



**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs
TRANSIT WORKING GROUP
September 18, 2018
Teleconference
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- CDTC – Carrie Ward
- DCTC – Mark Debald
- ECTC – Tina Hager
- GBNRTC – Hal Morse
- HOCTS – Barbara Hauck
- NYSDOT – Tom Vaughan
- NYSDOT – Lisa Cataldo
- NYSDOT – Kent Sopris
- NYSDOT – Marty Neveu
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- WJCTC – Barbara Cadwell
- WJCTC – Jennifer Cross-Hodge
- Planning4Places – Jim Levy
- TYLin – Vikas Jain
- TYLin – Joe Yesbeck

1. Introductions

M. Colone opened the meeting.

2. May Teleconference Notes Approval

The meeting notes were reviewed and approved for posting to the nysmpo.org website.

3. TYLin Specialist Presentation: Transit Planning in Long Range & Metropolitan Transportation Plans

Vikas Jain and Joe Yesbeck participated to discuss Transit Planning in Long Range & Metropolitan Transportation Plans. They discussed six topics including Transit Development Plans, tying-in to operations and management, first and last mile connections (and micro-transit), capital improvement projects, financial analysis, and project prioritization. After the meeting, Mr. Jain provided the following links to studies on integrating AV/CV in long term transportation planning:

FDOT's scenario planning tool for emerging technologies.

<http://cfgis.org/FDOT-Resources/TransFuture.aspx>

Miami-Dade TPO's study on impact of future technology in the 2045 LRTP.

<http://www.miamidadetpo.org/library/studies/impact-of-future-technology-in-the-2045-lrtp-final-report-2017-06.pdf>

M. Colone asked how much emphasis has been put on emerging technology in LRTP's by MPOs. Mr. Jain noted that Miami-Dade and FDOT have studied the effects of AV/CV to test and model VMT, safety and in scenario planning to justify investment priorities. These efforts are focused on market penetration and allow variables to be manipulated to see how VMT, investments and network utilization change based on different variables. This effort is not, however, part of an LRTP. TXDOT has asked FDOT for assistance in developing a similar model, Broward County, FL is also undertaking this type of activity and TRB has undertaken a significant amount of research on the topic. The idea is catching-on rapidly across the Country.

Mr. Jain closed with a comment that transit agencies are increasingly approaching MPOs to incorporate the concept of micro-transit into their LRTPs.

4. NYSDOT Update

K. Sopris noted that the NYSDOT is close to finalizing TAM Plan targets. This is a top priority given the October 1st deadline. A letter has been released detailing targets. Please provide any feedback ASAP. NYSDOT is assuming that anyone not part of a known exception will be part of the DOT Plan.

M. Colone asked about the 5310 solicitation and if it has been finalized with FTA. K. Sopris noted that this effort is completed. NYSDOT is updating the 5310 solicitation materials with the hope of getting the next solicitation out in January 2019. M. Colone offered the assistance of the NYSAMPO Transit Working Group to help with any updates to the materials.

5. Thoughts/Comments on TAM Plan Efforts

NYSDOT Main Office noted, as stated previously, that they are working to complete their effort. If in Tier 1, hopefully those areas not part of the NYSDOT Plan are close to completing their plan since, as previously noted, they are due on October 1st. It is not clear if FTA will be reviewing the TAM Plans for updated TIP narratives for maintenance and state of good repair.

The Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule was released. By July 2020 all transit providers need to have a safety plan. There are performance targets like TAM Plans. MPOs will have six months after the targets have been set by the transit provider to accept the provider targets or set their own targets. M. Neveu stated that Richard Perrin (TYLin) prepared templates for TAM TIP narratives. These have been sent to FTA and several MPOs have taken action on TIP narratives. NYSDOT will be undertaking a STIP Appendix update on Performance targets in relation to TAM targets.

6. Transit Fact Sheet Update

J. Levy noted that the Fact Sheet is basically complete. There have been a few items discussed for possible revision including the source/count of transit providers on the NYS

Map. T. Hager asked if the brackets on the last page are part of the design and J. Levy stated that they are.

7. Workplan Assessment/Update

M. Colone noted that much of the work plan has been completed. For the next meeting on December 18th, it would be great to get a presentation on the impact of TNC's on transit operators. J. Levy will talk with the Consultant Team and identify a speaker for December.

8. MPO Updates

M. Debold noted that three MPOs – DCTC, OCTC and UCTC are undertaking a regional transit study for the TMA. There are two main goals – 1) Inventory infrastructure capacity in the three counties (including bus, rail, stations, airports & park and ride); and 2) Identify efficiencies and markets from Albany to New York City. This is expected to be an 18-month study. The study will be looking at market potential from Albany to New York City which is an interesting component given the geographic area covered. There will be a focus not only on job access but also tourism. On the next call, the project website should be online so maybe we will be able to include an agenda item to discuss the project further and review some of the online information.

Action Items

- Next Meeting is scheduled for December 18th.
- Continue work on the Fixed Route Transit Fact Sheet.
- Identify a speaker to discuss the impact of TNC's on transit operators.