



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs SAFETY WORKING GROUP

**April 10, 2019
Teleconference
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- BMTS – Cyndi Paddick
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GTC – Alex Kone
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Regina Doyle
- NYSDMV – Chuck DeWeese
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember

1. Introductions

Sandy Misiewicz opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Notes

The February 27, 2019 meeting notes were accepted with no changes.

3. NYSAMPO Session Ideas

a. Vision Zero

Sandy Misiewicz related that one safety session proposed at this time is the Vision Zero session. The City of Ithaca is pursuing a Vision Zero program and the session may include someone who was involved in Vision Zero from NYC. There is room for another speaker.

b. Working Group Meeting

Sandy Misiewicz noted that we are tentatively scheduled for a Working Group meeting and suggested that we should establish a small group to work on the program for the meeting. Sandy asked if there are other ideas for sessions? Alex Kone noted that GTC could talk about the Vulnerable Road Users project either in the Working Group meeting or as a separate session. Sandy suggested that we could tailor an agenda that might be of interest to the Bike/Ped Working Group and advertise the meeting as a joint session. Nicole Waldheim on the Consultant Team is doing some work on the safe systems approach. Emily suggested this could fit in with the Vision Zero session. Sandy, Emily, and Alex volunteered to work on the conference agenda. Kathy Ember will reach out to Nicole to see if she is available to attend the conference and will formally request an afternoon joint session of the Safety and Bike/Ped Working Groups.

4. May Bike Month Activities

Sandy Misiewicz discussed an email was sent out on developing a joint MPO social media campaign for Bike Month utilizing existing resources and coordinating posting and using

similar hashtags. The campaign is intended to promote safety during Bike Month and included some draft sample posts. Emily Dozier asked how many MPOs will be able to participate in the campaign? Chuck DeWeese will help promote the posts at GTSC. The NYBC is undergoing reorganization but there is an opportunity to share the messaging. Chuck suggested Emily reach out to them again in concert with GTSC to work on this collaboration. The group discussed when the posts should be sent out. They could be sent out on a weekly basis each Wednesday starting on May 1st.

5. Pedestrian Road Safety Audit Status

Sandy Misiewicz discussed that up to 4 road safety audits will be prepared. There were 10-15 submissions from the eastern part of the state. A team including NYSDOT (Regina Doyle), FHWA (Emmett McDevitt), the Department of Health (Gina and Jen) and Jim Knapp from GTSC is reviewing proposals and crash data to make selections. The deadline for conducting the audits was extended into early September so that allows for additional time for the studies. Sandy will share awardees and discuss the evaluation process at a subsequent call. Emily Dozier asked if the municipalities have been contacted? Sandy Misiewicz noted that they have asked for additional information and we have let municipalities know that the RSAs need to be conducted on local roads. Most of the municipalities have been contacted but we are still in the evaluation phase.

6. NYS Budget Safety Related Legislation

Sandy Misiewicz relayed that the budget passed April 1st. There were items related to limousine safety and tightening regulations to prevent further severe crashes included in the budget. The e-bike legislation did not pass. Chuck DeWeese noted that the backseat seatbelt legislation did not go through related to limousines. Marijuana legislation might be separate legislation. E-scooter legislation was also not included.

7. Local Road Safety Peer Exchange

a. Review of Draft NYSDOT County Fact Sheets

Sandy Misiewicz asked if there are any updates on the draft County Fact Sheets. Regina Doyle relayed that we have resolved the comments from ITSMR and GTSC, but we have not gotten approval to release them yet. Region 1 Fact Sheets will be produced to determine if the Fact Sheets are useful and then if they are being used, they will be considered for production statewide. Sandy Misiewicz noted that Region 1 includes both the A/GFTC and CDTC areas.

b. TIP Updates and HSIP

Sandy Misiewicz asked now that everyone is updating their TIP, if the MPOS can identify any HSIP projects and let us know about those projects by April 19th.

8. Safety Performance Measures – Target Updates?

Sandy Misiewicz noted that we are at the time of year for target updates. Regina Doyle stated that NYSDOT started looking at the data and will be meeting with GTSC shortly to look at the targets for 2020. Chuck DeWeese noted they are coordinating with ITSMR. The GAO is also surveying states, on behalf of Congress, to determine the effectiveness of setting performance targets. GTSC noted that the goal is always zero for fatalities which does not change how we operate in terms of process. As of now, we have to continue doing the current practice of the safety performance measures. Sandy Misiewicz will share more information as it is available.

9. NYSAMPO Work Plan – Next Steps

Sandy Misiewicz noted that the Work Plan was approved. We will discuss some of the Work Plan action items at the in-person meeting at the NYSAMPO conference.

10. Partner Updates

- a. NYSDOT: Regina Doyle stated that NYSDOT is working on the CLEAR application and gotten through conceptual design of the project and is starting to do some of the coding work now. It will change how we do things in terms of network screening and the HSIP program – the methods will be more consistent with the Highway Safety Manual. The project completion is still 1.5 to 2 years away. We are continuing to help local governments with network screening (from simple to more complex methods for those who do have the data on their roads). We are starting to see how it will all fit together. There will also be another PSAP campaign in June where GTSC DOH and NYSDOT will promote the campaign and an enforcement blitz will be held during that time frame.
- b. ITSMR: No report.
- c. GTSC: Chuck DeWeese let everyone know that GTSC partnered with Saratoga Springs Truck Association and held a Distracted Driving press conference. It is also Distracted Driving Awareness Month throughout April. FHWA is also doing Work Zone Safety campaign at the same time. Chuck will talk to Emmett McDevitt about future coordination of campaigns to avoid overlap on the dates in the future. On April 29th-May 3rd, there is the No Empty Chair campaign to remind students and law enforcement about traffic safety issues and they will have a press conference and event. Operation Safe Stop will also be held to enforce illegal passing of school buses. There is also the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May and at the end of May Click it or Ticket/Buckle up NY (20th Anniversary of the campaign) coming up.
- d. Cornell Local Roads Program: No report.
- e. NHTSA: No report.
- f. FHWA: No report.
- g. NYSATSB: No report.

Action Items

The following items were noted for follow-up:

- The small group of volunteers will talk about the NYSAMPO in-person meeting agenda in the next few weeks. Please email your suggested topics for the in-person meeting if you have other suggestions.
- Please email Sandy Misiewicz about any HSIP projects on your MPO's TIP by April 19th.
- Emily Dozier asked about the TAP award notification time frame. Regina Doyle will find out when municipalities will be notified.