

Appendix B
Public Involvement Plan Supporting Documents

DIRECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) ❖ Summer 2002

SMTC Begins Process of Updating the Area's Long-Range Transportation Plan

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LRTP 2004 UPDATE



Bicycle and Pedestrian

Vehicle Mobility

Bridges & Pavement

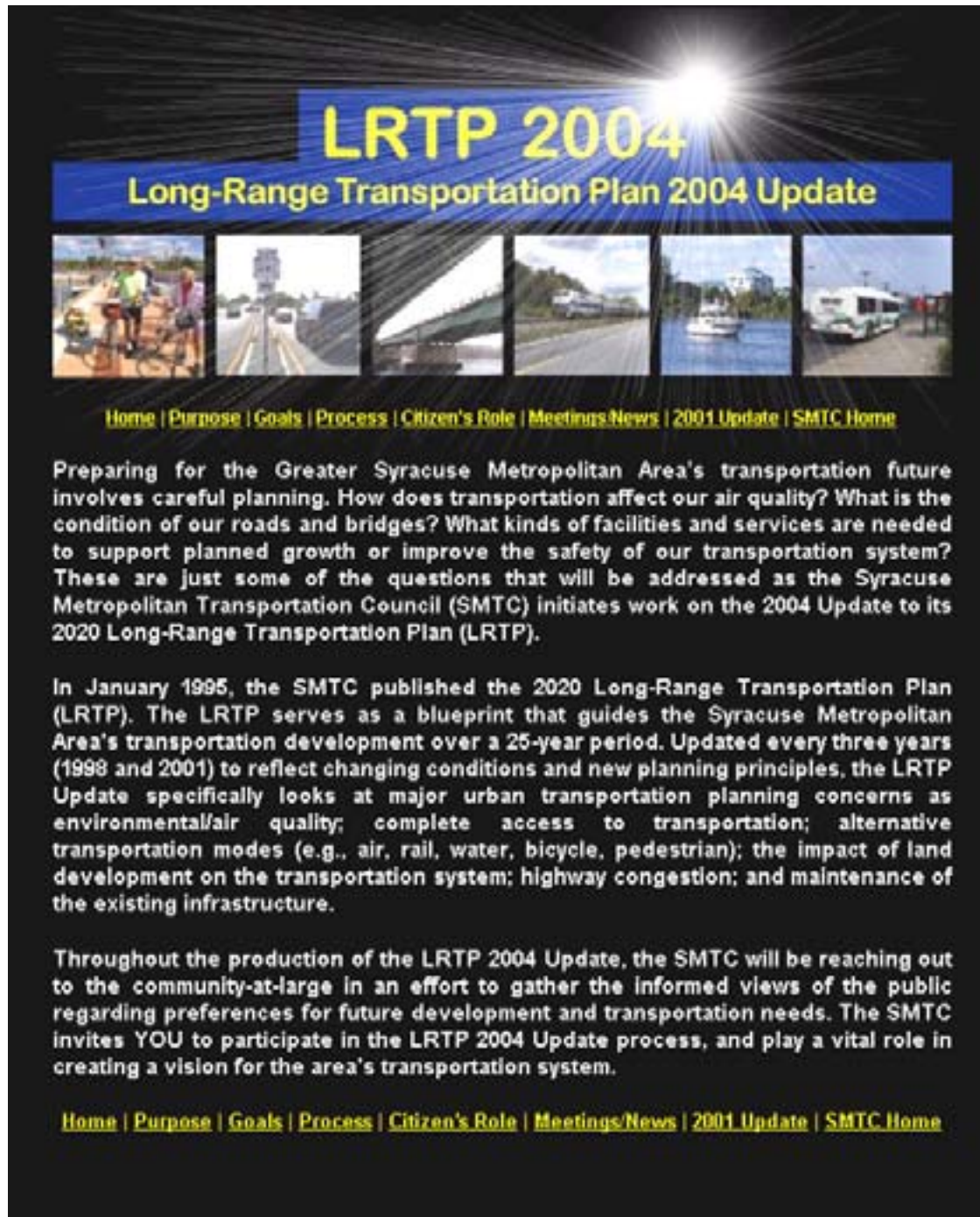
Multi-Modal Transportation (Air, Rail, Water)

Public Transit

Long-range transportation planning – A long-term vision that seeks to preserve the infrastructure, improve safety, provide system connectivity, improve mobility, increase access, protect air quality, and support economic growth.

Learn more about the *Long-Range Transportation Plan 2004 Update* and how **YOU** can participate.

