



**NYSAMPO Association
Safety Working Group
Teleconference Call/Webinar
May 17, 2017 @ 1 PM**

Meeting Notes

1. Introductions

- A/GFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Cyndi Paddock
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GTC – Alex Kone
- NYMTC – Sherry Southe
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Andrew Sattinger
- NYSDOT – Regina Doyle
- NYSDOT – Robert Zitowsky
- NYSDMV – Chuck DeWeese
- FHWA NY Division Office – Kara Hogan
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember

Sandy Misiewicz noted that the bulk of today’s meeting is a presentation from Kara Hogan from FHWA New York Division Office on “Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility.”

2. Meeting Notes – The April 26, 2017 meeting notes (attached) were accepted with no changes.

3. Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility Presentation

Kara Hogan, PhD, Civil Rights Specialist, FHWA New York Division Office, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Safety Working Group detailing some statistics about Americans with disabilities, applicable statutes, and basic requirements. She provided information and photographic examples about the pedestrian environment, movement and information barriers, and key accessible design principles, challenges, and design solutions.

- Questions:
 - Sandy Misiewicz: What funding is available for ADA infrastructure? What role can the HSIP Program play or not play? Kara Hogan: There are no designated federal ADA funds but there are other options to be creative such as leveraging HSIP funds. HSIP funding cannot be used explicitly for an ADA improvement project, but when safety projects include work that triggers ADA improvements, the funding can be used for that work. Other creative ideas include an app from Florida called SAPFIM that allows for users to add data and photos which can help with doing a sidewalk inventory/ADA transition plan.
 - Emily Dozier: Accessible pedestrian signals – are they not required? Where should they be installed? Kara Hogan: An assessment for pedestrian signals is required but they all don’t need to be installed. More specifically, whether or not they need to be installed is a matter discussed in the MUTCD, where an assessment is needed to determine if they are needed on a case by case basis, rather than in the PROWAG. Once they are installed, they need to be made accessible, that is the PROWAG requirement.
 - Emily Dozier: Discussed an issue for stairways in a village with topography issues (stairs down to the street level and the sidewalk is elevated). If they were to install curb ramps there, sounds like it is an engineering issue. Kara Hogan: Can keep the sidewalk elevated by

- putting a ramp much further down (almost like a mid-block crossing). There is usually a solution. Emmett and Kara can take a look and make some suggestions.
- Sandy Misiewicz: Are there any municipalities that are doing best practice work? Kara Hogan: There are a lot of ADA transition plan efforts. She noted the following: Suffolk County, Town of Bethlehem, Ithaca, Elmira, Lake George (Town and Village multi-municipal plan), Rochester, Watertown, and Schenectady.
- Sandy Misiewicz: Bethlehem and Schenectady are in the CDTC MPO area. CDTC has an ADA transition plan working group and is gathering best practice information. Are other MPOs working on this in the state? Kara Hogan: Regional efforts like CDTC's are great for working together and sharing resources – Kara Hogan will be happy to assist and meet in person with other MPOs if anyone is interested.
- Kara's email address is: Kara.Hogan@dot.gov if you have any questions. She will also be presenting at the NYSAMPO Conference.

4. Work Plan Updates

- NYSAMPO Conference Safety Working Group In-Person Meeting - June 19

Sandy Misiewicz: There is an in-person meeting in Syracuse – Sandy, Emily, and the consultant team have brainstormed the best of use for the time in Syracuse and have a proposal for the bulk of the meeting time. Nicole Waldheim, Cambridge Systematics (one of the consultant team members) has national expertise on safety planning, particularly in the MPO communities, and one of the topics of most interest is regarding network screening, different types of network screening, and the roles of systematic analysis. A proposal is to have a detailed presentation from Nicole on these topics at the in-person meeting. There will still be some time at the in-person meeting to go through ongoing initiatives. If you have any questions about the topic or ideas for the meeting, please follow-up with Sandy via email. Emily Dozier: It would be helpful for those who are attending to let us know what they are currently doing or challenges they are facing in terms of safety planning. **ACTION ITEM** - Kathy Ember: The consultant team will survey the members.

