



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs SAFETY WORKING GROUP

February 26, 2020

Webinar

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- AGFTC - Jack Mance
- BMTS - Cyndi Paddick
- CDTC - Sandy Misiewicz
- DCTC - Emily Dozier
- ECTC - Mike Perry
- GBNRTC - Hector Boggio
- GTC - Alex Kone
- HOCTS - Alexander Turner
- NYMTC - Sherry Southe
- OCTC - Ashlee Long
- SMTC - Mike Alexander
- UCTC - David Staas
- WJCTC - Justin Wood
- NYSDOT - Jackie Berlant
- NYSDOT - Geoffrey Wood
- NYSDOT - Christina Graveling
- NYSDOT - Robert Zitowsky
- NYSDMV - Chuck DeWeese
- NHTSA - Shannon Trice
- FHWA - Emmett McDevitt
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember

1. Introductions

Sandy Misiewicz opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Notes

The January 15, 2020 meeting notes were accepted as written.

3. Presentation on NYMTC Safety Issues and Micromobility Workshop

Sherry Southe noted that NYMTC's Regional Transportation Plan – Plan 2050 is developing a safety section which includes a focus on micromobility safety. On January 30th, NYMTC held a Safety Issues and Micromobility Workshop in two sessions in person and via webinar. NYMTC used *Poll Everywhere* audience engagement software. They received a number of comments throughout the workshop which was attended by about 55 people. Participation was throughout the NYMTC area and outside of the multi-state region. Participants noted that conflicts between motorists, pedestrians, and micromobility users is at the heart of many safety issues. Other factors leading to modal conflicts include driver, micromobility user and pedestrian awareness; education and training about using micromobility modes;

infrastructure design, operation, maintenance, and condition; traffic visibility; and unsafe travel behavior, among others.

Participants identified some approaches to address safety issues including a revised regulatory framework and the use of protective equipment by micromobility users. Some challenges include that micromobility in urban, suburban, and village settings are different for different contexts. Municipalities may also have contradictory regulatory structures which could diminish the convenience of micromobility modes. Sandy Misiewicz asked if there were different concerns between geographic areas. Sherry Southe noted that areas might have different contexts and there should be some flexibility in roadway design. Sandy Misiewicz also asked about how *Poll Everywhere* worked as an engagement tool. Sherry Southe noted that it helped people participate anonymously and it could be used via text or the website and that it tallied responses as they were received. Sandy also asked which session was better attended and Sherry replied that the afternoon was better attended.

4. NYC Crash Mapper Demo and Discussion

Sandy Misiewicz provided an overview of www.crashmapper.org, which is a site that was developed by CHECKPEDS, a non-profit organization that advocates for pedestrian safety. The tool was shown during the webinar and it shows crash data for the New York City area. Data can be viewed either citywide or borough-wide. Data comes from the NYC Open Data Portal and uses vehicle collision data for New York City from August 2011 to the current time. If you are interested in learning more about CHECKPEDS and creating a map for your community, please ask Sandy for more information.

5. Partner Updates

- a. NYS DOT: Jackie Berlant provided an update on the CLEAR project. NYS DOT is now viewing prototypes of CLEAR. The Roadway Departure Plan is underway and MPO members are part of that process. Geoff Wood also noted that NYS DOT has created a new educational piece on RRFB and Hawk Signals. Sandy noted that once it is finalized, it will be added to the Safety Education Toolkit on the NYSAMPO website.
- b. ITSMR: No report.
- c. GTSC: Chuck DeWeese noted that GTSC is watching the budget bills on e-scooters, low bridge hits, marijuana, among others. GTSC is also working on the "Click It or Ticket" and "Distracted Driving" events. In addition, Walk-Bike NY is coming up.
- d. Cornell Local Roads Program: No report. Please refer to the CLRP website for the spring workshop schedule.
- e. NHTSA: No report.
- f. FHWA: Emmett McDevitt noted that they are awaiting the MUTCD amendments and expect them in the next month.
- g. NYSATSB: Sandy Misiewicz reported that NYSATSB has not met since the fall conference.

6. Training/Conferences

Sandy Misiewicz reminded the SWG that the Walk-Bike NY Conference is coming up in June 2020 and the SWG will be working on scheduling in-person meetings in the Fall.

7. Meeting Schedule/Other Topics

Sandy Misiewicz noted the meeting schedule. Sherry Southe noted that NYMTC is trying to engage with the local traffic safety boards and will be actively participating in local meetings

going forward. Sandy Misiewicz also noted that the SWG Work Plan was accepted by the Directors.

Action Items

The following items were noted for follow-up:

- All: Please continue to contact the Co-Chairs with any suggested presentation topics from your MPOs on ongoing safety planning efforts.
- All: Please contact Sandy Misiewicz for more information about creating a crash map for your community.