



# New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations **WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

**WORKING GROUP:** Safety Working Group

**MEETING DATE:** May 11, 2016; 1PM

**MEETING LOCATION:** Conference Call

## LIST OF ATTENDEES BY ORGANIZATION:

Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council – A/GFTC: Kate Mance  
Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study – BMTS: Tom Sullivan  
*Capital District Transportation Committee – CDTC: Not Present*  
Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council – ECTC: Mike Perry  
Genesee Transportation Council – GTC: Bob Torzynski  
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council – GBNRTC: Hector Boggio  
Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study – HOCTS: Ethan Brennan  
*Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council – ITCTC: Not Present*  
*New York Metropolitan Transportation Council – NYMTC: Not Present*  
Orange County Transportation Council – OCTC: Ashlee Long  
*Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council – PDCTC: Not Present*  
Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council – SMTC: Mike Alexander  
Ulster County Transportation Council – UCTC: David Staas  
*Watertown Jefferson – WJCATC: Not Present*  
New York State Department of Transportation – NYSDOT: Cathy Kuzsman, Andrew Chatterton

## MINUTES:

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Meeting Notes – April 6, 2016**

The Safety Working Group (SWG) members accepted the minutes from the April 2016 meeting.

- 3. Working Group Items**

### ***New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards (NYSATSB) Meeting Update (Misiewicz)***

NYSATSB met in Albany last week. The group had two presentations on the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (one from NYSDOT and the other from the Department of Health). The Department of Health (DOH) has posters and handouts associated with the campaign on their website for reference. The tentative date for the roll out of the plan and the education and enforcement campaigns will be around June 20, 2016. Announcements will come out in the next few weeks on what will be involved in that roll out.

Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITSMR) gave a presentation on the Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR - <http://www.itsmr.org/TSSR>), which is continuously being updated. There are new reports and features in the application, including crash information and safety equipment by municipality. TSSR also includes graphics to illustrate the data. Various other features are in progress. ITSMR will do a presentation at the fall conference. If you use the tool and have any suggestions in terms of tables, reports, or graphics to incorporate, please provide feedback on the application. ITSMR also included a [User Guide](#) to assist with any questions regarding the data.

NYSAMPO plans to renew our relationship with the Traffic Safety Boards. NYSAMPO provides relevant information from the MPOs. Please let Misiewicz know if you have any questions regarding the Traffic



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Safety Boards and stay tuned on updates for the conference. Misiewicz will forward meeting notes from the February meeting and will also forward the May meeting minutes once available.

### ***Crash Data Access and Use Policy (Misiewicz)***

Misiewicz still receiving comments and is in the process of consolidating the information. Misiewicz will reach out to Regina Doyle at NYSDOT regarding state policies for information to remove from the crash reports. Misiewicz will have an updated draft for review on the next SWG call. Please send comments to Misiewicz if you have yet to submit.

### ***Traffic Records Coordinating Council/NY Traffic Records Assessment (Misiewicz)***

The Traffic Records Coordinating Council adopted the traffic records plan for NYS for the coming 2017 fiscal year, which will go to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Most projects at the MPO-level are continuations of existing projects. It includes: continuation of the integration of the State Innovation Models (SIM)/Roadway Inventory System (RIS)/Accident Location Information System (ALIS) datasets, work on data transfer protocol for crash records, and support for liaison services with the New York Police Department (NYPD). It also includes two projects: (1) the NYPD has an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) consultant to help with the expansion of electronic crash reports and tickets and (2) ITSMR is working on the expansion of the TSSR to integrate ticket data and make other improvements. Nothing changed with the statewide plan, just a continuation of the existing projects.

Seven major players played large rolls in the NY Traffic Records Assessment: NYSDOT, DMV, DOH, DSC, NYSPD, etc. In the past, MPOs would engage in an in-person interview, as well as complete a questionnaire. The involvement process no longer uses in-person interviews; everything is electronic. ITSMR is the coordinator for the state. MPOs will receive an email in the next few days regarding experiences using data in NYS. This involvement process will be ongoing over the next couple of months, aiming to complete the exercise by the end of the year.

### ***ALIS Training - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (Misiewicz/Sattinger)***

ALIS training will occur in Syracuse on May 13. If a SWG plans to attend, please send Misiewicz an email to confirm. There is also a training scheduled in Albany for May 24. If there is a need for additional training courses, please inform Misiewicz. The course will cover both introductory and more advanced training for the application. NYSDOT's approach is to inform users on how to use the application to support NHSIP forms and other inquiries. Please look at the ALIS manual prior to attending the training.

Event Report (the Crystal Reports version) is now flattened to avoid problems when exporting. The adjustment also allows the user to export more cases. If you have more specific questions, please reach out to Chatterton. There are also various improvements around the corner. Anything specific will be covered in the training courses, as well as a preview of the tools to obtain user feedback.

### ***Speed Management Training (Misiewicz/McDevitt)***

The original meeting did not fit in with FHWA's timeframe, so Misiewicz is looking into June/July dates, or possibly later in 2016.

## **4. Partnerships/Coordination**

### ***Safety Action Plans (NYSDOT)***

FHWA approved use of HSIP funds for the education element of the plan. Regional offices have started to engage in the process by securing consultant services to assist with the evaluation and design of countermeasures.



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## **Connecticut Peer Exchange (Sattinger)**

The Peer Exchange in Connecticut was the largest peer exchange that FHWA has hosted. It included mostly Northeastern states, and a couple of other states talking about best practices (Michigan and Florida). A lot of the discussion was focused on GIS part of the data and creating linkages in the crash data. States demonstrated the various systems that they have built or are in the process of being built. All states were moving toward the Highway Safety Manual (HSM) method, which FHWA supports. There was also a conversation with FHWA regarding a gap analysis between NYS's ALIS method of identifying crashes versus the HSM method. NYSDOT garnered interest from FHWA in helping the state to implement the HSM method alongside the ALIS process to better understand the differences between the two methods and identify strengths and/or weaknesses.

## **ITSMR – TSSR (Varone)**

The first ADA workshop was in Jamestown. There are two more sessions coming up: one in Utica on September 20 and other in Thiells (Rockland County) on Sept 21.

### **5. Training/Conferences**

**May 13, 2016: Syracuse ALIS Training**

**May 24, 2016: Albany ALIS Training**

**May 10-12, 2016: NHTSA Region 2 Child Passenger Safety Technical and Training**

Lake Placid Convention Center in Lake Placid, New York. Visit <http://www.safeny.ny.gov/cps-home.htm#cps-conf/> for more information.

**September 13-14, 2016: Walk-Bike NY at the Crowne Plaza in Syracuse, NY**

Visit <https://www.itsmr.org/events/> for more information.

**October 16-19: Annual NY Highway Safety Symposium at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, NY**

Visit <https://www.itsmr.org/events/> for more information.

**May 19, 2016: 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Using Advanced Safety Analysis Techniques for Network Screening**

PDH's available for this course. Register for this free training at:

<https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=946>

**NEXT MEETING:** Tentative next SWG meeting for June 1, 2016.