conference(s). This year the conference will take place on May 6&7 in Syracuse, NY.

Further discussion and tracking of individual MPO safety-related actions and projects is needed. At future meeting, SWG members are encouraged to discuss any activities taking place at their MPO that may be of interest and assistance to other MPOs.

