

SMTC Seeks Public Review and Comment on Long-Range Transportation Plan 2007 Update and 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) has officially begun a 30-day public comment period for its draft **Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2007 Update** and draft **2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. A public meeting has been scheduled as an additional opportunity for public comment on the LRTP 2007 Update and 2007-2012 TIP for **Monday, May 14, 2007** at the offices of the SMTC from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The public meeting will be held in the lower level conference room located at the SMTC offices: 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.

The LRTP is a blueprint to guide the Syracuse Metropolitan Area's transportation development over a 25-year period. Updated every three years to reflect changing conditions and new planning principles, the **LRTP 2007 Update** looks at major urban transportation planning issues such as environmental/air quality; complete access to transportation; alternative transportation modes (i.e. bicycle and pedestrian); the impact of land development on the transportation system; highway traffic congestion; and maintenance of the existing infrastructure. Also included is the **Conformity Analysis**, which successfully determined that the SMTC is in conformity with the applicable New York State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality in its adoption of a Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, and any pertinent amendments or updates.

The 2007-2012 TIP is a staged five-year maintenance program of capital transportation improvement projects, together with a five-year estimate of transit capital and maintenance requirements. The TIP contains all Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration projects in the Syracuse Metropolitan Area that are expected to use Federal, State and local funds in the next four-year period.

The public review/comment period for the draft 2007 Update and draft 2007-2012 TIP will commence on April 27, 2007. **Comments received on or before May 26, 2007 will be considered for the final 2007 LRTP Update and 2007-2012 TIP**, to be presented to the SMTC Policy Committee for adoption on June 12, 2007. For those interested in reviewing the draft documents, copies of the draft LRTP 2007 Update and 2007-2012 TIP are available at the Central Branch of the Onondaga County Public Library, The Galleries of Syracuse, 447 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, and the SMTC offices, 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100 Syracuse. Additionally, copies of the draft LRTP 2007 Update and the 2007-2012 TIP are available on the SMTC web site at www.smtcmpo.org. All LRTP Update comments shall be submitted in writing to jdshaies@smtcmpo.org or via postal mail to: Jennifer Deshaies, SMTC, 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13202. All TIP comments shall be submitted in writing to mcolone@smtcmpo.org or via postal mail to: Mario Colone, SMTC, 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13202.

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