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LRTP 2004
Long-Range Transportation Plan 2004 Update

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Meetings, Public Presentations, and Public Comment

In contrast to its typical approach of holding three formal public information meetings during specific stages during the planning process, the SMTC participated in a number of meetings, workshops and focus groups, at which the LRTP 2004 Update was presented.

The SMTC reached out to a wide variety of individuals and organizations in an effort to be added to a meeting agenda where the LRTP 2004 Update was presented, and comments and feedback were solicited.

The LRTP 2004 Update was presented at the following meetings (see attached agendas):

10/10/02	National Association of Retired Federal Employees Syracuse, New York (Chapter 200)
10/18/02	FOCUS Greater Syracuse (volunteer core group)
1/28/03	Onondaga County Planning Federation Annual Meeting Lunch/Feature Speaker to municipal planning officials
3/12/03	Onondaga County Highway Superintendents Meeting Lunch/Feature Speaker to municipal Highway Superintendents
3/19/03	Citywide Council of Syracuse Low Income Housing Residents, Inc.

It is important to point out that the PowerPoint presentation that was made at each of the previously mentioned meetings was also posted to the LRTP 2004 Update web site, allowing the general public to view the presentation slide by slide.

Upcoming Public Involvement Activities

- One public information meeting, at which it will present the draft final **LRTP 2004 Update** to the public. (May 2004);
- A 30-day public comment period, prior to presenting the draft LRTP 2004 to the Policy Committee (May-June 2004);
- Web site maintenance and updates (post draft LRTP 2004 Update for 30-day comment period);
- Press Releases to announce meetings, public comment period, and availability of draft LRTP 2004 Update;
- Newsletter coverage to announce meetings, public comment period, and availability of draft LRTP 2004 Update; and
- Promotion at all SMTC meetings.

Note: SMTC made every attempt to include the participation of the Onondaga Nation in all of its public outreach efforts. Press releases, newsletters, public opinion surveys and direct letters of invitation were sent to the Nation throughout the process.

Citywide Council of Syracuse Low Income Housing Residents, Inc.

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2003, 5:30 PM


At the
Vinette Tower Community Room
947 Pond St.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Board Members

3. Roll Call of Organizations

 4. Special Guest Presentation Wayne Westervelt, Syracuse Metropolitan
Transportation Council

4. Reading of Minutes from January 15 meeting

5. Correspondence

6. Treasury Report

7. Announcements- reschedule ROSS Capacity Building Committee Meeting

8. Resident Commissioners Report

9. Old Business

A. Nominations and Election for Secretary

B. Congressman Walsh Meeting update- David Leslie

C. Community Development Block Grant Funding for Elderly Services-
John DeVoe

D. SHA Annual Plan Comment- David Paccone

10. New Business

A. Dept. of Aging and Youth, Intergenerational Awards Banquet

B. Camp 415 Scholarship and banquet

C. Drawing for Resident Positive Recognition Award- Family Housing

11. SHA Management Report- Carol Shepperd

12. Introduction of SHA staff present

13. Selection of Site for May 21 meeting

14. Adjournment, 50/50 drawing



NEWS LETTER

SEPTEMBER 2002
SYRACUSE, NY

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MEETS SECOND THURSDAY EACH MONTH

EXCEPT JANUARY - JULY AND AUGUST

PRESIDENT
BILL MASTERS
488-2211

VICE PRESIDENT
HENRY POLECH
487-3029

VICE PRESIDENT
CHARLES WHITEHEAD
487-0063

VICE PRESIDENT
JOHN MICZAN
487-2192

SECRETARY
BETTY CONWAY
872-8406

TREASURER
JOE DEMONELE
471-1652

SERVICE OFFICER
JOHN MICZAN
487-2192

LEGISLATOR
CHARLES WHITEHEAD
487-0063

PROGRAM
JOHN TRAINO
468-5329

CHAPLAIN
EO DEAN
592-9747

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
LENA LOBELLO
474-3415

MEETING SCHEDULE 2002

October 10 November 14
December 12

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October program will be presented by Wayne Westervelt of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council. The subject will be Long Range Transportation Plans for the area.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) rose 0.3% in August 2002. August's index reading of 178.6 is 1.4 percent above the 2001 third quarter average base index of 174.1. September's inflation, the first

MEETING 12 NOON THURSDAY OCTOBER 10

Park West Restaurant
3380 Milton Avenue
Corner of Onondaga Road
And Milton Avenue

