ALIS Training Questions and Answers

ALIS Access:
1. Can access to ALIS be granted to an entire office, or is access granted on an individual basis?
   Access is granted on an individual basis.

2. How is access to ALIS granted?
   Send an email with your name, email address, office address, and office phone number to Andrew Sattinger at asattinger@dot.ny.gov.

Crash data questions
1. How quickly does DOT get crash data once it is processed by DMV?
   Depending on the report type (paper vs electronic) the report comes in faster, but on average DOT gets all the reports within a month typically.

2. What years of crash data is available?
   Crash data is available as far back at 1987.

3. Are the case numbers used in ALIS from NYSDOT or NYSDMV?
   The case numbers come from DMV. The case numbers are assigned when DMV processes the crash.

Road data questions
1. Can a query be run based on the link node system?
   No, the link node system is not available in ALIS.

2. Can queries be run on county roads only?
   Yes, the attribute query tool has an option to define street selection by jurisdiction.

3. Can queries be run on all signals, or just state-owned signals?
   Queries can be run on all signals.

Queries
1. Can a query be run to select specific streets?
   Yes, the attribute query tool has options to select streets from the map, using route numbers, and using street name or state highways.

2. Could a study area be defined and used for all queries?
   Yes, create a query, define the study area, and save the query. When creating a new query, load the initial query, and change any parameters necessary.

3. How long after a query is run are the results available?
   This depends on the complexity of the query. Typically, query results are available one minute after the query is run. Go to “Query Management” and click on “Check Status.”

4. Can a query be run on just signalized intersections?
   No, unfortunately, that functionality is not currently available in ALIS.

5. When a query is run from one year to the next, does ALIS update the date range of the query?
   No, ALIS does not update the date range of the query.
**Query Management**

1. Does ALIS save all queries?
   Yes, ALIS automatically saves all queries, except for simple queries.

2. Can queries be deleted from ALIS?
   Yes, queries can be deleted from ALIS. Go to “Query Management” and click “Delete.” Select the query to be deleted and click “Delete Selected Queries.”

**Reports**

1. Must a query be saved to run a report?
   Yes, a query must be saved to run a report from that query.

2. Can you remove certain fields from a report?
   Yes. A report can be created in Excel. From Excel, fields and records can be added and deleted.

**Collision Diagram Tool**

1. Is the collision diagram tool fully automated?
   No, the collision diagram tool is not fully automated. Since the crash information is not always accurate, one should read the police report before creating a collision diagram.

2. When will the collision diagram tool be operational?
   The collision diagram tool is currently being fixed and will be available soon.