- NYS Strategic Highway Safety Plan Draft Report Discussion

Regina Doyle: NYSDOT has reviewed all the comments and there were no major concerns (mostly small tweaks or clarification comments). They are creating the graphical layout and preparing the next draft which will go to the Executive Management for review, followed by a draft to the Governor's Office in mid-June, and then a draft to FHWA in mid-July. There were no substantial changes to the SHSP.

- Local Project Solicitation Status

Regina Doyle: Working on guidance for the solicitation and are looking for the guidance to be ready by the end of August for projects to be selected at the end of this year. They are trying to make the process easier.

- PSAP Update

Regina Doyle: There will be an enforcement blitz around June 16 - June 30th. The "distractions" public service announcement will run prior to and just after that period and a press release will come out during that time. NYSDOT met with DOH and they are meeting with the focus communities. The next public service announcement will probably be on "failure to yield" both for the pedestrian and the driver.

Sandy Misiewicz: The NYSDOT Main Office staff briefed the MPO Directors on safety performance measures. Will this document be available to send around to the Safety Working Group? **ACTION ITEM** - Regina Doyle will have to check on the status.

- NYS DOT Safety Data Integration Project

Andrew Sattinger: The project is starting from scratch – replacing SIMS, ALIS, and PIES. The system will be using the mile point and network screening methods – improving tools and analysis capabilities. There will be an RFP at the end of June. It sounds like good timing with conversations about network screening at the MPO level – it would be helpful to hear more about your thoughts on the different methods. The Rate-Quality Control method (this is the technical term for the crash rate methodology used in the NYS Highway Safety Improvement Program) will be used with some improvements but there will be the ability to use the data and pull it into the HSM methods. Sandy Misiewicz: What is the timeframe – more than one year? Andrew Sattinger: It will be 6 months to get a vendor, then another year to develop it, plus testing – so probably a 2-year timeframe. Sandy Misiewicz: Given the lower responses to your survey, we can coordinate an informal survey to bring to the June meeting and provide feedback. Andrew Sattinger: We want to make sure that this data is valuable for all the users. Once a vendor is picked, we hope the MPOs will be a part of the process.

5. Partner Updates

- NYS DOT

See above.

- ITSMR

No report – Sandy Misiewicz noted that TSSR is constantly being updated.

- GTSC

Chuck DeWeese: They received on 600 grant proposals and are reviewing them. The Fast Act requires a biannual automated enforcement survey. GTSC will need to reach out communities that have automated enforcement (e.g. red light cameras). They may ask the MPOs about who is doing automated enforcement. Planning for the Fall Conference is underway – registration will be available in June or July. There will be a “Click It or Ticket” press conference in Syracuse – “Protect your Melon” campaign. There will be a 2-week enforcement wave across the country. There is a grant opportunity that is available - Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative. **ACTION ITEM** – This opportunity will be resent to the SWG.

- Cornell Local Roads Program

No report. Sandy Misiewicz noted that there will be a workshop in Batavia in the Fall. Alex Kone noted that it will be probably held in September. Sandy Misiewicz: There will be a Local Road Departures course at the MPO Conference.

- NHTSA

No report.

- FHWA

No report.

Sandy Misiewicz: Thanks to Kara for the presentation.

- NYSATS

No report.

Sandy Misiewicz: Noted that there was a state-wide meeting a few weeks ago and they are working on a branding effort.

6. Training/Conferences

- June 1: FHWA Webinar: [Determining the Appropriate Level of Safety Analysis for a Project](#)
- June 13: FHWA Webinar: [Let’s Talk Performance: Lessons Learned from Target Setting Coordination](#)

- June 19-21: [2017 MPO Conference](#) (Syracuse, NY) – *Stay tuned for a SWG Happy Hour or dinner invite by email.*
- June 27, 28 and 29 – [Design of ADA Curb Ramps and Pedestrian Access Routes](#), Cornell Local Roads Program Engineering Workshops in Monroe, Broome and Albany County, respectively
- September 15: New York Bike Summit - NYBC (Albany, NY)
- October 15-18: NYS Highway Safety Conference (Niagara Falls)
- March 28-29, 2018: Walk-Bike NY 2018 (Schenectady, NY) – *Session proposals are being requested.*

7. 2017 Meeting Schedule (all Wednesdays at 1 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- June 19st – Syracuse in-person meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- July 19th
- August 16th
- September 13th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 20th