



Meeting Summary

Task 3.22

**REGIONAL OPERATIONS & SAFETY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ROSAC)**

Date: August 15, 2024
 Start – End Time: 1:00 PM- 2:30PM
 Location: 1 Park Place, Albany NY 12205
 Facilitator: Andrew Tracy

Name	Title	Representing
Alex Kone	Ass. Safety Team	Cambridge Systematics
Matthew Roe	Sr. Associate	Stantec
Jon Hartley	Transportation Engineer	Stantec
Kelley Kircher	Engineer Project Manager	NYS DOT Region 1
Ben Wolfe	Sr. Project Manager	AECOM
Justin O'Connor	Director	Governor's Traffic Safety Committee
Aubrey Feldman	Highway Safety Program Analyst	Governor's Traffic Safety Committee
Robert Zitowsky	Sr. Transportation Analyst	NYS DOT Main Office
Gui Vendemiatti	Transportation Analyst	Cambridge Systematics
Tom Werner	Interested Citizen	Saratoga County
Robbie MacCue	Local City Employee	Town of Colonie EMS
Mark Castiglione	Exec. Director	CDRPC
Sha'Von Terrell	Transportation Analyst	Cambridge Systematics
Audrey Burneson	Local Project Liaisons	NYS DOT Region 1
Sandy Misiewicz	Exec. Director	Capital Region Transportation Council
Andrew Tracy	Sr. Transportation Engineer	Capital Region Transportation Council
Carrie Ward	Sr. Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council
Teresa LaSalle	Director of GIS/Data Collection	Capital Region Transportation Council
Chris Bauer	Director of Transportation Planning	Capital Region Transportation Council
Chaim Simon	Transportation Planner	Capital Region Transportation Council

Welcome/Introductions

Vision Zero Safety Action Plan ,

Alex Kone, Cambridge Systematics:

The project team presented updates to the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. Alex presented updates to the Historical Trends Analysis, Performance Measures, Project Targets, Equity Priority Areas and Hot Spot Network Screening. When presenting the emphasis areas, Alex explained that each crash can contribute to more than one emphasis area (for example, a crash may involve unsafe speed and impaired driving, and so would contribute to both sections of the pie chart).

Regarding factors contributing to crashes: Meeting attendees expressed that rural communities are having challenges with safety as they have older infrastructure that is more challenging to upgrade. The group asked for a breakdown of crashes by emphasis area for each municipality; Alex responded that this will be in the interactive dashboard. Issues relating to micromobility were also raised, as we're seeing scooters and e-bikes become more common and interacting with pedestrians and motor vehicles more often. Impaired driving is also a concern. Staff stated that impaired driving isn't only addressable through enforcement – safe roadway design can help, for example, a roundabout is safer than a signalized intersection even if an impaired driver is driving improperly. Post-crash care is crucial; about 40% of people killed due to a crash are alive when EMS gets to them.

Regarding equity priority areas: each census tract was given a score based on how many equity factors were above the regional threshold, with certain factors being assigned greater weight. Equity indicators will include single female parent households, foreign born population and zero car households. On the map shared by Alex Kone, gray areas represent city limits, while the shaded/hatched areas represent tracts over the 50% percentile.

Regarding tools for treating crashes: attendees asked to see more options for automated enforcement to offer to law enforcement agencies that express they don't have the staffing to enforce to the level needed. There is interest in seeing how well speed cameras and red-light cameras work in the state. Other tools that may help include policies and ordinances such as turn calming programs. With regards to mid-block crossings, staff asked that RRFBs and Pedestrian Hybrid beacons be distinguished and recommended only for the proper roadways, as FHWA suggests that RRFBs are not effective on multi-lane roads and that PHBs or full signals should be used instead.

Other Updates:

- In Motion Metropolitan Transportation Plan – survey now live at <https://form.jotform.com/crtcmpo/long-range-survey>
- Congestion Management Process – Field Visits and Problem Statements – if you have a location identified as congested in the CMP and you would like to request a field visit through the Technical Assistance Program, please contact Andrew Tracy at atracy@capitalmpo.org.
- TAP-CMAQ-CRP Awards – may be found at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2024/2024-06-242>

Next Meeting:

The next ROSAC meeting was rescheduled and will now be held on Thursday, November 14th at 1:00pm.