



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs SAFETY WORKING GROUP

December 18, 2019

Webinar

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC – Alex Kone
- HOCTS – Alexander Turner
- NYMTC – Sherry Southe
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – David Staas
- FHWA – Emmett McDevitt
- NYSDOT – Christina Graveling
- NYSDOT – Andrew Sattinger
- NYSDOT – Robert Zitowsky
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember

1. Introductions

Sandy Misiewicz opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Notes

The November 20, 2019 meeting notes were accepted with the changes that were noted by Emily Dozier.

3. Presentation on Niagara Falls Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Corridor Evaluation

Hector Boggio presented on the Niagara Falls Boulevard Roadway Corridor Evaluation underway by NYSDOT. Within the Study Area (Towns of Amherst & Tonawanda in Erie County), there are 24 signalized intersections, numerous unsignalized intersections and residential and commercial driveways within the corridor. Two Roadway Safety Audits were conducted and there were also pedestrian and vehicle counts reviewed for the corridor to access existing and future operational conditions. It is typical for bicyclists to use the corridor despite there being no bicycle facilities. There has been a total of 1,559 crashes between May 2013 and May 2018 (13 pedestrian crashes, 29 bicycle crashes). Five pedestrian fatalities occurred at night. There are no specific hot spots. There are other studies/projects that are underway which include adding pedestrian signals, installing high visibility crosswalks, ADA ramps, etc. Many of the education recommendations require local partnerships and enforcement recommendations include cooperation with GTSC. The three segments of the corridor were evaluated for impacts. Corridor-wide recommendations include reducing the speed limit in the Northern Section, installing detectable warning units and ramps, upgrading existing pushbuttons to accessible pedestrian signals (APS), reviewing and updating signal timings, installing high visibility crosswalks, and sidewalk

connections, among other recommendations for bicycle accommodations, transit, lighting, and access management. Sandy Misiewicz thanked Hector for reporting on this study.

4. Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan

Robert Zitowsky shared that a kick-off meeting was held on 12/17. Alex Kone, Sherry Southe, and Sandy Misiewicz are participating from the MPO community. There will be four virtual meetings and one in person meeting. The Town of Carmel, Broome County Department of Public Works, DMV, DOH are also participating. The MPOs can provide local road datasets. Sandy Misiewicz noted that the State would like information from any of the counties on local road characteristics for the project. Please let Robert Zitowsky and Regina Doyle know if you have any data analysis that NYSDOT can use for this project. Emily Dozier inquired what kind of roadway data is NYSDOT looking for? Robert will get back to Emily on what is needed. Sandy Misiewicz noted that the goal for this Plan is to be completed by end of April.

5. 2020 NYSAMPO Work Plan Discussion

Sandy Misiewicz noted that there will be a schedule coming out about updating the Work Plans and noted that a number of the items have been completed on the current Work Plan including adopting the safety performance targets, in-person meetings, etc. Sandy asked regarding the ADA Toolkit if this project is complete? Emily Dozier noted that it is complete and available on the NYSAMPO website. Sandy Misiewicz noted that we will wait to see what happens with legalizing e-bikes and electric scooters in the next legislative session and asked about the status of the shared mobility document on the NYSAMPO website. Kathy Ember noted that Planning4Places is drafting a webpage on shared mobility and will send the webpage around to the small subgroup for review. Sandy Misiewicz noted that there have been numerous collaborations with partners on implementation of safety education programs. One item we will need to look at is the HSIP discussion about how to move systemic safety programs forward. Sandy also noted that we did not yet launch outreach campaigns on distracted and impaired driving. Sandy Misiewicz did report that we did do a coordinated social media campaign and that is an option going forward regarding distracted and impaired driving. Please send any safety issues, challenges, and opportunities that may be of state-wide interest to Sandy and we will also reach out to partners about their thoughts about what this group can do in 2020.

6. Partner Updates

- a. NYSDOT: No report.
- b. ITSMR: No report.
- c. GTSC: No report.
- d. Cornell Local Roads Program: No report. Please refer to the CLRP website for the workshop schedule.
- e. NHTSA: No report.
- f. FHWA: No report.
- g. NYSATSB: Sandy Misiewicz reported that NYSATSB has not met since the conference.

7. Training/Conferences

Sherry Southe reported that NYMTC is working with a small group to develop the Micromobility and Safety Workshop which will be scheduled for late January or early February.

8. Other Topics/Meeting Schedule

Sandy Misiewicz noted that we will need to determine the 2020 monthly meeting schedule. Kathy Ember will send around a Doodle Poll to determine the best date and time for the monthly calls/webinars. Sandy Misiewicz stated that she appreciates everyone's participation in the Safety Working Group throughout the year.

Action Items

The following items were noted for follow-up:

- Please let Robert Zitowsky and Regina Doyle know if you have any data analysis that NYSDOT for the Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan.
- Please send thoughts on the Safety Working Group Work Plan to Sandy Misiewicz.