



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

June 11, 2020

Teleconference

10:00 AM – 11:30 PM

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- BMTS – Cyndi Paddick
- CDTC – Jennifer Ceponis
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- HOCTS – Alexander Turner
- ITCTC – Fernando DeAragon
- NYCDOT – Sean Quinn
- NYSDOH – Jennifer Hogan
- NYSDOT – Bruce Cunningham
- NYSDOT – Chris Church
- NYSDOT – Karen Lorf
- NYSDOT – Jim Ercolano
- NYSDOT – Meghan Webster
- NYSDOT – Harriet Lewis
- NYSDOT – Colleen Smith-Lemmon
- NYSDOT – Valerie Deane
- NYSDOT – Kristina Graveling
- NYSDOT – Lanny Wexler
- NYSDOT – Jon Harmon
- NYSDOT - Alexandra Beck
- NYSDOT – Susan Pitely
- NYMTC – John Simpson
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- OCTC – Lauren Burns
- PTNY – Dylan Carey
- PTNY – Rebecca De La Cruz
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- SMTC – Danielle Krol
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- UCTC – David Staas
- WJCTC – Geoff Urda
- Planning4Places – James Levy
- *Several call-in numbers not identified during the call*

If I have missed your name above, please let me know: jlevy@planning4places.com.

1. Introductions

Emily Dozier opened the meeting.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes

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

3. Tompkins County Bike Share Program

Fernando de Aragon & Hector Chang presented on the bike share program in Tompkins County. Lime switched to e-bikes primarily in 2019. The median trip in Tompkins County is approximately 0.6 miles or 6 minutes. The program was working well for short trips. However, Lime suspended service in March 2020 and Tompkins County is talking to other companies to relaunch service in 2021. They are looking at a community supported turnkey model, possibly with a private sponsor. It is estimated that a system at a scale similar to the previous one will cost approximately \$800,000. It would likely be a dockless model to best serve many destinations and neighborhoods. The presentation materials were emailed to Working Group members on June 18th.

4. Open Streets Program in NYC

Sean Quinn presented on the program currently underway in the City (nyc.gov/openstreets). Barricades and signs are being used to close roads, though in most cases, local traffic is allowed. Barricades are removed each evening. Temporary bike lanes are also being created. Corridors to be included were coordinated with emergency services providers, not located on bus, truck, or hospital access routes, and coordinated with elected officials. Priorities were based on lower income neighborhoods, area of higher density of COVID cases, areas further from open spaces, and areas around parks that were getting overcrowded. Half of these are managed by the NYPD, 9% by local partners, and the remainder by the Parks Department. There have been no issues with emergency response and street cleaning can still occur. Some residents have moved barriers both to remove them and to try and block vehicular accessibility. Next steps include creating more open streets and protected bike lanes and identifying potential conversion to permanent facilities. The presentation materials were emailed to Working Group members on June 18th.

5. Quick overview of NACTO Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery

The [website link](#) was shared, and the use of NACTO tools by CDTC was briefly discussed.

6. Work Plan

i. Ped/Bike Counts

A counters user group has been established. Contact Jim Levy if you want to be part of the group. Scott Reigle discussed the BMTS count program and issues with counters that they have experienced recently. Count data before and during COVID will be discussed in an upcoming counters group call.

ii. Complete Streets

i. OCTC is making revisions to the draft model ordinance.

iii. ADA Transition Plans

i. David Staas noted that UCTC is continuing to work on data collection and sharing options for municipalities that do not have GIS. Looking at dashboard type offerings through ESRI.

iv. Shared-Mobility Research

i. The shared mobility webpage is live on nysmpos.org. If anyone has an update or link, please send it to Jim Levy.
ii. The Capital Region bike share program will start up again in June. The Syracuse area's bike share program is expanding.

7. NYSDOT Updates

i. K. Lorf noted that Empire State Trail work is on-track. Ribbon cutting is expected in the fall. The Bike Plan update RFP is still under development. US Bike Route system will likely be open in the Spring of 2021 in a coordinated effort with EST work. Jim Ercolono will present count data at a future meeting.

8. Other Partner Updates

- i. Rebecca De La Cruz (PTNY) discussed the planned pop-up bike lane demonstration project in Poughkeepsie.
- ii. Dylan Carey (PTNY) noted that the Greenway plan is underway, a survey is open, and everyone is encouraged to participate and spread the word about the project. There will be three webinars with stakeholders across NYS. Plan drafting is underway. Emily Dozier asked when GIS data is needed by and Dylan noted that GIS is being handled by NYS Parks.
- iii. NYBC has a new interim Executive Director.

9. Legislation Tracking

- i. D. Carey noted that there isn't much going on currently. Emily noted that a replacement for the FAST ACT is being discussed.

10. Other Topics

- a. The next meeting was scheduled to be in-person in Watertown, NY. Given travel restrictions, this meeting will be rescheduled as a call.

11. Upcoming Events

- a. The ride scheduled in Utica has been cancelled.
- b. CDTC held a "pledge to ride" virtual ride event. Participation was down from past in-person events.

12. Action Items

The following items are noted for follow-up:

- Ped/Bike Counts:
 - o Anyone interested in being included in the counter users group should let J. Levy know.
 - o Anyone with pre-COVID and current count(s) that can share data to show any trends is encouraged to do so on the next call.
- PTNY:
 - o Please spread the word about the plan effort underway.