MENU

CHOICE

MEATBALL SANDWICH

or

FISH and FRIES

DESSERT

COFFEE, TEA OR MILK

\$10 including tax and tip

Call Reservations and Choice to
BILL MASTERS or LENA LOBELLO
488-2211 474-3415

Call Reservations not later than
Monday October 7

One thing we must stick to is in
making reservations for lunch. We
need to have reservations NO LATER
than the Monday before our meeting
on Thursday.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Goodbye to summer and hello to fall. A beautiful season to look forward to and enjoy. It will also be a very busy season for all NARFE MEMBERS. We are looking to the "OPEN SEASON" of FEHP with changes very possible, also we will hear a great deal in regard to Long Term Care. In addition to these two important items there are many bills sitting in Congress that may have direct bearing on our incomes.

Now, after all that we will still have a good time at our meetings with great speakers.

*To the world, you may be one person.
But to one person, you may be the world.
Take time; make time;
There may not be another time*

Federal Health Premiums Rising 11.1%

Premiums will rise an average 11.1 percent next year. The increase marks the third consecutive year that premiums have jumped by more than 10 percent.

Starting in January, fee-for-service plans will raise premiums by an average of 10.5 percent; HMO organizations will raise premiums by an average of 13.6 percent.

OPM held down the overall average increase through tough negotiations with insurance companies. OPM also urged plans to raise co-payments or add co-payments as a way to hold down the size of the premium increase.

Open season from Nov. 11 through Dec. 9.

Blue Cross will remain in the program as a waiver to accounting rules was granted by OPM.

Rates for 2003 will be available at the October meeting. Some plans in this area are pulling out of FEHBP and some are changing their area of coverage.

When you get your plan be sure to study it with care, to see if it still gives you the coverage you want. And follow the instructions on how to secure any other plans brochure. Act immediately as the open season is short.

One of the best sources of health plan information for retirees is the National Association of Retired Federal Employee's magazine, "Retirement Life".

LEGISLATION

Congress is behind schedule in passing bills. It looks like the government will continue to operate under a continuing resolution. This could be no action on Premium Conversion or any other NARFE legislation. One of the reasons for the reluctance to pass Premium Conversion, is that private sector employees would likely demand



ONONDAGA COUNTY PLANNING FEDERATION

1100 Civic Center

421 Montgomery Street

Syracuse, New York 13202

2003 Annual Municipal Training Program
Meeting Notice and Reservation Form

DATE: January 28, 2003 (Tuesday)
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Darmlins Country Club, 800 Nottingham Road, Banquet room entrance
(map available upon request)
COST: \$30.00 per person (full day); part day participation at a reduced price is
available if requested in advance. (Registration form enclosed)

Note: To Attorneys and Code Enforcement Officers: Some of the following courses
have been certified for continuing legal education (CLE) credits for attorneys or
for in-service credit for enforcement officers. See registration form for details.

Program Schedule:

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Choice of one of two training sessions conducted by
representatives from the New York State Department of State
(NYSDOS):
A. Planning Board Overview (CLE: 2 hours; In-service credit; 2
hours)
B. Zoning Board of Appeals Overview (CLE: 2 hours; In-
service credit 2 hours)

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch **L RTP 2004 Update** SMTC

12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Choice of one of two sessions conducted by representatives from
NYSDOS:
C. How to conduct Effective Meetings and Hearings (CLE: 1
hour; In-service credit 2 hours)
D. Comprehensive Planning (CLE: 1 hour; In-service credit 1
hour)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Choice of one of two sessions conducted by NYSDOS or SOCPA:
E. Planning and Zoning Case Law Update (CLE: 1 hour; In-
service credit 1 hour)
F. County Planning Board Referrals – A dialogue with Onondaga
County Planning Board staff.



L RTP 2004 Update – Public Opinion Survey

Your input as a resident of the Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area is vital in determining the future vision of the transportation system. Your opinions are essential in assisting the SMTC in the development of a long-range transportation plan, most specifically the *L RTP 2004 Update*. Please complete the enclosed Public Opinion Survey, sharing your thoughts about the current and future needs of transportation throughout the Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area.

