



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

June 15, 2017
Teleconference
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Scott Shaw
- GTC – Alex Kone
- GTC – Darin Ramsay
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- UCTC – David Staas
- WJCTC – Geoffrey Urda
- NYSDOT-Main Office – Tom Benware
- NYSDOT-Main Office – Jim Ercolano
- NYSDOT-Region 1 – Valerie Deane
- NYSDOT-Region 2 – Joe Kaczor
- NYSDOT-Region 4 – Bruce Cunningham
- NYSDOT-Region 6 – Paulene ??
- NYSDOT-Region 9 – Susan Pitely
- NYSDOT-Region 4 – John Harman
- Planning4Places – Jim Levy

1. Introductions

S. Reigle opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

2. NYSAMPO Staff Services

S. Reigle introduced J. Levy as the new Working Group Staff Support services consultant contact. J. Levy discussed potential projects to undertake, mostly based on the work program. He asked if a ½ day Complete Streets training would be desirable and at what level it should focus. There was general agreement that an entry-level/municipal official webinar is desired.

J. Levy discussed the Safety Education Tool Kit. There is information online which we can update. He asked if there is a desire to have anything printed like an info card or handout.

E. Dozier noted that she sent an email on 6/13 with information to be included on the online site.

The funding opportunities document in Google Docs was also discussed. Everyone seemed to agree it was a good format and access to it wasn't a problem. The AARP grant was briefly discussed. It has a quick turnaround but has been widely distributed so the information is out there.

3. NYBC Update

S. Reigle provided an update. The 3' passing legislation does not appear to be moving forward. It is an issue that will have to be addressed in the future to move it along.

The NYS Bike Summit is being held on September 15th at the Hearst Media Center in Albany. More information can be found on the NYBC website. They are very interested in having MPO representation at this Summit so anyone that can attend is encouraged to do so.

CDTC is holding a NACTO training on September 14th and the NYBC Regional meetings are being scheduled.

4. NYSDOT Initiatives

- a) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – T. Benware noted that every region has begun to look at individual sites – mostly uncontrolled intersections and crossings (this is a preliminary investigation). Region staff will identify and develop a pedestrian safety plan countermeasures package that would work in each location.
- b) Safety Campaign –
 - a. GTSC is leading an enforcement effort for several weeks. They are also encouraging applications for GTSC education campaign-related grants.
 - b. PSAs on distracted driving will run this summer – both TV and radio spots. There will be a visibility PSA running this fall. All PSAs should be available on the Pedestrian Safety Action website. It was asked if it would be ok to link to the website – T. Benware will look into this and report back.
- c) Empire State Trail – the program is looking at the feasibility of routes, alternatives and how to connect existing segments to create a statewide trail system. Project scoping activities should begin within the next several weeks. This project will work to identify the best implementation strategy.

It was noted that a Lyons, NY bike group ride ended at the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge and they are looking to identify methods to close the gap. Tom's contact information will be shared with the group.

5. Work Plan

- a) Updating NYS Driver's Manual and Website – S. Reigle noted that he has contacted J. Knapp at NYS DMV to discuss how to put information regarding newer pavement markings and legislation on the DMV website.
- b) MPO Safety Education Tool Kit – S. Reigle and J. Levy will work to make updates to the webpage. J. Levy stated that it isn't very visible from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group landing page so maybe there is something we can do to elevate the visibility of this information – J. Levy will work on this item.
- c) Complete Streets – S. Reigle asked if there were any new initiatives and none were mentioned. He noted that BMTS was recently awarded a top-ranking for their CS policy.

It was mentioned that Buffalo recently completed an economic benefits report. The Working Group is hoping to get a presentation on this report from Justin Booth – possibly at the September in-person meeting.

- d) Work Plan Update-2018 – All Working Group members should prepare for discussing the Work Plan at the September in-person meeting and provide input prior to the meeting. We want to create a draft Work Plan to act on at the December teleconference call.

6. Working Group Chairperson & Co-Chairperson Rotation

S. Reigle announced that E. Dozier has offered to take-on the Chairperson role for the Working Group starting in January. There is still a need for a co-chair. Please contact S. Reigle if you are interested in taking this position.

7. Upcoming Events

S. Reigle announced several upcoming events:

- a) Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group In-Person Meeting: September 2017. Location: OCTC/UCTC/DCTC?
- b) NYS Bike Summit is being held on September 15th at the Hearst Media Center in Albany.
- c) Trail Symposium – April 28-May 1, 2018 in Syracuse.
- d) Upcoming Conference in Binghamton – S. Reigle to forward details.
- e) NACTO training at CDTC – September 14, 2017

8. Other

The Watertown area held its first bike to work day. Approximately 15 individuals participated and the event included a gift certificate raffle.

Regional & MPO Updates: Prior to the in-person meeting, S. Reigle will ask for any discussion items to be added to the agenda.

Action Items

The following were noted for follow-up by the Chairperson:

- Next Meeting(s): In-person meeting in September – 9/12, 9/26 or 9/28. Downstate location? Conference call scheduled for December 7th – 10am-12pm.
- Buffalo Economic Benefits Report. Follow-up with Justin Booth to try and schedule a presentation on this report – possibly for the in-person meeting in September.
- MPO Safety Education Tool Kit – S. Reigle and J. Levy will work to make updates to the webpage.
- Prepare to discuss the Work Plan at the September in-person meeting. Please provide input prior to the meeting. The Work Plan should be approved during the December teleconference call.
- Regional & MPO Updates: Please provide any discussion items to be added to the agenda to S. Reigle.