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SMTC COMMITTEES ELECT OFFICERS

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) is pleased to announce the following individuals were selected as committee officers through March 31, 2012:

Policy Committee:

Chair: **Ms. Kathleen Rapp**, Chair, Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board; and
Vice Chair: **Hon. Van Robinson**, City of Syracuse Common Council President.

Planning Committee:

Chair: **Ms. Mary Robison**, City Engineer, City of Syracuse; and
Vice Chair: **Mr. Brian Donnelly**, Commissioner, Onondaga County Department of Transportation.

Executive Committee:

Chair: **Mr. Frank Kobliski**, Executive Director, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority; and
Vice Chair: **Ms. Mary Robison**, City Engineer, City of Syracuse.

The SMTC **Policy Committee** provides overall policy direction and decision-making of the Central Staff; establishment of goals; adoption of transportation plans, programs, and projects undertaken by the Council; and adoption of transportation reports and recommendations. The SMTC **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 the Metropolitan Planning Area. The SMTC **Executive Committee** provides oversight for the day-to-day operations of the SMTC, primarily for financial management, personnel and other administrative requirements.

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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. Its committees are comprised of elected and appointed officials, representing local, State and Federal governments or agencies (e.g., CNY Regional Transportation Authority, CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York State Department of Transportation, etc.) having interest in or responsibility for transportation planning and programming.

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