



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs

SAFETY WORKING GROUP

May 22, 2019

Teleconference

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- BMTS – Cyndi Paddick
- CDTCA – Sandy Misiewicz
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Mike Perry
- GTC – Alex Kone
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- NYMTC – Sherry Southe
- OCTC – Ashlee Long
- SMTCA – Mike Alexander
- NYSDOT – Mike Flynn
- NYSDOT – Geoffrey Wood
- NYSDOT – Robert Zitowsky
- NYSDMV – Chuck DeWeese
- ITSMR – Renee Varone
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember

1. Introductions

Sandy Misiewicz opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Notes

The April 10, 2019 meeting notes were accepted with no changes.

3. NYSAMPO Conference Working Group Meeting

Sandy Misiewicz noted that we will be meeting in person on Monday, July 15th between 3 and 5 PM along with the Bike/Ped Working Group. We have a small group working on developing the agenda for the in-person meeting including Emily, Sandy, Alex, and Kathy. The tentative agenda includes some brief presentations including from GTC on a Vulnerable User Safety Plan. Regina Doyle, NYSDOT, will be talking about PSAP implementation to date. PSAP is a 5-year program for engineering, education and enforcement. Other possible topics include about HSIP (follow-up from workshop), a brief recap of the ADA training, a discussion about Fact Sheets on micro-mobility and e-scooters and safety. Other ideas include training from ITSMR on TSSR, bike share, discussions of e-scooters and e-bikes.

Sandy Misiewicz asked for feedback on which topics might be of interest. Emily Dozier asked if there will be discussion on cleaning up ALIS data? Sandy Misiewicz was planning on talking about that during CDTCA's presentation on the Local Road Safety Plan. Hector Boggio noted that the TSSR training sounds interesting. Sandy will follow-up with Renee Varone and ITSMR on arranging the training and the group will continue to refine the agenda.

Please let Sandy know if you have any questions. During the conference there will also be a Safety Session – highlighting Ithaca, NYC Vision Zero, and a safe systems presentation from Nicole Waldheim of Cambridge Systematics. Sandy will be moderating the panel. The

Working Group meeting allows time for attendees to attend the mobile bike workshop after the meeting at 5:30 PM. Emily Dozier asked if the Safety Education Toolkit can be previewed if time permits. Kathy Ember noted that registration for the conference is available on the NYSAMPO website and we will be sending out an Outlook invite to both Bike/Ped and SWG to reserve the time for the joint Working Group meeting. Kathy also noted that the draft website is under review by the Executive Committee and she would be happy to preview the website following the review by the Executive Committee and website launch.

4. Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan FFY 2020

Sandy Misiewicz provided an overview of the Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan. This year the timeliness and completeness goals were not met as there are more property damage crashes being reported due to a change in TraCS and there are more records going into the system. The volume of crash reports from NYC and location coding has been challenging for crash reports. Overall, the state is doing well on performance. The Plan discusses the ALIS upgrade and integration (replacement with CLEAR). The Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) fills that gap. The state also funded electronic crash reporting and is replacing the accident information system (AIS). Some projects are tied to upgrading other systems. Exploring options for NYPD to increase efficiency in moving data into the DMV system in the interim while the system is being updated is also discussed. The Plan also calls for support for training, support for technical hardware, and there are a number of other projects in the report focusing on data systems. Sandy can forward the document to anyone who is interested.

5. Pedestrian Road Safety Audit Status

Sandy Misiewicz noted that last week municipalities were contacted about the selection process and the review group will be recommending four entities. The next step is to reach out to the four selected entities to see if they are still interested in participating – anyone not selected can also participate in the process by attending a training which will be conducted over the summer. Emily Dozier asked if there will be four trainings? Sandy Misiewicz mentioned that anyone can learn about the process by attending one of the four audits as a training opportunity. Emily Dozier asked if the MPOs can be included on the materials as it would be helpful to hear what opportunities are available for the member agencies within their MPO region.

6. May Bike Month Activities

Sandy Misiewicz asked about which MPOs participated in the May Bike Month social media postings. It was noted that there were only a handful of replies to the email request. CDTC participated via Facebook and Twitter. Chuck DeWeese noted that GTSC sent out about three posts – one every Tuesday and they were getting good coverage. Sandy Misiewicz suggested circling back next month to provide information on the participation numbers. There is an opportunity for another campaign in June. Kathy Ember noted it would be good to identify who can participate in the future as some MPOs do not have access to their social media accounts.

7. Future Presentations on Local Safety Plans

Sandy Misiewicz asked who would be interested in presenting on future calls about local safety plans. Dave Staas noted that UCTC is going through an RFP process for a county-wide road safety plan and he would be happy to provide a presentation at the end of the

process. Hector Boggio noted that GBNRTC is currently working on a PSAP corridor study for Rt 62 and DOT is reviewing the Draft. Hector can share about the study once it is accepted. Mike Alexander said that SMTA has two studies underway and can share with the group when they are complete.

8. Local Road Safety Peer Exchange

a. TIP Updates and HSIP

Sandy Misiewicz would like more feedback on TIP updates – this information will be available on the next call.

b. NYSDOT County Fact Sheets Status

Sandy Misiewicz stated that NYSDOT Region 1 will be used as a pilot for the Fact Sheets. Robert Zitowsky said the Albany County Fact Sheets are under review.

9. Partner Updates

- a. NYSDOT: Robert Zitowsky stated that performance measures are under review by senior management.
- b. ITSMR: Renee Varone discussed that ITSMR will be happy to provide training on TSSR at the NYSAMPO conference. There have been monthly updates on the TSSR – there has been a change in the way data is being collected by DMV. It is now mandatory for police officers to indicate if it is reportable crash under or over \$1,000 in damage. More crashes are now reportable (that is one of the reason for the increase in crashes) and NYC is submitting more of their reports now.
- c. GTSC: Chuck DeWeese discussed the current bike safety PSAS, the distracted driving campaign, motorcycle campaign, move over law, click or ticket campaigns which have been used on billboards, social media, etc. GTSC is currently reviewing grant applications and the Highway Safety Plan is due to NHTSA July 1st. The Fall conference will be held on October 21st at the Desmond in Albany. There will be a TSSR session update and ALIS update and also DMV updates. The agenda for the conference will be online in the next few weeks.
- d. Cornell Local Roads Program: No report. Sandy Misiewicz noted that the Highway School Registration is still open.
- e. NHTSA: No report.
- f. FHWA: No report.
- g. NYSATSB: No report.

Action Items

The following items were noted for follow-up:

- Please let Sandy Misiewicz know if you have any questions about the upcoming NYSAMPO Conference in-person meeting.
- Please also send Sandy about HSIP projects on your MPO's TIP.