

NYSMPO Safety Working Group – Meeting Notes
Teleconference – June 25, 2009
1:30PM

Participants:

Emily Dozier, PDCTC
Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
Bob Torzynski, GTC
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Sarah Gebbie-Measeck, A/GFTC

Mike Perry, ECTC
Jackie Berlant, NYSDOT
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James Levy, Wilbur Smith Associates

1. Introductions

2. Meeting Notes

2 edits were requested and will be made by Mr. Levy prior to posting the material on nysmpos.org.

3. SWG Goals Review and Update

Ms. Misiewicz discussed the goals document and discussed the need for the SWG to adjust the focus of efforts to individual MPO goals/objectives & work.

- a. TraCS - The TraCS item will be removed from the goals list but monitored by the SWG.
- b. Human Behaviors - Mr. VanSlyke is working on a few items and will discuss them at the next meeting. He was recently added to the NYSATSB as the contact when the NYSMPO Association renewed their membership.
- c. ALIS – The focus now is on the roll-out of the next phase – QRA. The work of the SWG should be to monitor the program and coordinate as needed.
- d. NYS Safety Plan – The SWG should probably play an advisory role providing comment(s) on the draft plan – which is expected to be released in the next few months.
- e. Website/Outreach – It was agreed that there is no need to develop a safety tips brochure so this is no longer a goal. A calendar of events is being done by GTSC. Meeting notes and products of the SWG and SA are posted online at nysmpos.org.

The need for internal safety-related training was discussed. The SWG was tasked with considering future training needs. Overall, many of the goals/tasks listed were accomplished or are underway.

Ms. Misiewicz asked the group for new task/project ideas and the following items were suggested:

- a. Tracking safety-related legislation – possibly 1 staff member to track statewide legislation and 1 staff member to track federal legislation.
- b. Undertake an MPO Peer Exchange – Report on local MPO efforts and how funds are being used in each region.
- c. SCI Training Idea – host the NHI online Low-Cost Safety Improvements course. A training session for QRA will also be needed once it is released.

The group was asked to send any additional ideas to Ms. Misiewicz so that they could be added to the goals/tracking list(s). Ms. Misiewicz will revise the goals sheet and distribute to the group when completed.

4. Safety Assessment

The SA is now posted online for anyone to read/download. The SA was submitted to the Roadway Safety Foundation for an award but have not yet heard back. The SA will be removed from future agendas.

5. GTSC Update

The next GTSC newsletter deadline is August/September. If anyone has an idea for an article, please contact Ms. Misiewicz.

6. NYSDOT Update

Nothing to report.

7. Other Items

Mr. Perry reported that ECTC is interested in using bike-related crash data and asked if QRA would provide this information. Ms. Misiewicz confirmed that QRA will provide bike-related crash data.

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