



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

June 13, 2019

Teleconference

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- A/GFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- GBNRTC – Amy Weymouth
- ECTC – Courtney Taylor
- NYMTC – Leslie Fordour
- NYSDOH – Jen Hogan
- NYSDOT Main Office – Tom Benware
- NYSDOT Main Office – Colleen Smith-Lemmon
- NYSDOT Main Office – Jim Ercolano
- NYSDOT Region 7 - Alexandra Beck
- NYSDOT Region 9 – Susan Pitley
- NYSDOT Region 10 – Lanny Wexler
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- SMTA – Danielle Krol
- UCTC – David Staas
- WJCTC – Geoff Urda
- Planning4Places – James Levy

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1. Introductions

Emily Dozier opened the meeting.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes – March 2019

The meeting notes from March were approved for posting to the NYSAMPO website.

3. NYSDOT Updates

Empire State Trail – NYSDOT compiled 26 two-day counts from 7am to 7pm and expect more information from contractors as data is collected. There was no specific methodology employed in count collection. NYSDOT will provide a listing of count locations. NYSDOT worked with PTNY to identify count locations, particularly on-road locations. NYSDOT hopes to get additional count data in the future to track trail usage. NYSDOT Highway Data Services is adding more bike/pedestrian counts to the 2020 program. Before and after photos have been discussed but there isn't a program to compile these and most changes aren't that significant.

NYS Bicycle Plan – NYSDOT is hoping to utilize the Statewide Design Services agreement to get assistance in undertaking an update.

NYS Bike Map – The development of the map is coming along. Looks like a regional review of the map and state touring routes have been assessed in GIS. The Consultant is looking at 511 format and how to make a layer for use on that map. There is no timeline yet for completion. It may be possible to swap-out map currently on the Bike page of the website with the updated 511 version, but it is a big lift. T. Benware will provide bike/ped coordinators with contact information for mapping staffer/consultant. We will know better what the capabilities are once the map is developed. HRVG is working on Empire State Trail (EST) application so it could piggyback on that effort.

Bike Route Signage: On State Bike Routes, regional traffic & safety is responsible for signs and each region has a sign plan. L. Wexler stated that they are working on digitizing sign info. for all signs/all assets so the identification of sign locations and sign conditions can be developed in the field.

4. Other Partner Updates

NYBC – Kyle Hatch is the new Executive Director. He is about 1 month into the position and evaluating where projects stand since P. Winkeller left the organization. Safety trainings are rolling out (1 part time safety trainer is employed to help coordinate trainings) and NYBC has a good network of trainers to utilize. Complete Streets trainings are also being rolled-out (being conducted by Dan Suraci and Justin Booth). If a municipality recently passed a CS policy, NYBC has resources to help roll-out CS programs. BMTS had a training and is interested in providing an annual training. K. Hatch confirmed there is funding for 8 workshops per year through 2022. Contact K. Hatch for more information.

PTNY – Email updated from D. Carey read by J. Levy.

5. Peer Discussion with Shawn Megill Legendre – DVRPC

Shawn provided an overview of the program(s) undertaken by DVRPC. DVRPC uses EcoCounters – 16 permanent counters on 340 miles of trails. They have a cyclical count program – bike only – that undertakes 50 counts/year (8 days at a time) and repeats locations every three years. Details on count installation techniques and costs were discussed. It was determined that a separate detailed discussion/peer exchange would take place later in the year to go into more detail on programs, best practices, experiences, opportunities, etc.

6. Work Plan

a. Priority Work Plan Items

The group discussed the following priority items and members agreed to help on each effort.

- i. **Ped/Bike Counts:** This involves promoting best practice methodologies and potentially developing a coordinated/consistent statewide count program. This will require funding and where this comes from needs to be discussed further. S. Reigle provided an overview of the BMTS program. **T. Benware, PTNY, and Scott Reigle from BMTS agreed to participate.**

- ii. **Safety Education Toolkit:** This effort involves the toolkit, PSAs, and social media efforts, and is a joint project with the Safety Working Group (see item below). The social media campaign for Bike Safety Month was discussed. CDTC is doing a similar campaign for pedestrian safety this month. June 14th "See and Be Seen" is kicking-off. A mid-block PSA is being run June 10th – June 27th. NYSDOH will be utilizing social media as well. PSAP efforts are underway and NYSDOT is engaged in outreach. PSAs are available on the website.
- iii. **Complete Streets:** A. Long has a model ordinance prepared by OCTC that can be shared with the Working Group.
- iv. **ADA Transition Plans:** UCTC has an intern using the A/GFTC GIS framework to inventory ADA facilities in the City of Kingston. There were issues with the size of images, and it was necessary to use smaller images in the program. UCTC didn't finish work in the City but is hoping to complete it and expand beyond Kingston. There is a test run underway in the Village of Goshen. E. Dozier suggested that the subcommittee work on an outline of steps for use of the framework. A. Long will share work OCTC has undertaken. **Emily, Jack and Ashlee** will work on this effort.
- v. **Shared-Mobility Research:** (discussed above): This will continue to be a joint project with the Safety and Climate Change Working Groups. **Jen and Danielle** will work on this. The group is interested in developing an online fact sheet.
- vi. **Legislation Tracking:** The bill to modify the State's Complete Streets Act passed in the Senate but not in the Assembly. This legislation removes language excluding maintenance from consideration of Complete Streets implementation.
- vii. **Bicycle & Pedestrian Level of Service:** This item was addressed as the previous meeting.
- viii. **NYSAMPO Website:** The development of the website is underway.

7. Other Topics:
None

8. Upcoming Events

- The next Working Group teleconference call is December 12th.

9. Action Items

The following items are noted for follow-up:

- MPO staff attending the NYSAMPO Conference should attend the joint meeting.
- NYSDOT to provide a list of Empire State Trail Count locations.
- MPOs to let municipalities know of NYBC Complete Streets training opportunity - contact K. Hatch with any questions.
- J. Levy to schedule call peer discussion with DVRPC.
- A. Long to share model Complete Streets ordinance.
- ADA Transition Plan Sub-Committee to develop steps for use of A/GFTC ADA GIS framework.
- Shared Mobility Sub-Committee to develop an online fact sheet.