

New York State Association of MPOs

Climate Change Working Group

May 21, 2015

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- CDTC – Chris O’Neill
- GTC – Joe Bovenzi
- HOCTS – Jeff Quackenbush
- NYMTC – Larry McAuliffe
- PDCTC – Mark Debal, Shelby Tompkins
- NYSDOT – Colleen Smith-Lemmon, Cathy Kuzsman
- NYSERDA – Adam Ruder

2. Update on NYSAMPO conference

Mance reports on panel on Sustainability. Includes presentations by Adam Ruder on NYSERDA initiatives and programs; Jenn Ceponis on CDTC’s Clean Communities work; and Charlie Baker from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (Burlington, VT) on their sustainability initiatives, including the ECOS program.

Gayle reported in general terms on the conference, noting the strong technical program and training opportunities being offered. He encouraged all to attend.

Ruder noted state agency employees must receive approval to speak at conferences. His is pending.

3. Sustainability White Paper

Mance notes the Draft was distributed, asks for comments. Notes that GTC submitted comments.

Mance asks for input on distribution and update of the White Paper. Notes that MPO work on sustainability will evolve, but does not want a burdensome update process.

O’Neill: this is a useful document. CDTC will have updates.

McAuliffe: This is an excellent product. Think about who will benefit.

Gayle states he will disseminate to AMPO, NARC, Georgetown Climate Center, others.

Suggest the group consider and update every 2 years. The group concurs.

Bovenzi notes he provided minor comments, likes the topical organization of the paper.

Gayle proposes that in subsequent editions, NYSERDA, NYSDOT, NYSDEC could be asked to provide updates for an Appendix

ACTION ITEM: Comments by COB June 5 to Mance and Gayle. Also send ideas on organizations for distribution

4. NYS DOT/NYSERDA/NYSDEC Updates

NYS DOT – EV supply equipment project has kicked off. The MPOs along the I-90 corridor have been contacted by the consultant. There was a presentation to CDTC Planning Committee. Bovenzi reported that David Keith presented to GTC Planning Committee.

O'Neill asked the status of the NYS Energy Plan?

Smith-Lemmon: It is still draft; has no further information.

Ruder – may be released as final in coming months.

NYSERDA

Ruder reports there are a number of opportunities through CFA for transportation and clean transportation grants (applications due July 31):

- NYSERDA through Cleaner Greener Communities, 3rd year of implementation projects.
 - Category 1: Support for municipalities that adopt standardized EV and other permitting practices, EV friendly zoning.
 - Category 2 (revised) flexible funding pilots, rolling applications through 2019 (\$5M total available) for municipalities for \$25-250K with a 25% match. Eligible activities include fleet studies, fleet upgrades, street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, smart growth planning, actions to support increased bike/walk, actions to support increased transit ridership.
 - Category 3 (similar to previous rounds) general implementation projects, \$500K-3M, 25% match. Complete Streets, compact development, Smart growth. New priority areas include EV (market development through purchase incentives, model EV region, charging stations, free parking, EV car share and transit, stakeholder events.)
- DEC/DOS – Local Waterfront Revitalization program has clean transportation element this year. Requires a 50% match. Planning activities for EV, TOD, implementation projects for Complete Streets, supportive local laws.

Mance notes LWRP only for coastal or designated inland waterway communities.

Quackenbush asks about funding for signals. At HOCTS, congestion occurs primarily in response to poor signal timing that cannot be optimized because of old equipment. Can this funding be used to purchase new signal controllers?

Ruder: No, this is only for direct energy consumption, i.e. conversion to LEDs.

NYSDEC - no report

Next call: August 19, 1:30 PM