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**JAMES STREET CORRIDOR TRAFFIC STUDY --  
FINAL REPORT ACCEPTED BY SMTC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – The FINAL REPORT of the **James Street Corridor Traffic Study**, produced by the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) on behalf of the City of Syracuse, was accepted by the organization’s Policy Committee on May 14, 2001.

The **James Street Corridor Traffic Study** focused on the section of James St. between Grant Blvd./Shotwell Pk. in the west and E. James St./Clover Ridge Dr. in the east, and sought to identify transportation needs; identify and evaluate alternative solutions; and recommend a schedule of improvements for implementation. The study consisted of a multi-modal approach and examined current vehicular, truck, transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel conditions. The FINAL REPORT includes detailed information on the existing conditions and transportation issues, identified throughout the course of the study. These conditions and issues, coupled with the public/citizen involvement, and guidance provided throughout the study, led to the recommendations presented in the FINAL REPORT.

A sampling of the recommendations include:

Corridor Wide Recommendations:

- Enforcement and Education:
  - ✓ Travel Speed Monitoring/Enforcement
  - ✓ Parking Enforcement
  - ✓ Bicycle Enforcement/Community Education
  - ✓ Community Awareness of Existing City Regulations/Programs

Lower cost capital improvement recommendations:

- Street Striping Program
- Spot Installation/Repair of ADA Curb Ramps
- Far-Side Bus Stops
- Pedestrian Crossing Buttons and Signage

Regulatory and development control recommendations:

- Parking Master Plan
- Following the zoning guidelines within the new Eastwood/James Street Overlay District

Streetscape Initiative Recommendations:

- Enhanced road striping to better define travel/turning lanes and pedestrian zones
- Creation of enhanced crosswalks (either through striping or textured concrete) in key locations
- Consolidation and merging of curb cuts
- Landscape improvements to create a consistent design character and positive pedestrian setting

Long-Term Recommendations:

- Signal system improvements
- Traffic calming techniques

Site-Specific Recommendations @ the following locations (detailed in FINAL REPORT):

- James St./Shotwell Pk./Grant Blvd.
- James St./Midler Ave.
- Eastern end of the corridor

The FINAL REPORT of the **James Street Corridor Traffic Study** is available for viewing at the Paine Branch Library on 113 Nichols Ave. in Syracuse (Eastwood). Copies (available on CD-rom) can also be requested directly by contacting SMTC Communications/Public Information Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315) 422-5716, or by logging on to the SMTC web site [[www.smtcmpo.org](http://www.smtcmpo.org)].

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