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**Public is Invited to Participate in Federal  
Certification Review of the SMTC**

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – Federal regulations stipulate that Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) must undergo a federal onsite certification review every three years. Conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the certification review is conducted to ensure that transportation planning requirements are being satisfactorily implemented by the SMTC. As part of the review, the following public meeting will be held:

**Public Meeting – SMTC’s Federal Certification Review**

Tuesday, May 7, 2002  
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC)  
Lower Level Conference Room  
126 N. Salina St., 100 Clinton Square Building, Syracuse, NY

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At this public meeting, the public is encouraged to attend and comment on their involvement and experience with the SMTC and transportation planning in the Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area.

In addition to soliciting comments from the public, a brief presentation on the role and purpose of the SMTC will be given, in which past studies and current transportation planning activities will be discussed. In addition, representatives from the FHWA and the FTA will make brief formal comments pertaining to the federal certification review and its goal to maximize the effectiveness of the transportation planning process.

Those who cannot attend the meeting are still encouraged to submit comments regarding the SMTC and its transportation planning efforts throughout Onondaga County. Comments and/or questions should be directed to the SMTC's Communications / Public Information Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315) 422-5716; fax: (315) 422-7753, or via e-mail at [wwestervelt@cnyrpdb.org](mailto:wwestervelt@cnyrpdb.org).

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**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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