



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs SAFETY WORKING GROUP

March 22, 2023

Webinar

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- CDTC - Carrie Ward
- CDTC - Rebecca Odell
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GTC - Alex Kone
- GBNRTC - Hector Boggio
- ITCTC - Jay Lambrich
- OCTC - Lauren Bennett
- SMTC - Michael Alexander
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- UCTC – David Staas
- WJTC – Barbara Caldwell
- NYSDOT - Robert Zitowsky
- NYSDOT – Andrew Sattinger
- NYSDOT - Jonathan Hill
- FHWA - Teresa Haslauer
- GTSC – Jason Maher
- Cambridge Systematics – Cory Hopwood

1. Introductions & Updates

Alex Kone opened the meeting with introductions.

2. Meeting Notes

The January 25th, 2023 meeting notes were shared. SWG members can send changes over the next few weeks.

3. NYSAMPO Conference – Working Group Meetings

Alex discussed the opportunity for meeting before the 2023 NYSAMPO Conference. The SWG is hoping to close out the day (3:30 pm), following Executive Committee and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meetings. Some members will not be in Syracuse by 3:30, but there may be an opportunity for networking hours after the meeting. Equipment can be provided for facilitating a virtual option for those who cannot attend.

4. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Awards

Alex summarized awards for the MPO members across the state. Jack Mance explained the Tug Hill Regional Commission received funds for both the A/GFTC planning area and

multiple other counties. Carrie Ward confirmed CDTC received supplemental plan funding. GBNTRC and HOCTC received funding for regional action plans. Jay Lambrix noted that the City of Ithaca was the lead applicant in their area and other local municipalities in Tompkins County will collaborate to complete a safety plan. SMTC received funding for Onondoga County (applicant).

Alex placed GTC's scope of work in a shared [folder](#), and requested those that are developing scopes share as well.

Andrew Sattinger reported that NYSDOT is performing a legal review of CLEAR and related applications. He provided an overview of NYSDOT's legal staff's concerns regarding network screening, site investigations, and developing recommendations, including those along the state system. He acknowledged that SS4A action plans require locals and regions to analyze all public roads so these questions are timely. He indicated that a larger discussion with all agencies involved may be beneficial to discuss how analysis can cover all public roads, as well as help ensure consistency. Alex Kone offered to provide the (draft) ALIS User Terms from 2017 as a reference for a similar agreement for CLEAR.

Teresa Haslauer clarified that MPOs are protected in developing safety plan recommendations and safety-related screenings. This does not have to be for HSIP specifically.

Carrie Ward identified a challenge with media and advocacy requests for crash data viewer details. The previous policy did not allow for MPOs to send these requests directly to NYSDOT, but the FOIL law makes it uncomfortable for MPOs to share data they do not own. Andrew clarified that you actually can refer the requester to NYSDOT. He also noted that analysis completed with the data by the MPO can be shared. Carrie asked if that the user terms be finalized so they can be directly referenced. Jack asked if consultants will be given access to CLEAR. This is an important consideration for how they scope SS4A RFPs. New York MPOs may have to pull the data themselves and provide it to consultants for them to complete analysis in the interim. Andrew and NYSDOT agreed to provide an update in the near future.

5. 2023-2024 Work Program - Updates

Alex provided updates across the strategy areas for the Work Program. He mentioned future presentations on SCAG's target setting model, as well as strategies for putting together safety plan scopes in the region. The safety education toolkit of materials on the website could use a review and update.

Robert Zitowsky mentioned the CLEAR training on April 5th is focused on taking recommended countermeasures and creating work orders for DOT departments (ex. maintenance and capital projects at NYSDOT). MPOs would not be linking to this and may not get us much value out of this specific training.

6. Partner Updates

- a. NYSDOT: Robert provided information on the SHSP update. They are scheduled to complete this in July 2023. They are completing the Vulnerable Road User Assessment and will have nearly \$19 million obligated by the end of September 2023 for addressing

vulnerable road user safety. He also summarized several CLEAR applications that are being updated and added, as well as the training plan for these. Andrew mentioned several tickets to address CLEAR bugs are being cleaned up this week.

- b. ITSMR: No Report.
- c. GTSC: GTSC's only update is that the GTSC grant application (PTS, HS1 & CPS) period is now open until May 1st.
- d. Cornell Local Roads Program: No Report.
- e. NHTSA: No Report.
- f. FHWA: No Report.
- g. NYSATSB: Carrie Ward updated the group that they are working on their website. They have a professional zoom account for anyone working with Traffic Safety Boards. Several initiatives have been started related to education and enforcement, including hospital and morgue visits. They are also utilizing cameras on the sides of school buses to hand out tickets.
- h. NYS DOH: No Report.

7. 2022 Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is on April 26, 2023. Meeting invites for this and remaining 2023 meetings will be sent out this week.

Action Items

- Please provide any changes to last month's meeting notes.
- Follow up with Alex if you have any presentation topics or requests for future meetings.