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WORKING GROUP MINUTES

WORKING GROUP: Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group

MEETING DATE: 8 December 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Conference Call

LIST OF ATTENDEES BY ORGANIZATION:

Metropolitan Planning Organizations:

Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council – A/GFTC: Kate Mance

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study – BMTS: Scott Reigle (Chair);

Capital District Transportation Committee – CDTC: Jen Ceponis

Elmira – Chemung Transportation Council – ECTC: Scott Shaw

Genesee Transportation Council – GTC: Alex Kone

Orange County Transportation Council – OCTC: Ashlee Long; Ethan Brennan

Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council – SMTC: Danielle Krol (Co-Chair); Mike Alexander

Ulster County Transportation Council – UCTC: David Staas

Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council – WJCTC: Geoffrey Urda

New York State Department of Transportation – NYSDOT:

Main Office: Tom Benware; Chandra Williams

Region 1: Valerie Dean

Region 2: Joseph Kaczor

Region 3: Jeff Sterly

Region 4: Bruce Cunningham

Region 5: Chris Church

Region 6: Pauline Burns

Region 7: Lynn Godek

Region 9: Katy Mangan

Region 10: Lanny Wexler

New York State Department of Health – NYSDOH: Jen Hogan

Other:

NYSAMPO Staff: Corey Mack, RSG

NYBC: Paul Winkeller



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MINUTES:

1. 10:10AM – Roll Call (C. Mack)
2. 10:15AM – NYBC Plans for 2017 (P. Winkeller)

Winkeller: Discussed the Plans for the NYBC in the upcoming year:

- Developing the **Long Island Chapter**
- Expanding the NYBC resources into education, tourism, health safety and legislative advocacy campaigns
- Convene a **Bike Summit** in Albany, highlighting workshops and plenary sessions, oriented more towards “how” rather than “why” (Friday, September 15, 2017)
- Passing legislation for the legalization of pedal-assist 20 mph **Electric Bikes**
- Attaching the three-foot passing law to the Move Over legislation
- Promoting the executive message about bike safety, bike access, completing the canal, and other bike issues statewide

Mangan: Is there support from law enforcement officials for the three foot passing law? Winkeller: Not in writing, but law enforcement representatives have been receptive in meetings.

Winkeller: Looking to support a new US Bike Route, potentially converting NY Bike Route 9 into a US Bike Route, from Ontario to Pennsylvania and further south. Benware: The application was made to the AASHTO Committee designating US Bike Routes, there was an administrative issue with the application, and the application will likely be revised and resubmitted.

3. 10:30AM – NYSDOT Initiatives (T. Benware)
 - a. NYSDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Program - Office of Traffic Safety and Mobility (OTSM):

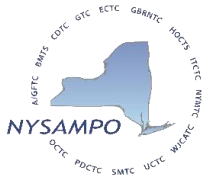
- Bike Map / GIS:

Benware: Continuing to develop the mapping data and integrating into the QGIS platform. It is unclear at this point if the MPOs will have direct access to update and modify the mapping data, although the MPOs would be the most knowledgeable about specific details of the features, such as condition, lanes, and markings.

- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – PSAP

Benware: The PSAP is moving ahead with a design services contract that regions will be able to utilize to evaluate locations and install low cost countermeasures, or identify more complex safety enhancements for further evaluation and implementation. There are three contracts in development with consultants based on geography: eastern (regions 1, 2, 7, and 9) to be serviced by VHB, western (regions 3, 4, 5, and 6) serviced the CMA, and southern (region 8, 10, and 11) serviced by GPI.

NYSDOT continues to have monthly meetings with the GTSC and DOH on implementation of the PSAP. The focus for 2017 will be installation of low cost counter measures, with evaluations of the more complex improvements to follow.



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- TAP / CMAQ Update (L. Ford / T. Benware):

Ford: TAP and CMAQ applications were due in October. The regions have reviewed, weighted, and ranked the applications, providing recommendations to the Main Office. The Main Office will review the allocations between the rural, small urban, large urban and CMAQ “buckets”. The final decisions will be reviewed with the Governor’s Office and OSC, with an announcement expected towards the end of January.

4. 10:45AM – Work Plan Implementation

- a. Complete Streets – MPO / Region Initiatives (All)

Reigle: Continuing to compile local Complete Streets Policies and integration of complete streets applications into regional Long Range Transportation Plans; please continue to send information to Scott Reigle and Corey Mack to incorporate into the NYSAMPO website.

Burns: NYSDOT maintains a similar complete streets policy and resolution database for villages, towns, cities, and counties here:
<https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/completestreets>

Cunningham: Worked with Albion on a mill and fill project to add bike lanes where appropriate, and shared lanes when adjacent to parking. The economic benefits helped gather support for the lanes and infrastructure.

Mack: Asked for experience converting hilly terrain into an uphill bike shoulder and downhill shared lane. Burns: Alleghany County describes some complete streets applications in rural areas.

- b. Safety Education Toolkit (S. Reigle / C. Mack)

The safety education tool kit has been expanded to include materials used statewide. The site can be accessed here: http://nysmpos.org/wordpress/?page_id=2031

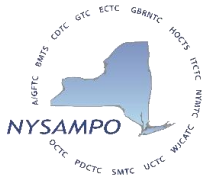
Please continue to send additional information as available to include in the library.

- c. Work Plan Update 2017-2018 (All)

The group discussed the 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group Work Plan, and comments received on the work plan to date. In general, it was discussed that the Working Group should avoid adding new tasks.

Discussion highlights:

- Goals Section: Possibly incorporate data sharing (count, crash, collection methodology) and assisting in achieving statewide safety performance targets into Goal #1
- Task #4: J. Arey comment acceptable, but needs some modification for readability
- Task #7: J. Arey comment acceptable, but modify wording to “encourage” MPO access to NYSDOT trail / path database



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- Task #11: “Support” legislation may encroach into advocacy, perhaps “track and participate in” or “inform the discussion” would maintain more neutrality in the legislation
- Do not recommend having the specific I-81 Border Crossing enhancement project as a work plan task, but perhaps identifying critical limited access highway barriers to bicycle and pedestrian access statewide would be a good first step to addressing site specific issues

5. 11:30AM – NYSAMPO Staff Services Update (C. Mack)

a. Grant Program Tracking

Mack: Alex Kone provided some good feedback on the grant tracker. **C. Mack will review and revise the tracker as appropriate.**

6. 11:40AM – Upcoming Events

- a. One Day FHWA Training/Workshop – ADA Transition Plans – January 9 at A/GFTC. Space is available. Contact Kate Mance (kmance@agftc.org); PDHs are available
- b. One Day Training – FHWA: Incorporating On-Road Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects – April 2017 in Binghamton, NY – More Details to Come!
- c. Statewide NYSAMPO Conference – June 2017, Syracuse – More Details to Come
- d. Inaugural New York Bike Summit - Friday, September 15th - expect Call for Workshop Proposals in January. See www.nybc.net or contact Paul Winkeller (paul@nybc.net)
- e. Walk-Bike New York 2018 – More Details to Come! See <https://www.itsmr.org/events>

7. 11:50AM – Schedule of Upcoming Meetings (S. Reigle)

- a. In-person Meeting: The next in-person meeting will be combined with the Binghamton FHWA One-Day Training. The meeting will be held either the day before or day after the training, in April, hosted by BMTS. More details to come.
- b. Conference Call: Thursday, June 8 (10am-12pm)
- c. In-person Meeting: Thursday, September 14 – Host TBD
- d. Conference Call: Thursday, December 14 (10am-12pm)