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## James Street “Road Diet” Study Public Meeting

**Syracuse, N.Y.** — A second and final public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Middle School, 1613 James Street, in Syracuse for the James Street “Road Diet” Study.

A “road diet” study investigates the feasibility of improving a roadway’s safety and efficiency for walkers, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists by altering the existing number and/or width of automobile travel lanes. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- review the various alternatives and associated analysis, and
- solicit public comment on the alternatives.

The public meeting will include a formal presentation that will be followed by an interactive session. The interactive session will consist of three stations. Each station will focus on a different corridor segment. Illustrations representing different alternatives designed specifically for each corridor segment will be presented. Participants will have the opportunity to select which alternative concept they like the best for each segment following a brief overview.

The James Street “Road Diet” Study is a planning effort being completed by the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) at the request of the City of Syracuse. For additional information about the project or the public meeting, or to ensure accommodation for special needs, please contact 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 and small portions of Madison and Oswego Counties. 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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