

**NYSMPO Safety Working Group – Meeting Notes
Teleconference – April 30, 2009
1:00PM**

Participants:

Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
Emily Dozier, PDCTC
Mario Colone, SMTC
Bob Torzynski, GTC
Mike Perry, ECTC
Sarah Gebbie-Measeck, A/GFTC

Natalia Grigoryantz, NYSDOT
Jackie Berlant, NYSDOT
James Levy, Wilbur Smith Associates
Sweta Basnet, UCTC
Chris Hardej, NYMTC

1. Introductions

2. Meeting Notes

No changes requested.

3. Safety Assessment

The final proof of the brochure has been reviewed. Ms. Misiewicz is currently reviewing the final proof of the summary document. Printing of the SA document and brochure should be underway soon –copies should be available prior to the NYSMPO Annual Conference. Electronic versions of the documents will be posted on the nysmpos.org website.

It was generally agreed that the SA should be submitted for the 2009 Roadway Safety Awards sponsored by the USDOT-FHWA and Roadway Safety Foundation. Mr. Levy will draft the application materials and submit to RSF by the June 1 deadline.

4. GTSC Update

Nothing to report. The SWG did not submit an article for the last newsletter, however, the SWG should submit for the next one and focus on a specific project being undertaken by one of the NYS MPOs. If anyone has a project/topic they would like to include in the newsletter, please talk with Ms. Misiewicz.

5. NYSDOT Update

Nothing to report.

6. SWG Goal Areas

a. Human Behaviors

No report.

b. ALIS and Data Update:

Mr. Hardej reported that the training went well and was useful to participants. Mr. Perry stated that not being able to query data is a significant issue. Ms. Misiewicz stated that the ALIS training did not include the QRA module which will allow an ALIS user to query data. Don Terry has stated that he can provide up to 3 years of data to MPO staff

upon request. Mr. Perry also stated that he has been having difficulty transferring the data into an MSOffice 2007 Access database and ArcGIS. Other staff have not had these problems, however, most also have older software. Ms. Gebbie-Measeck requested that a webinar or similar training exercise be provided for the QRA module once it is released.

c. Other Items

The Traffic Records Coordinating Council met recently. They are looking at installing ALIS data into the NYS Police Database.

There is an effort underway between the NYSMPO Association and NYSDOT to collaborate on data collection. A working group consisting of NYSDOT staff and NYSMPO Directors has been discussing methods to more effectively & efficiently manage data – safety and traffic volume data efforts are a potential target area for additional collaboration.

Mr. Colone will be attending the NYS Police Law Enforcement Conference this month and will report back to the SWG.

Mr. Hardej reported a significant turnout for the FHWA safety training session that was recently held in Orange County. The Cornell Local Roads program is holding a “Design of Pedestrian Safe Streets” session in upstate NY later this year.

Ms. Dozier announced that the NYSMPO Association recently purchased a SurveyMonkey subscription for use by all MPOs. The first survey to be created is a bike/pedestrian survey for PDCTC.

Ms. Misiewicz closed by asking that SWG members review the goals document so that a discussion on accomplishments, efforts that need additional work, and any new initiatives can be discussed. The future direction for the SWG seems to be a focus on what each individual MPO is doing related to safety and how it can be translated/implemented by other MPOs and agencies.

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