1. What is your opinion of the existing bridge and road conditions in the area?
Road conditions: Excellent Fair Poor
Bridge conditions: Excellent Fair Poor
2. Do you experience any significant commuting issues (i.e., automobile access and movement) in the area?
Yes No Explain: _____

3. Do you perceive there to be traffic congestion problems in the Syracuse Metropolitan Area? Yes No
If yes, where (what location)? _____
When (what time of day)? _____
4. What do you believe is needed to stimulate more bicycle and pedestrian transportation? _____

5. In your opinion, is public transit serving the needs of the community? Yes No
What would encourage you to utilize public transit more often? _____

6. What would encourage you to use different forms of transportation more often?
Air Transportation _____
Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation _____
Rail Transportation _____
Water Transportation _____
7. What activities would you participate in to improve air quality? _____

8. How does freight movement (air, rail, and truck) affect you and your community? _____

9. What growth (i.e. development) trends do you want (or not want) to see in the community? _____

10. Additional comments: _____

11. Name (optional) _____
Address (optional) _____
Address (optional) _____

Thank you for your interest and assistance! Please fax (315-422-7753) or mail (SMTC, 126 N. Salina St., Suite 100, Syracuse, N.Y. 13202) your completed survey to the SMTC. If you have any questions, please contact the SMTC's Public Information Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315-422-5716), or e-mail: wwestervelt@smtcmpo.org

Visit the L RTP 2004 Update web site: <http://www.smtcmpo.org/lrtp2004/>



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March 21, 2003

Chief Irving Powless, Jr.
Secretary, Onondaga Nation
Hemlock Road, Box 319-B
via Nedrow, New York 13120

Dear Chief Irving Powless, Jr.:

As you may or may not know, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) is currently working on the preparation of the 2004 Update to its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). While the LRTP is a 25-year blueprint for transportation development in the Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area, the 2004 Update serves to address changing transportation related conditions and new planning guidelines.

The SMTC recognizes that technical analysis and policy support from local and state transportation decision-makers represent only part of the equation, and that the informed views of the public (including the Onondaga Nation) are necessary in any planning process. In contrast to the typical approach of holding multiple public information meetings during specific stages of the planning process, the SMTC has been reaching out to a wide variety of individuals, organizations and groups, seeking their input and opinions on the current conditions and future needs of the transportation system. Therefore, I would like to offer to deliver a presentation on the LRTP 2004 Update, whereby the SMTC can obtain any comments and feedback the Nation may have. If you are interested in hosting such a meeting, please contact SMTC's Public Information Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315) 422-5716.

If you are not interested in the presentation, there is still another way you can participate in the process. The SMTC has created a Public Opinion Survey (as part of the LRTP 2004 Update) that is currently being distributed throughout the community to gauge public views, perceptions and preferences relating to the transportation system. We have enclosed several copies of the survey for you to distribute throughout the Nation. Your participation in filling these forms out is encouraged. All forms should be mailed or faxed back to the SMTC.

A project specific web site has also been established, giving the public an opportunity to get the latest LRTP 2004 Update news and information, as well as submit on-line comments right from their computer. The web site is located at: <http://www.smtcmpo.org/LRTP2004>.

Although the SMTC continues to keep the Onondaga Nation aware of the public participation opportunities and major studies and activities it conducts (through press releases, newsletters and meeting announcements), I am

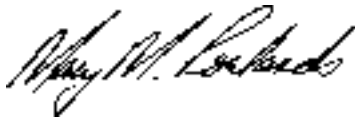
The Metropolitan Planning Organization

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enclosing a brochure that describes the purpose, roles and activities of the agency. In addition, I encourage you to visit the SMTC web site for more information – <http://www.smtcmpo.org>.

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a personal one-on-one meeting at which I can further explain the role and responsibilities of the SMTC, please contact me or SMTC's Communications Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315) 422-5716. Thank you and I look forward to your involvement in the 2004 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update.

Sincerely,



Mary M. Rowlands
Director

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*Enclosures: LRTP 2004 Update – Public Opinion Surveys
SMTC brochure – A Citizen's Guide to Transportation Planning*

cc: James D'Agostino, SMTC Program Manager
Wayne Westervelt, SMTC Public Information Specialist



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February 28, 2003

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Council Seeks Public Opinion on Issues and Future Needs of Transportation in the Area

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In support of this claim, the SMTC has developed a project specific web site where interested citizens will have the opportunity to get the latest *LRTP 2004 Update* news and information. Log on to www.smtcmpo.org/LRTP2004 and share your thoughts regarding the issues and needs surrounding transportation in the area. The site also has a *Public Opinion Survey* that can be filled out online and e-mailed back to the SMTC. This Survey seeks to gauge public views, perceptions and preferences relating to the transportation system.

-- more/over --

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For more information about the *LRTP 2004 Update*, or to obtain a Public Opinion Survey via mail or fax, contact Wayne Westervelt of the SMTC at (315) 422-5716.

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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. 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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planning in the Syracuse Metropolitan Area: www.smtcmpo.org**