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# *SMTC Schedules Public Meeting Regarding Long Range Transportation Plan 2011 Update*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) will be holding a public meeting for its draft **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2011 Update** on **Tuesday, July 12, 2011** 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 four years to reflect changing conditions and new planning principles, the **LRTP 2011 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.

A public review/comment period for the draft 2011 Update commenced on June 20, 2011. **Comments received on or before July 19, 2011 will be considered for the final 2011 LRTP Update**, to be presented to the SMTC Policy Committee for adoption on July 21, 2011. For those interested in reviewing the draft document, copies 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, the draft LRTP 2011 Update document is available on the SMTC web site at www.smtcmpo.org. All LRTP Update comments shall be submitted in writing to dkrol@smtcmpo.org or via postal mail to: Danielle Krol, SMTC, 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13202.