

**NYSAMPO**  
**Safety Working Group**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Introductions**

- A/GFTC – Kate Mance
- BMTS – Cyndi Paddick
- CDTC – Sandy Misiewicz
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GTC – Bob Torzynski
- NYMTC – Chris Hardej
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- PDCTC – Mark Debald
- SMTC – Mike Alexander
- UCTC – David Staas
- NYSDOT – Robert Zitowsky, Becky Burland
- GTSC – Chuck DeWeese
- ITSMR – Rene Varone
- NHTSA - Shannon Purdy

**2. Meeting Notes – April 8, 2015 Minutes Approved**

**3. Working Group Items**

Misiewicz reported:

- Traffic Records Coordinating Council
  - Most recent meeting was held on May 1. Their plan was approved, and projects are highlighted in the executive summary. The two new projects include (1) liaison service for an NYPD electronic crash/ticketing system and (2) an update to 104S forms revising the accident information system. The plan will go into effect in June. **Misiewicz can provide additional information by request.**
- NYSAMPO 2015 conference session: <http://bit.ly/1ltZgeB>
  - Confirmed Limoges and Doyle as speakers. The session will cover Pedestrian and Intersection Safety Action Plans, opportunities for MPOs to coordinate and assist implementing these action plans, and moving beyond tradition “hotspot” analysis to look at approaches to implementing improvements on a systemic level.
  - Varone will present ITSMR’s work on developing public access to crash data, related to performance based planning and data.
  - Information on registration was in the agenda package and is also on the NYSAMPO website. MPOs/member agencies attend for free. Other parties must pay a conference fee. **Please forward the conference announcement to appropriate parties. Please direct questions to Gayle.**
- NYSATSB May Meeting
  - Misiewicz attended the meeting on May 7 in Albany. There are various ongoing initiatives regarding bicyclist and motorcycle safety.
  - Identified the TSA contest award winners, which will be posted on the website.

- Discussed the upcoming Highway Safety Conference, which will occur in Binghamton in October. The NYSATSB meeting will occur the first night of that meeting.
- There is interest at the legislative level in pushing for surveillance cameras/automatic surveillance to identify cars that pass school buses, and advocacy groups are also pursuing this. The Albany County Traffic Safety Board shared videos of how to navigate video reception properly (i.e., identifying if cars enter the intersection on red/yellow/green).
- **Misiewicz will provide links and forward the meeting minutes when obtained. Misiewicz can provide additional information by request.**
- TraCS update
  - NYS police spending energy updating software and cars to track ten major agencies in the state. Work is ongoing and includes software updates.
  - Various smaller agencies in the state are not submitting crash reports, and this is highlighted in the report. **If you have contact with any of these agencies, please reach out to them to inquire as to a reason why they do not/cannot transmit this information.** NYS police are also reaching out on this issue.

#### 4. Federal Rulemaking Review

- Implementation Schedule: <http://1.usa.gov/1PdV9Y4>
  - The MAP-21 implementation schedule slates finalization for transit safety and highway safety rulemaking in the second quarter of 2015, but it is likely it will get pushed back. FTA had issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, on which NYSAMPO commented; but they have not yet issued the NPRM. The comment period on the HSIP and safety performance rules have long closed. FHWA originally stated there would be a single Final Rule on all the performance based planning actions, but there is now some indication from AASHTO that the safety rule will be issued sooner.
  - **Misiewicz will keep the working group updated as to when the rules become final.**

#### 5. Partnerships/Coordination

- Cornell Local Roads Program  
Orr reported:
  - NHI Workshop – Combatting Roadway Departure Crashes  
The workshop will be in Albany next week. Other sessions will be held throughout the state with potential seat availability. Spots are available for two Designing Pedestrian Safe Streets sessions later in June, which provides 2 PDH credits.  
**Please send an email to Misiewicz or Orr for more information.**
- NYSDOT  
Zitowsky reported:
  - Safety Action Plans  
NYSDOT reports that safety action plans are coming along very well.
  - ALIS Updates/Crash Records  
There are currently a small number of testers using the collision diagram tool.  
**Those interested in beta testing should email Zitowsky.**
  - Other NYSDOT items  
Working on an intersection project, but it will be another year for completion.  
**NYSDOT will keep the group up-to-date.**

- ITSMR
  - Public Crash Record Database [update]  
Varone reported that they have software/hardware in place. Currently working with the data and developing a small presentation.  
***Varone will keep the group up-to-date.***
  
- GTSC  
DeWeese reported:
  - FFY15 Grant Awards: <http://on.ny.gov/1GYW58U>  
The deadline for police agencies is May 15 – this coming Friday. There is a link to the county data packets available at the GTSC website.
  - 2013 County Data Reports: <http://on.ny.gov/1zSOTOo>
  - Other  
Starting “Click-it or Ticket” wave in May with border to border enforcement for occupant protection. The last call mentioned that Nassau County looking to leave TraCS, but this is no longer the case. Things continue to progress with NYPD regarding electronic monitoring. It has moved up to a level one project at the state. GTSC has another call with them tomorrow. GTSC is also recording a new PSA regarding impaired driving, which should be on the website in a few weeks.
  
- FHWA  
No report
  
- NHTSA  
Purdy reported:
  - Kick-off for the “Click-it or Ticket” enforcement wave is scheduled for Monday. Additionally, from 6 - 10pm, states will be engaged in highly-visible enforcement at border sites (e.g., PA, CT, MA, VT). This will be cooperative enforcement, covering seatbelts and child safety seats. A total of 16 states will be participating this year. There will be a press conference in conjunction with PA early next week and then another one in Philadelphia, which will involve other mid-Atlantic states.
  - The USDOT led a walking safety assessment for two field offices, which involved 34 participants from agencies including FHWA, FRA, MPOs (Hardej), NYSDOT, and NYSDOT regional. The draft report is out to the whole group for comments.
  - ***Purdy can provide a copy of the draft by request.***

## 6. Training/Conferences

- Designing Streets for Pedestrian Safety: SMTC and CDTC
  - Happening in June.
- New York Highway Safety Symposium (Oct. 18-21, Binghamton)
  - Registration forms will be out in the near future.

## 7. Other Topics

- Call schedule: Next call on June 3, no call in July, and call in August only if needed.
- Misiewicz/Gayle will consider arranging a presentation from a peer MPO for the June meeting. Please send topics of interest to Misiewicz/Gayle.
- Misiewicz/Gayle working to get the NYSAMPO working group website up-to-date.

- If there are any topics coming up in MPO areas or at the regional/state level, please send Sandy or Steve an email to bring to the group's attention.
- Please let Misiewicz/Gayle know of any interest in educational tools/training sessions. (e.g., ALIS has new features coming out, which could be a training topic for the fall.)
- Debold noted interest in developing an At-Grade Crossing Fact Sheet. Misiewicz/Gayle will discuss with NYSDOT to see if material already exists on this topic. Also noted that Operation Life Saver provides training materials on rail-grade crossing safety. If agencies are interested, Operation Life Saver can host on-location trainings.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. (no July meeting)