



## **NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP**

**March 10, 2020  
Conference Call  
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **Participating**

- GTC – Joe Bovenzi (Chair)
- CDTC – Chris O’Neill
- CDTC – Andy Tracy
- CS – Rich Denbow
- DCTC – Dylan Tuttle
- FHWA – Tim Crothers
- GBNRTC – Mike Davis
- GBNRTC – Hal Morse
- NYMTC – Jan Khan
- NYSDOT – Jim Davis
- OCTC – Lauren Burns
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- SMTC – Jason Deshaies

#### **1. Introductions**

Joe Bovenzi welcomed Working Group (WG) members and kicked off the meeting.

#### **2. Mid-Hudson Valley TMA Congestion Management Process Update**

Dylan Tuttle and Lauren Burns gave a presentation on the update of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) for the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (MHVTMA). Three MPOs serve the MHVTMA (DCTC, OCTC, and UCTC). They are jointly updating the CMP for the TMA, and following five objectives that focus on analyzing highway congestion, highway travel time reliability, freight congestion and reliability, transit congestion and reliability, and evaluating multi-modal accessibility. They are using the AVAIL NPMRDS tool to develop the CMP, doing a macro-level network screening to identify the worst segments across the region and in each county, and a micro-level location analysis to analyze the worst segments and help understand key congestion issues.

The MPOs ranked TMCs in the region using several performance measures, and screened TMCs, including TMCs on regional transit routes and on state-designated freight routes. Screening results have been combined to identify the most congested locations. Dylan and Lauren showed maps identifying these locations and discussed the performance measures

used in the analysis. They are evaluating gaps in multimodal accessibility, including park and ride capacity, regional bike links, secure bike parking, and regional transit availability. For the micro analysis, they are looking into the causes of congestion and developing high level recommendations, as well as producing one-page snapshots of congested locations. Currently, they are still determining the exact methodology to use for the micro analysis. They showed two snapshots of locations within the region.

The micro analysis technical memo is being drafted. The MPOs will incorporate findings into their LRTPs, and county-level analyses will be completed by each MPO on their own schedule.

Regarding the AVAIL tool, Dylan said the tool's features provide several benefits, and it has been great to work with the AVAIL team. They are very interested in making the tool as useful as it can be. Mario Colone added that access to the tool is provided at no cost to the MPOs.

Dylan provided the following document links for WG members to learn more about the process and findings:

- [Process Document](#)
- [TMA-Wide Macro Tech Memo](#)
- [Multi-Modal Tech Memo](#)

Jan Kahn asked if any other MPOs are using the AVAIL tool. Mario replied that SMTC is using it for corridor analysis and studies. Chris O'Neill replied that CDTC has used it for the CMP.

### **3. TSMO WG Work Plan Update**

Joe reviewed the changes made to the draft 2020-2021 TSMO Work Plan that were suggested by the WG. One of the key themes is coordination with other WGs. He submitted the draft to the NYSAMPO staff consultants and it is now under review by the Directors.

Joe asked for suggestions for future meeting topics and received two ideas:

- Report from GBNRTC on their ICM work.
- NYSDOT's TSMO plan, which is currently under development.

### **4. Potential FHWA Peer Exchange**

The WG discussed the possibility of holding an FHWA peer exchange. Joe asked if there is interest in holding an in-person peer exchange meeting sometime during 2020, possibly in coordination with other WGs. Three FHWA peer exchanges are available on the topics of planning for reliability, integrating emerging mobility into TSMO, and TSMO program planning.

The WG expressed an interest in holding a peer exchange. Mario suggested it also be open to MPO member agencies. Chris added that there was an FHWA workshop at CDTC recently that had a lot of dialogue between member agencies, which was very useful.

## **5. Roundtable**

MPO Updates:

- Jan reported that NYMTC is working on a new LRTP. This will also include an update of the CMP.
- Joe said GTC is also beginning the process of updating its LRTP.

NYS DOT Update:

- Jim Davis said NYS DOT's TSMO plan is underway. He will be in touch with the MPOs to get input on performance measures.

FHWA Update:

- Tim Crothers reported that FHWA is in the beginning stages of setting up workshops. They will share information with the MPOs as it becomes available.

## **6. Next Meeting/Adjourn**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2020