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Public is Invited to Comment on Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues at May 28th Public Meeting

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) will be holding the 2nd of four scheduled public information meetings to gather public input and provide a project update pertaining to its *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* activity.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2003 @ 6:30 PM
Carousel Center, Skydeck, Syracuse, New York

*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*

All relevant existing bicycle and pedestrian transportation data, and the conditions inventory data that the SMTC has compiled to date will be presented at this meeting. The SMTC will also be distributing the recently published Bicycle Suitability Map; sharing the results of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Awareness Survey; and reporting on its inventory of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including the results of a sidewalk inventory. **More importantly, the bulk of the meeting will allow for open discussion and the recording of public comment.**

The public meeting is part of a two-year planning effort in which the SMTC is working towards a *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* for Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse. 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. For more information, contact the SMTC at (315) 422-5716, or visit <http://www.smtcmpo.org/bike-ped>.

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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 and small portions of Madison and Oswego Counties. The SMTC is 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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