

NYSMPO SWG Scan: April 2010

A. Roadway Safety:

- **FHWA: Toward Zero Deaths: A National Strategy on Highway Safety:** “a data-driven effort focusing on identifying and creating opportunities for changing American culture as it relates to highway safety”; to be used as a framework for national, state, and local safety planning and implementation efforts; two tiers: cultural change, and strengthening leadership. Strategy to be finalized in 2011. See <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/tzd.cfm>
- **FHWA Local Roads Safety Resource CD:** includes tools and guidance related to crash data, crash types, FHWA safety programs, road user safety, outreach materials, and research. See http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/resourcecd/
- **Montana DOT, Community Transportation Safety Planning:** provides transportation safety planning assistance to Montana communities with technical and financial support for the development of community plans. Plans must be comprehensive & data-driven, and address engineering, enforcement, EMS, and education components of transportation safety issues. See <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/safety/>
- **DOT SHSP Implementation Process Model (IPM):** based on 6 model states; updated based on pilot with 10 states and review panel. Final publication expected in spring 2010. Draft available here: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/shsp/ipm_draft/process_model/
- **Webinar: Why Should a County Conduct a Road Safety Audit?** (Rural Road Safety Webinar Series); Thursday, March 25, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

B. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety:

- **New FHWA Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation:** According to the League of American Bicyclists, it is “the strongest statement of support for prioritizing bicycling and walking ever to come from a sitting secretary of transportation.” 8 recommended actions:
 1. Consider walking and bicycling as equals with other modes
 2. ensure there are transportation choices for people of all ages and abilities
 3. go beyond minimum design standards
 4. integrate bike/ped accommodation on bridges
 5. collect data on walking & biking trips
 6. set mode share targets and track them over time
 7. remove snow from sidewalks & paths
 8. improve non-motorized facilities during maintenance projects.

The DOT encourages other agencies to adopt similar policy statements. See http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/policy_accom.htm

- **FHWA Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Webinar:** April 6, 1:00-3:00 (rescheduled from March 2). This webconference will focus on tools for improving safety. There will be two presentations and discussions:
 - Dan Nabors (of VHB) will discuss Pedestrian Road Safety Audits (PRSA). Case studies and programs such as Montgomery County, Maryland’s PRSA program will be highlighted. Montgomery County’s PRSA program includes an innovative funding mechanism, a before and after study, and has resulted in numerous engineering, enforcement, and education safety countermeasures.
 - Sarah Weissman (of the Transportation Safety Resource Center at Rutgers University) will discuss “Plan4Safety,” a multi-layered decision support tool and

program created for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)., Plan4Safety identifies crash hot spots, integrates statewide crash data, roadway characteristic data, calculates statistical analyses, incorporates network screening layers and models, and includes visual analytical tools (GIS).

To register for the webinar, see:

https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web_conf_learner_reg.aspx?webconfid=19905