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University Hill Transportation Study to be Presented at Public Information Meeting

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) will be holding the first scheduled public meeting for its **UNIVERSITY HILL TRANSPORTATION STUDY** – a cooperative effort to examine transportation, land use, access, and parking issues in the University Hill Area.

The SMTC encourages the public's input and participation. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the following public information meeting:

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Goldstein Student Center

Syracuse University

South Campus, Syracuse, N.Y.

The project will build on two earlier transportation planning efforts for University Hill. The initial effort included the University Hill Special Events Transportation Study completed in March 2000. The second study effort concluded in 2003 with a detailed inventory of Existing Conditions related to transportation and land use.

The current study will focus on three primary issues: 1) Interstate Access; 2) Institutional Parking and 3) Transit, Walking and Biking. The plan will identify improvements to meet the needs of University Hill for these three issues as it develops over the next 20 years. A major aim of the

initiative is to ensure the economic viability of the institutions located in the study area while minimizing impacts to surrounding neighborhoods.

The first public meeting will provide the opportunity to formally present the study to the public. Topics such as the study purpose, goals/objectives, study area, and the existing conditions and data analysis performed to date will be discussed. However, the primary focus of the meeting will be to gather public comments and opinions on the current and future transportation and land use issues (including vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access; safety issues; and parking) affecting the University Hill community. Public input obtained from this meeting will be considered throughout the remaining stages of the study, and will be factored into subsequent reports, conclusions, and/or recommendations.

For more information about the March 8, 2006 public meeting, please contact Mary Rowlands of the SMTC at (315) 422-5716. To learn more about the **University Hill Comprehensive Transportation Study**, visit the project web site at www.universityhillstudy.com



Goldstein Student Center is handicapped accessible. Please advise the SMTC of specific accommodations required to facilitate your participation in this public meeting.

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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