

SCOD Region 1 Topics of Discussion

Complete Streets (Massachusetts\Vermont\Maryland\Delaware)

MassDOT is actively pursuing multi-modal transportation with a variety of initiatives. Based on our Guidebook we evaluate all projects for optimizing safe accommodation for all users. We have recently completed a series of Complete Streets training for DOT staff, agencies, municipalities and other interested stakeholders. I can give a brief overview of this and ask what other states in our region are doing.

How are other states implementing complete streets practices and principles? Are there consistent interpretations between units? How are concerns raised by the public, planners, cities/towns, etc. dealt with?

Bus rapid transit (BRT) and highway interoperability along with complete streets: What strategies are states using for highway interoperability and is planning including BRT and other modals of transportation within the roadway design. Also, in designing for complete streets, are all modes of transportation being included in the design (i.e.: ped, bike, BRT)?

FHWA 10 Year Rule (Maryland\Delaware)

Recently, the FHWA has been enforcing the 10 Year Rule for design funds used on projects that do not progress into further stages of project development - 1)What other states are doing to stage/program projects to deal with the 10 year rule? 2) What are some of the common themes states need to raise as concerns to FHWA?

ADA Transition Plan (Massachusetts)

FHWA is finally pushing us to prepare an ADA Transition plan for all MassDOT/Highway Division owned facilities state-wide. Any entity that receives Federal Funding directly or indirectly is subject to this. Various committees and subcommittees are tasked with developing portions of this plan. Of primary importance is the evaluation of all state-owned wheel chair ramps. We are initiating an inventory and evaluation which will result in an assessment of ADA/AAB deficient wheelchair ramps and develop a priority plan for reconstruction. I can give a brief overview of these efforts and ask what other states have or will be doing.

Guardrail Policies (Vermont)

We are specifically interested in how other states are implementing guardrail policies or a guardrail warrant analysis on rehabilitation projects on lower volume roads. These would be locations for example, that would warrant new guardrail based on a strict interpretation of the "Roadside Design Guide," however the site conditions, crash history, and cost does not indicate that guardrail would provide a true safety benefit or be cost effective.

Asset Management (Vermont)

At VTrans, we are currently looking into ways in which we can make improvements within our design and construction processes to work efficiently with our asset management group. How are other states considering future asset management needs into their designs, and how is asset management data being utilized during the designs?

Every Day Counts (New York)

States efforts in implementing the original 15 FHWA EDC initiatives (round 2 initiatives are to be announced at the AASHTO Spring meeting later this month).

SHRP 2 (New York)

AASHTO President Steudle has made implementation of SHRP 2 products a priority; a) what are the SCOD's priorities for implementation; and, b) which SCOD Technical Committee might be able to take the lead on implementing those products.

Performance Metrics (New York)

The current reauthorization bills (both House and Senate versions) include a performance management framework and specific performance measures. In addition, the SCOPM has proposed performance metrics. What are states doing to prepare for this eventuality? Should SCOD play a more active role in project delivery performance metrics (i.e. be proactive, not reactive)?

Program Risk Management (New York)

Risk management for projects seems to be well understood and utilized by many states. How about for programs – does anyone practice risk management in delivery of their capital program? If so, any best practices. Any benefit? (e.g. in determining the most appropriate project delivery method for individual projects, for allocation of resources, to align with achieving program goals, etc.)