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A NEWSLETTER PROMOTING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SMTC'S BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

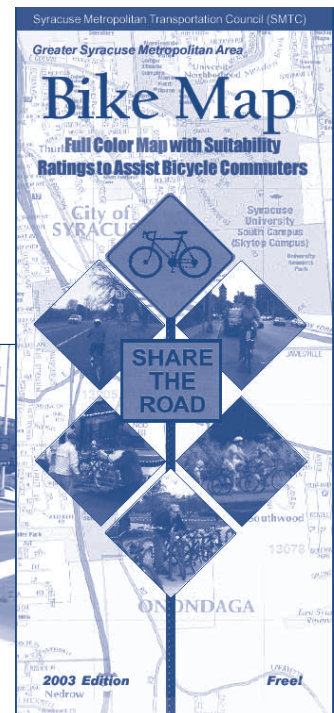
## SMTC Produces Free Bicycle Suitability Map

In an effort to assist the general public (primarily bicycle commuters) in determining which roads are currently the most suitable for bicycle travel, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) is proud to announce the availability of the newly published *Bicycle Suitability Map*. In addition to rating streets (throughout Onondaga County, including the City of Syracuse) as being "Excellent, Good, Average, Fair, Poor" for commuter bicycling, the map includes various educational and safety related panels pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian travel, and the rules of the road.

The Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area Bike Map is **FREE** to the public. The map was designed by the SMTC staff and Study Advisory Committee representatives of the SMTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Many thanks to all the local individuals and organizations, including the Onondaga Cycling Club, and the Syracuse-Onondaga Cycling Coalition, for their time and volunteer efforts.

This map was developed as part of the SMTC's two-year **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan** project. The primary goals of this Plan are to preserve and enhance the bicycling and pedestrian network, and to improve the safety, attractiveness, and overall viability of cycling and walking as legitimate transportation alternatives to the transportation system in the Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the *Bicycle Suitability Map*, contact the SMTC at (315) 422-5716 or via e-mail at [dzebley@smtcmpo.org](mailto:dzebley@smtcmpo.org) for a listing of distribution sites.

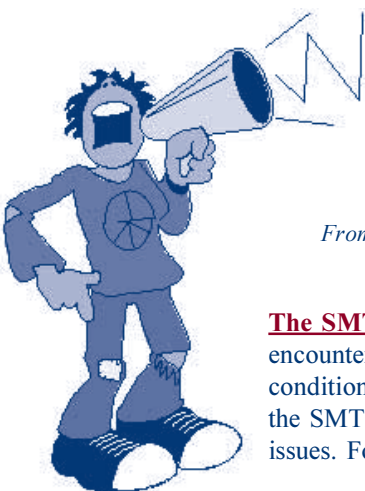


## Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 28, 2003 @ 6:30 PM  
Skydeck, Carousel Center, Syracuse, NY

*To access the Skydeck, you must take the glass elevator located near the following stores:  
From the Lower Level Commons: CompUSA; From the 1st Floor: Lerner; From the 2nd Floor: Museum Company*

**The SMTC wants to hear from you.** Come speak out on specific bicycle and pedestrian issues that you encounter. At this public meeting, all relevant existing bicycle and pedestrian transportation data, and the conditions inventory data that the SMTC has compiled to date will be presented. The public's input will assist the SMTC in the next step of the project: the identification of known and perceived bicycle and pedestrian issues. For more information, contact Danielle Zebley at (315) 422-5716.



## SMTC Conducts Bicycle and Pedestrian Awareness Survey

This past Fall, the SMTC hired the market research firm, Zogby International, to conduct a Bicycle and Pedestrian Awareness Survey. Four-hundred Onondaga County residents were surveyed on a September 2002 weekend via telephone in an effort to assist the SMTC in determining (1) the public’s awareness of bicycle and pedestrian safety, (2) the public’s knowledge and opinion of the existing conditions for bicycle and pedestrian travel in Onondaga County, and (3) how often the public is currently utilizing these systems. A brief overview of survey results is provided below.

- 70% of all survey respondents walk or jog regularly. Of those that walk or jog, they primarily walk/jog for exercise (44%) or personal enjoyment (33%). 16% walk/jog as a means of transportation.
- Over half (64%) of all survey respondents indicated that they have access to a bicycle. Of those that ride a bike, 37% said they ride regularly and that they primarily ride for personal enjoyment (43%) or exercise (41%). 13% ride their bicycle as a means of transportation.
- 61% of all survey respondents feel that Onondaga County is pedestrian-friendly. 34% feel that the county is not pedestrian-friendly, citing a lack of sidewalks or lack of sidewalks leading to desired destinations as the primary reason for feeling this way.
- 41% of all survey respondents feel that Onondaga County is bicycle-friendly. 48% feel that the county is not bicycle-friendly, citing a lack of bike lanes/routes to desired locations as the main reason why they feel this way.

The SMTC and Zogby International also asked what places in Onondaga County survey respondents would like to be able to reach by bike or on foot. The chart below summarizes the respondents’ picks.

<b>Parks/recreational trails</b>	<b>28 %</b>
<b>Malls/shopping areas/supermarkets</b>	<b>15 %</b>
<b>Schools/colleges</b>	<b>13 %</b>
<b>Downtown</b>	<b>10 %</b>
<b>Work</b>	<b>9 %</b>
<b>Carousel Mall/DestINY USA</b>	<b>9 %</b>
<b>Doctor’s offices/hospitals</b>	<b>8 %</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>5 %</b>
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4 %</b>



The results of this survey will assist the SMTC in developing recommendations for the overall Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

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