



Meeting Summary

Task 3.22

Reg. Oper. & Safety Adv. Committee (ROSAC)

Date: November 14, 2024

Start – End Time: 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM

Location: 1 Park Place, Albany NY 12205

Facilitator: Carrie Ward

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Andrew Tracy	Sr. Transportation Engineer	Transportation Council
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Mark Castiglione	Executive Director	CDRPC
Robbie MacCue	Local City Employee	Town of Colonie EMS
Matthew Roe	Sr. Associate	Stantec
Chris Wallin	Engineer	City of Schenectady
Ben Wolfe	Sr. Project Manager	AECOM
Mike Dutre	Admin of Parks, Open Lands and Historic Preservations	Saratoga Springs
Jennifer Hogan	Injury Prevention Programs Section	NYS DOH

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

3. Vision Zero Safety Action Plan

A. Systemic Safety Analysis: Staff from Cambridge Systematics provided an update on the systemic crash screening. Four focus crash types were used: Intersections, Roadway Departures, Speed-Related, Pedestrian. The time frame used for the systemic screening is the most recent 5 years available, the same used for the hotspot screening. The initial screening was used to identify focus facility types, and tables of focus facilities were presented. For each focus crash type, specific risk factors were presented. The systemic screening will help promote proactive crash treatment to complement the reactive nature of the hotspot analysis. An attendee asked if education programs are being considered; Cambridge staff replied that yes, the goal is to include education in addition to engineering and enforcement.

B. Speed Limit Assessments: Cambridge staff provided an overview of speed limit reduction projects around the state and the general approaches used to implement them. An investigation and engineering study is needed to lower the speed limit beyond 25 for specific corridors. City of Albany staff added that they are doing sign changes in-house for relatively low cost. The City purchased new signs and about 300 in total need to be replaced. The speed limit reduction will occur on January 1st. Some non-residential streets remain at 30 mph.

C. Discussion Items:

1. Policy and Process Review:

a. State, Regional, and Local Policy Scan and Vision Zero Best Practices: Cambridge staff provided an overview of policies relating to advancing Vision Zero objectives in New York State, the Capital Region, and local municipalities. Best practices were identified, including promoting Vision Zero coordination. A Vision Zero Policy and Process Framework was presented, including actions and best practices within speed management and post-crash care. Attendees asked if there are lessons learned from other regions; Cambridge staff replied that it is helpful to

invite different types of people to these meetings to build a bigger coalition. Having groups such as ROSAC, Community Advisory Council and Traffic Safety Boards helps promote best practices. Another attendee asked if any municipalities have started post-studies for areas that have implemented changes, either changes to crash rates or to travel speeds. City of Albany staff replied that cameras have been set up to record vehicle speeds, and that the data is in the process of being collected.

- b. Safety Improvement Program: Cambridge staff presented proposed categories of actions including enforcement programs, education programs, emergency response, safe routes to school & transit, and more. A summary of best practices for each of these categories was presented. Discussion suggested adding *education/public information/public education* to the Vision Zero Policy and Process Framework. A possible MPO UPWP task could be one means of implementation. NYSDOH is working to target and get education out to citizens. City of Schenectady staff discussed the overlap of Vision Zero, ADA, and Complete Streets and how these plans inter-relate.

D. Updates: Cambridge staff presented updates on their community engagement efforts and on upcoming street safety investigations, speed limit studies, and corridor concepts. Lists of upcoming street safety investigations were shown, along with planned corridor concept development workshops. Cambridge staff also briefly discussed the Active Transportation Geodatabase in development.

4. Other Updates:

- 1. TIP Project Solicitation – proposals due December 6th
- 2. Transportation Planning Solicitation - proposals due December 6th
- 3. In Motion Metropolitan Transportation Plan – the Scenario Planning White Paper will be available soon.

5. Wrap Up and Next Meetings

Meetings in 2025 will be held on these dates at 1:00PM:

- 1. January 16th
- 2. February 27th
- 3. May 29th
- 4. August 28th
- 5. December 11th