



**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs
TRANSIT WORKING GROUP
March 16, 2021
Teleconference
11:00 PM – 12:30 PM**

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- CDTC – Carrie Ward
- DCTC – Mark Debald
- ECTC - Angela Wood
- FHWA – James Goveia
- HOCTC - Barb Hauck
- ITCTC – Jay Lambrix
- NYCTCC – Carl King
- NYSDOT – Harriet Lewis
- NYSDOT – Jim Davis
- OCTC - Ashlee Long
- OCTC – Jessica Ridgeway
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- WJCTC - Sara Freda
- Four Square ITP – Boris Palchik
- Planning4Places – James Levy

1. Introductions

M. Colone opened the meeting.

2. Approval of meeting notes.

The December meeting notes were approved.

3. Presentation: Mark Debald & Boris Palchik

Mark provided an overview of the Connect Mid-Hudson Transit Study. The 2017 Federal Certification Review recommended that the three counties/MPOs assess regional transit needs. Boris provided a detailed presentation on the study and findings. The Study looks at how the counties are connected and to the NYC Metro area. It is a complex region for transit with many small urban areas and many different transit providers. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the Working Group in the 3.25.21 meeting summary email.

4. NYSDOT Updates

Jim Davis provided an update on the NYSDOT Mobility Services RFI. The RFI was issued to obtain input on RFP development for an effort that would assess the evolving market and opportunities for a statewide effort looking at best practices focused on GHG reduction. The RFI resulted in 27 responses. A few MPO staff members were involved in the process. An RFP or multiple RFPs to develop an approach to statewide mobility services and balance the different needs across the state is likely to be released in the Summer of 2021. The current consultant contract will be extended to cover the transition to this new effort.

5. MPO Updates

Carrie Ward mentioned that the CDTC Coordinated Plan Advisory Committee *Tools of the Trade* provider workshops are being held this year. These are open to the public and anyone can participate. CDTA will be presenting on their Flex Service. Potential additional service areas will be discussed as well.

Mario Colone noted that an examination of BRT in the City of Syracuse along key corridors was undertaken. SMTC adopted a locally preferred alternative in the LRTP and presented the findings to the Syracuse Executive Leadership Group (heads of education, hospitals, economic development, etc.).

Mark Debald spoke about the Dutchess County Transit analysis effort that is looking at micro transit opportunities, especially for rural areas. The effort is focused on assessing whether or not micro transit (essentially a robust dial-a-ride) type service can work in the County. This effort just began and is building off the regional transit plan.

6. NYSAMPO SCI RFP

Mario Colone noted that the RFP has been released. Carrie Ward stated that the pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for next week.

7. Work Plan

Mario Colone and Jim Levy briefly reviewed the approved Work Plan. The Working Group has a few items that will result in deliverables. If there is any preference on what to focus on first or thoughts on any of these items, please let Mario and Jim know. We will discuss undertaking deliverable work at the June meeting.

8. Other:

Jen Hodge sent along an article regarding potential changes to U.S. Census criteria for determining urban areas (see attached – this topic was not discussed at the meeting) that we thought might be of interest. AMPO held a webinar on this topic earlier this month – materials are posted under 2021 Documents and Recordings at <https://ampo.org/policy/policy-documents/>

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2021 at 11:00am.