

NYSMPO Safety Working Group – Meeting Notes
Teleconference – May 28, 2009
1:30PM

Participants:

Emily Dozier, PDCTC
Mario Colone, SMTC
Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
Bob Torzynski, GTC
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Jay Schissell, ECTC
Harry Miller, ECTC
Matt VanSlyke, HOCTS

Todd Cohen, OCTC
Hector Boggio, GBNRTC
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Jackie Berlant, NYSDOT
Marty Neveu, NYSDOT
Chuck DeWeese, GTSC
James Levy, Wilbur Smith Associates

1. Introductions

2. Meeting Notes

No changes requested.

3. Safety Assessment

The final documents have been produced and distributed. The Safety Assessment documents will be posted on nysmpos.org soon. The RSF award application is complete and ready for submission. Mr. Levy will add text related to the A/GFTC TIP project resulting from the SA and submit the application this week.

4. GTSC Update

Planning for the conference is underway and a keynote speaker is being confirmed – the NYSMPO conference session was accepted and is scheduled for Tuesday October 20th from 10:15 – 11:15. There is an AARP event that was recently held in Albany – this is a potential option for a newsletter article. The TraCS annual conference will be held in June (the monthly TraCS report has been distributed). GTSC is looking to provide funding to support TraCS in 2010.

5. NYSDOT Update

Barbara O'Rourke is finalizing the SHSP presentation for the NYSMPO Annual Conference. Ms. Neveu asked the SWG to inform her of any topics that should be considered for inclusion in the SHSP that are not generally discussed at the conference session.

6. **SWG Goal Areas**

a. **Human Behaviors**

An article was submitted to the NYSATSB for their newsletter. The NYSATSB association dues have been paid and Mr. VanSlyke is now the contact person on behalf of the SWG (and NYSMPO). Ms. Misiewicz attended the previous statewide Traffic Safety Board meeting. Among the items discussed was a “safety central model” which is a project idea intended to demonstrate to children how to safely use a street. The model is intended to be a life-size mock-up of a street where the situations can be controlled and children can be educated about different issues related to street safety.

One important note for anyone using the ITSMR County Data Summaries – the method for data reporting this year is different than in previous years, so if a user is intending to use this data for a year to year analysis, this change should be considered and appropriately noted.

b. **ALIS and Data Update:**

Ms. Berlant spoke with Don Terry regarding the “bug” found by some users in the statistical reporting tool (LISQR). While full functionality is not yet available to everyone, QRA should be operational in a few months. Mr. Perry reported that he was able to resolve the MS2007 issues he discussed last month.

The TRCC held a meeting recently. The Strategic Plan is due June 15. Information has been forwarded to the SWG which documents a proposed dynamic mapping/data project that is being developed. MPOs will have access to this program/database. Mr. DeWeese noted that the project has been moved to a different funding program (to 408-data programming, from 402 – data analysis). GTSC has proposed to fund this project.

The MPOs and NYSDOT are collaborating on a data-sharing initiative. All MPOs have been sent a survey for analysis of the data they collect and/or purchase. The intent is to work together for purchasing, analysis and sharing of data for the purposes of streamlining costs and staff resources related to data collection.

c. **Other Items**

Mr. Colone attended the “Hot Topics” session at the NYS Police Conference held in Syracuse, NY. This session provided information on key initiatives such as TraCS, a seat-belt initiative, and traffic calming programs. The Town of Camillus (Syracuse area) currently does the speedwatch program where portable radar is provided for residents and letters, not tickets, are sent to speeders. For more information, please contact the Town police.

Please provide any edits/changes to the updated contact list that includes NYSDOT Region officials and others.

A summary of the low cost safety improvements training opportunity (through FHWA) was distributed to the group. SMTC and GBNRTC are both interested in participating in a class. [Follow-up on costs and availability for holding this course are needed.](#)

The RPI Lighting Initiative final document was distributed for information purposes.

Mr. Miller asked how many MPOs are doing work with the High Risk Rural Roads program. For CDTC, NYSDOT Region 1 has taken this over because they do it on a regional basis. It does go off the state system and includes county routes. Mr. Miller stated that there is concern that there is the possibility of losing money if it isn't spent. Ms. Neveu will ask Barbara O'Rourke to look into this and see when funds are set to expire.

Ms. Misiewicz is updating the SWG goals for review by the group during a future teleconference.

Next Teleconference: June 25, 2009 @ 1:30PM