



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

**December 8, 2020
Conference Call
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- GTC – Joe Bovenzi (Chair)
- CDTC – Andrew Tracy (Co-Chair)
- CDTC – Chris Bauer
- CS – Rich Denbow
- FHWA – Tim Crothers
- GBNRTC – Mike Davis
- ITCTC – Jay Lambrix
- NYMTC – Jan Khan
- NYSDOT – John Bassett
- NYSDOT – Jim Davis
- NYSDOT – Susan Pitley
- SMTC – Mario Colone

1. NYSDOT Statewide TSMO Strategic Plan

Jim Davis and John Bassett discussed NYSDOT’s TSMO Strategic Plan, which was finalized in March 2020. Jim said TSMO has long been an essential function within NYSDOT and a strategic TSMO approach helps NYSDOT meet one of its core objectives, which is to operate the existing transportation network efficiently while providing safe and reliable travel conditions. NYSDOT undertook the Strategic Plan to bring together a wide range of stakeholders and enable the Department to focus on improving mobility, reliability, and travel choices. He summarized the following high level purposes of the TSMO Strategic Plan:

- Describes the importance of TSMO to NYSDOT’s mission and develops the linkage between TSMO activities and a set of goals and objectives.
- Describes the connections between TSMO activities and other agency activities.
- Identifies a set of immediate and near-term actions to support more effective and successful TSMO outcomes.

The Strategic Plan lays out the following TSMO vision and goals:

- Vision: Enhance travel safety, reliability, and efficiency throughout New York State.
- Goal 1. Enhance system safety and reliability by minimizing the impacts of travel disruptions.
- Goal 2. Move people efficiently.
- Goal 3. Support reliable and efficient freight movement.

- Goal 4. Serve as a trusted source of multimodal travel information.
- Goal 5. Strengthen partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Goal 6. Support enterprise-level systems and data for a performance-driven approach to TSMO.

To implement the Strategic Plan, NYSDOT will establish a TSMO Steering Committee with representatives from the regions and Main Office. The Steering Committee will provide oversight and coordination between regional and statewide programs and projects.

Jim said NYSDOT has not done a wide release of the Plan yet. It was completed in March just before the pandemic hit and has only recently gone through internal discussion and review and is ready for discussion with a wider set of stakeholders.

[See attached Strategic Plan for further details.]

Discussion:

Question: With regard to safety and efficiency, what metrics are going to be used to qualify modes as most efficient or safest?

Answer: The Plan is at a high level. The Steering Committee and/or working groups will look at details like this and others.

Comment: It will be helpful for MPOs if there are best TSMO practices that are transferable from one area to another.

Question: Does the Plan spell out the end goal for autonomous vehicles?

Answer: The Plan is more about what is needed to get ready for AV. The Plan is not meant to establish state policy on any one specific topic, but rather to identify issues that should be addressed by NYSDOT and its partners.

2. TSMO WG 2021 Meeting Schedule

The TSMO WG meeting dates established for 2021 are March 9, June 8, September 14, and December 14. All meetings will take place from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

3. Roundtable

Jan reported that NYMTC is about three quarters of the way through development of an updated LRTP and CMP. Both incorporate investments in TSMO strategies. Adoption is expected in June of 2021. This may serve as a good topic for a future TSMO WG meeting.

Joe reported that GTC is working on ICM planning for I-490, one of the main interstate corridors in the Greater Rochester area. He will keep the WG apprised of progress.

Joe also updated the WG on the "Planning for Reliability" training seminar he is working on with FHWA. It will be open to MPOs in NY and will focus on how MPOs can institutionalize their congestion management programs and reliability measures into the planning process. He will continue to work with FHWA on developing the seminar and filling out the agenda.

Tim Crothers added that they are looking at options for scheduling the seminar over multiple days during the summer.

Tim also mentioned the ITS-NY 27th Annual Meeting. It is currently underway and runs through December 11. The registration link is:

https://whova.com/portal/registration/johns_202011/

Tim also mentioned that the USDOT ITS Joint Planning Office recently held a webinar titled "Building Capacity for Intelligent Transportation Systems in Rural and Small Metropolitan Areas." Information is available at:

[https://www.pcb.its.dot.gov/t3/s201209_Building_Capacity_for_ITS_in_Rural_and_Small Metropolitan Areas.aspx](https://www.pcb.its.dot.gov/t3/s201209_Building_Capacity_for_ITS_in_Rural_and_Small_Metropolitan_Areas.aspx)

4. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.