

NYSAMPO Association
Safety Working Group Teleconference
November 12, 2014
MEETING NOTES

1. Introductions

- A/GFTC - Kate Mance
- ECTC Mike Perry
- NYMTC Chris Hardej
- OCTC Ashlee Long
- PDCTC Emily Dozier
- SMTC Mike Alexander
- UCTC - David Staas
- NYSDOT - Jackie Berlant, Robert Limoges, Regina Doyle
- NYSDMV/GTSC - Chuck DeWeese
- FHWA - Emmett McDevitt
- CLRP - David Orr
- ITSMR - Renee Varone

2. Meeting Notes – October 8, 2014 (attached)

Meeting noted accepted

3. SWG 2015-2016 Draft Workplan (attached)

Dozier reported that a draft WP is due to the directors by mid-December.

She reviewed the draft that had been prepared and distributed. The group provided feedback.

ACTION ITEM: Gayle will send out a request for NYSATSB representative

Dozier/Gayle will send a revised draft to be finalized on the December call.

4. SWG Interim Chair (January – April)

Dozier asked for an interim chair while she and Sandy are out (likely January to March or April).

Perry said he may be available, but would check with his MPO Director. Alexander said he would be willing to fill in if Perry is unable.

ACTION ITEM: Perry to confirm his ability to serve as interim chair.

5. NYSDOT/Crash Record Coordination

- ALIS Data Access and Use Policy [update]
Sattinger not on the call. No additional information.
- ITSMR Public Crash Record Database [update]
Varone reports hardware purchased, software has been ordered
- Traffic Records Coordinating Council – need an MPO representative. Meetings are in Albany, but could possibly participate by phone.

6. MPO Safety Initiatives

December meeting: Doyle will present Intersection Safety Action Plan.

Alexander – SMTC scope approved for PSA project, will be summer before the project has reached a point for a report.

NYCDOT will report in December on Vision Zero, senior zones, speed cameras. This started with pedestrian safety study, then pedestrian action plan, statement on Vision Zero, now individual borough plans. [note- this was subsequently moved to January].

7. Partnerships/Coordination

- NYSDOT
 - Status of SHSP update. Doyle reports they are waiting for final rulemaking, but have a good basis. Will be gearing up in early 2015.
Dozier: Has a mechanism been established for MPO input?
Doyle: Not yet decided. She will let us know how MPOs can best provide input. ITSMR has assisted with outreach in the past.
Limoges: NYSDOT intends to complete the Safety Action Plans first. Their content will go into SHSP. They are talking with ITSMR, but have not finalized schedule.
 - Status of NYS Pedestrian and Intersection Safety Plans
Doyle reported that the Intersection Action Plan held workshops late Sept (see October SWG minutes). They are looking at state highways (year 1), then local roads (year 2) for conducting tests of systemic countermeasures.
Pedestrian Safety Action Plan workshop will be held mid-Dec or January. NYSDOT has reached out to SWG and Bike/Ped WG members to participate. Should have a date by next week.
 - Other NYSDOT items – none.
- NYSATSB – no report
- GTSC – DeWeese: no report
- FHWA
 - Volpe Center- Region 1 Local Road Safety Peer Exchange
Orr reported on the peer exchange. Each state within the FHWA Region reported on accomplishments. He will forward report. Work with MPOs on local implementation. The most useful piece was hearing what other Centers are doing.
 - Local Road Safety Briefing Sheets
Orr reported this webinar was a review of work of LTAPs on local road safety. The draft briefing sheets were not distributed.
ACTION ITEM: Orr will forward briefing sheets when available.
- NHTSA - no report

5. Education/Outreach

- Fact Sheet on Bicycle and Pedestrian Laws
This is a joint project with the Bike/Ped Working Group.
Dozier reported that a committee has been assembled, with Josh Wilson and Bob Torzynski representing the Bike/Ped WG; and Tom Benware, Jen Hogan, Mike Alexander, Chris Hardej and Emily Dozier representing the Safety WG. Dozier will reach out to the committee this week to begin developing information based on existing resources.
Dozier notes that Tom Benware has been appointed as the NYSDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program coordinator.

6. Training/Conferences

- Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets - Upstate NY Locations

Alexander reports that he has spoken with Hardej. He is looking at Syracuse, tentatively late April early May. There will be a meeting on Friday to confirm local sponsorship.

Hardej reports there are typically 2 workshops in one week to be more efficient with FHWA instructor travel, so it would be useful to recruit another Upstate MPO.

Orr reports there is an NHI course on roadway departure in development for late winter/early spring. He is negotiating on possible NY pilot location.

- Highway Safety Conference report
Dozier reported that the NYSAMPO session on RSAs with Cyndi Paddick was well received. The audience was a mix of enforcement, NYSDOT and others.
There were other good sessions in the conference, including presentations by NYCDOT and Long Island on pedestrian safety initiatives.
The 2015 conference will be held in Binghamton. Dozier encouraged other MPO staff to attend.
Hardej stated that the conference provides a good opportunity to hear from different perspectives on safety issues.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 PM