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SMTC Elects Officers for Policy, Planning and Executive Committees

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – At its March and April committee meetings, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) held elections for its Policy, Planning and Executive Committees. The slate of officers was approved for the following SMTC committees for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 program years:

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chair: **Hon. Matthew J. Driscoll** – Mayor, City of Syracuse

Vice-Chair: **Hon. Nicholas J. Pirro** – Onondaga County Executive

Secretary: **Mr. Jon Edinger** – Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Chair: **Mr. Bruce Trexler** – Commissioner, Onondaga County Department of Transportation

Vice-Chair: **Mr. Charles R. Everett, Jr.** – Commissioner, City of Syracuse Dept. of Aviation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair: **Mr. Frank Kobliski** – Chief Operating Officer, CNY Regional Transportation Authority

Vice-Chair: **Mr. Bruce Trexler** – Commissioner, Onondaga County Department of Transportation

The SMTC **Policy Committee** consists of elected and appointed officials representing local, state, and federal governments or agencies having interest or responsibility in transportation planning and programming in the Syracuse Metropolitan area. The Policy Committee meets at least three times a year, and is responsible for providing overall policy direction and decision-making in its programs; the general direction of the Central Staff; establishment of goals; adoption of transportation plans, programs, and projects undertaken by the Council; and approval of transportation recommendations.

The SMTC **Planning Committee** is comprised of technical or administrative professionals of public and private agencies having either direct or indirect responsibility for transportation planning and programming. Meeting on at least a quarterly basis, the Planning Committee functions as a forum to discuss and resolve relevant transportation issues; oversee the technical activities of the SMTC; and analyze and determine transportation funding priorities for Onondaga County.

The SMTC **Executive Committee** (meeting on a monthly basis) provides oversight for the day-to-day operations of the SMTC, primarily for financial management, personnel and other administrative requirements.

What is the SMTC? The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council was formed in 1966 as a result of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 and Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964. Serving as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Syracuse Metropolitan area, the SMTC provides the forum for cooperative decision making in developing transportation plans and programs for Onondaga County. Its committees are comprised of elected and appointed officials, representing local, state and federal governments or agencies having interest in or responsibility for transportation planning and programming.

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