

**NYSMPO Safety Working Group – Meeting Notes**  
**Teleconference - May 30, 2008**  
**10:00AM**

Participants:

Cyndi Paddick - BMTS  
Jay Schissell - ECTC  
Todd Cohen - OCTC  
Sandy Misiewicz - CDTC  
Chris Hardej - NYMTC  
Hector Boggio - GBNRTC  
Marty Neveu - NYS DOT  
Jackie Berlant - NYS DOT  
Christine Thorkildsen, FHWA

Harry Miller, HOCTS,  
Matt VanSlyke – HOCTS  
Mike Perry, ECTC  
Robert Torczynski, GTC  
Mario Colone, SMTC  
Chuck DeWeese, GTSC  
Fernando DeAragon, ITCTC  
Jim Levy, Wilbur Smith Associates

**1) Meeting Notes**

No changes requested

**2) Safety Assessment SCI Project**

The AGFTC area and ECTC area audits went well. For the ECTC area audit, there were approximately 45 potential changes/improvements identified. These assessments were done during the day, there needs to be a method to do a PM assessment as well. The final audit will take place in the NYMTC area on June 17 & 18.

RSA training courses will be held in June in Rochester and Schenectady. Mr. Schissell will provide Mr. Levy with the schedule for the remainder of the SA project.

**3) TraCS**

The language in the MOU for TraCS seems to be focused more on the ticketing than on the reporting of crash data – the MPO staff indicated that there should be language encouraging (mandating?) the uploading of crash data. Mr. DeWeese stated that he would talk with Jim Daily about this potential issue. This is a good potential topic for the Safety Roundtable in Niagara Falls.

**4) GTSC**

Ms. Misiewicz talked with GTSC and Mr. DeWeese recently about grant programs. The MPOs are interested in being added to the grant mailing list and Mr. DeWeese suggested that the group send in a list of all those that want to be added. Mr. DeWeese encouraged all MPOs to work closely with their TSBs. The group discussed current awareness campaigns and billboards that are found throughout NYS and then discussed the meeting notes from the GTSC meeting that were sent out in a previous email to the SWG. The GTSC has several sub-committees and is looking to create working groups in the future. The GTSC is very interested in having the MPO involved in these groups.

The group discussed older driver issues and would like to get the FHWA “Older Driver Training Course” held in NYS. All MPOs are encouraged to send a representative to this training course when it is scheduled. Ms. Thorkildsen will work with Emmmit McDevitt to see about availability and scheduling.

5) **ALIS & Data Efforts**

The basic query functionality is available online currently. The next step is to bring the more detailed analysis functions online.

SIMS – CDTC can currently get into the SIMS program through NYSDOT. This is likely the direction that accessing data will be headed in the future. SIMS is faster than ALIS which is good for rendering data on the screen. Not sure if this was a special set-up for CDTC or if this can be provided to all MPOs.

Traffic Records Coordinating Council – Their Strategic Plan update is due in June 2008.

FHWA Highway Safety Improvement Program (23CFR Part 924) – any comments from the MPOs should be sent to Sandy by June 9<sup>th</sup> for possible submission as a joint letter.

Comprehensive GIS reporting letter to NYSDOT (Re: LHI and HPMS) – The NYSDOT is considering expanding locations doing traffic counts and will be doing more local reporting, not just state roads. Eoin Wrafter is drafting a letter to Anthony Torre regarding upgrading and implementing new requirements. A letter will be forthcoming but is more GIS working group oriented than SWG. The draft letter will be sent to the GIS working group for their review. Ms. Neveu would like a copy of this draft letter.

6) **Human Behaviors**

Mr. VanSlyke thanked Mr. DeWeese for the information he received on TSBs. Mr. VanSlyke has received some feedback from the TSBs. There is a growing need for the MPO/TSB relationship to be better utilized/understood. Recently there was a meeting of the State Association of TSBs in Colonie, NY. The MPOs should be involved in this group and have a presence at these meetings. The SWG asked Mr. Levy to request the Directors to consider joining the Association.

7) **NYSDOT Update**

The GIS Enterprise System referenced in previous meeting is not a NYSDOT system.

8) **Conferences**

Discussed the organization of the upcoming Safety Roundtable. The group would like to consider doing at least two roundtables each year. The SWG write-up description will be available to attendees for review.

9) **Other**

The SWG should consider what additional information should be posted on the website and work to update and improve the SWG component of the website should be discussed at future SWG teleconference calls.