Regional Operations and Safety Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. In-Person and Virtual



1. Introductions/Meeting Attendance

Andrew Tracy, CDTC Rebecca Odell, CDTC Carrie Ward, CDTC Jen Ceponis, CDTC Chaim Simon, CDTC Chris Bauer, CDTC Calvin Young, CDTA Edward Sim, Village of Colonie Cory Hopwood, Cambridge Systematics Al Karoly, Clifton Park HSC Tracy Balogh, NYSDOT Ben Wolfe, LaBella Associates Mark Nadolny, Creighton Manning Engineering Valerie Deane, NYSDOT Region 1 Maureen Kozakiewicz, GTSC Jeff Pegarella, NYS Thruway Authority Daniel Harrigan, Village of Scotia Martin Hull, WSP Robert Zitowsky, NYSDOT Peter Knutson, Schenectady County Sean Palladino, Albany Parking Authority Bill Trudeau, City of Albany Mark Castiglione, CDRPC Andrew Sattinger, NYSDOT

2. Systemic Safety Analyses in Local Jurisdictions

Cory Hopwood, P.E., RSP2I, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Presented about systemic safety plans. These plans analyze risk factors of current safety challenges and provide a framework to address conditions of the transportation network. This systemic approach fits within the Safe Systems principles which have been adopted at the federal level. The systemic approach proactively addresses risk characteristics, using low-cost countermeasures. Crashes can be analyzed by many factors and risk factors can then be identified as areas for improvement.

Following the presentation, Andrew Tracy mentioned that federal HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) funds may be used to implement systemic safety projects, and that interested local sponsors can reach out to Andrew or Carrie at CDTC for more information.

Andrew Sattinger mentioned that CLEAR Safety will have tools for systemic analysis. The crash

data viewer is available and the CLEAR Safety tools are forthcoming. Information is available on the CLEAR Toolbox on DOT's website:

https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/crash-analysis-toolbox

Robert Zitowsky provided a link for requesting access to the CLEAR Crash Data Viewer: https://forms.office.com/g/0fviPbtxDd

3. Smart Mobility Toolbox – Final Toolbox Presentation

- Jen Ceponis, CDTC
- Martin Hull, WSP

Presented an update for the Smart Mobility Toolbox project, including an Implementation Roadmap and information on funding and resources. Includes strategies for stakeholders to implement different three levels of projects. The funding chapter is divided between federal, state and private funding opportunities. Also discussed feedback from the focus group sessions and survey.

Dan Harrigan asked about the impact to commercial/freight traffic that may result from implementation of Smart Mobility Toolbox strategies, particularly on Route 5 in Scotia. Martin Hull responded that issues relating to freight movement will need to be addressed in design within the context of each location.

4. Additional Updates

- CDTC Regional Signal Timing Program status update
 - CDTC staff are working with local signal owners to finalize the scope of work.
 As a pilot program, one corridor in each county will be studied. The RFP is expected to be issued soon.
- CDTC Community & Transportation Linkage Program Update
 - There are three new studies: Town of Brunswick Hoosick Rd, Village of Colonie Sand Creek Rd, City of Schenectady Albany/Crane St.
- Legislation (<u>A.1007-A/S.2021-A</u>) Authorizes Municipalities to Reduce Speed Limits to 25 Miles Per Hour
 - Carrie Ward reviewed the language in the legislation and its references.
 When evaluating the requirements in the legislation, make sure to check the NYS Supplement to the MUTCD.
 - Dan Harrigan stated that Village of Scotia has reduced speed limits to 25 mph around Collins Park and the Village is considering lowering the speed limit to 25 mph village-wide.
- CLEAR Crash Data Viewer is live, CLEAR Safety delayed
 - Government employees can request access to CDV here: https://forms.office.com/g/0fviPbtxDd
 - Upcoming virtual trainings for CLEAR Safety will be announced soon. More information: https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/crash-analysis-toolbox
- Albany County Traffic Safety Awareness Weekend September 24-25 at Crossgates
- Capital CoExist Solicitation for safety demonstration projects and events

 Maureen Kozakiewicz provided an update about the need to prepare for new electric mobility options. Next year's national Governors Highway Safety Association will be hosted in NYC in August. Therefore the full Governors Traffic Safety Committee conference will not be held as a separate event in 2023.

5. Wrap Up and Next Meeting

• Next Meeting – Thursday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m.