



2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program
Second Half of Program Year, Monthly Status Report
as of January 25, 2018

Public Participation – General (Project Manager – James D’Agostino):

January: Notices were sent to the Policy Committee members relative to the upcoming February 16 meeting. The January 19 Planning Committee files were published on the SMTC website. Public Comment notices for the 2018-2019 UPWP and proposed TIP Amendments were published in *The Post-Standard*. Deadline for comments is February 13. Notices were sent to local print media relative to the public comment period for the Connections to Township 5, Erie Boulevard East Pedestrian Study, and Carrier Park Mobility Plan studies. Deadline for comments is January 31. Work has begun on a new issue of *DIRECTIONS*.

December: Preparations are underway for the January 19 Planning Committee meeting. The SMTC databases have been updated based on the November elections.

November: Staff updated the SMTC databases based on attendance at the November 2 SMART 1 meeting.

October: The Fall issue of *DIRECTIONS* was distributed by early October. Final preparations are underway for the November 2 SMART 1 public meeting at SKY Armory.

Federal Transportation Legislation Examination & Evaluation (Project Manager – Mario Colone):

January: A group of Congressional representatives released a framework of policy solutions to improve surface transportation. Expectations are that the Trump Administration will release their infrastructure priorities at the end of January. Regarding performance based planning for the SMTC, on January 19, 2 performance target resolutions were presented to the SMTC Planning Committee (i.e., safety and transit asset management).

December: Staff met with Congressman Katko at his request to discuss potential new federal legislation related to infrastructure and transportation.

November: No significant activity to report.

October: Although not explicitly related to the task, staff utilized the past month to prepare for the upcoming November 2017 federal certification review. Reports and work efforts between 2014 and 2017 were assembled and reviewed for applicable content and discussion. Additionally, the MAP-21 and FAST Act transportation bills were reviewed as well.

UPWP Previous Year Closeouts (Project Manager – James D’Agostino):

May: Staff has completed any/all work on carryover items not explicitly listed in this year’s UPWP and this item will not recur in future reports this year.

UPWP Maintenance and Development (Project Manager – James D’Agostino):

January: A draft UPWP has been created for presentation to the SMTC Planning and Policy committees.

December: A draft program is being created with over a dozen newly submitted projects.

November: Staff held a UPWP pre-submission meeting with prospective applicants. Applications were due November 28.

October: A UPWP call letter is issued and a pre-meeting is scheduled for November 13th for prospective projects.

Census Data Compilation and/or Analysis (Project Manager – Jason Deshaies):

January: No significant activity to report.

December: Staff is incorporating Census data into the most recent Coordinated Plan for Rail, Truck, and Transit.

November: Staff is incorporating 2015 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) data into maps and tables for the Coordinated Plan for Rail, Truck, and Transit Planning.

October: No significant activity to report.

Data Collection, Compilation and/or Analysis (Project Manager – Kevin Kosakowski):

January: Staff is utilizing turning movement counts performed earlier in the year to update Synchro models to yield LOS information on intersections relating to the CMP. Staff is also preparing for next year's UPWP.

December: Staff has revisited the CMP related intersections that were counted earlier in the year and has reviewed the data and will continue to utilize it to determine updated LOS information via Synchro modeling for future use in the CMP report. Staff has also responded to count data/demographic data inquiries from outside entities.

November: Staff has revisited and is reviewing data collected for the Congestion Management Process and has begun to prepare for the determination of the Level of Service of these intersections via the updating and/or creation of Synchro files. Staff has also fulfilled traffic count requests for information on South Avenue and Downtown.

October: Staff completed the processing and analysis associated with the approximately 30 downtown pedestrian counts completed over the past few months and has provided the results to the Downtown Committee. Staff has also fulfilled a couple of traffic count related inquiries.

Geographic Information Systems - SMTC (Project Manager – Jason Deshaies):

January: Staff compiled and began reviewing traffic control device data provided by SOCPA, OCDOT, and NYSDOT. This information will be useful for various SMTC tasks/projects such as updating intersection types in the Regional Travel Demand Model.

December: Analyst staff continues to support planning staff on finalizing maps and graphics for projects that will be wrapping up over the next few months. Staff has been coordinating with NYSDOT on the status of ESRI (ArcGIS) licensing for MPOs for the upcoming year.

November: Several Analyst staff presented to the Geospatial Technology class at Fowler High School for GIS Day. The presentations included information about analyzing transit data and data collected by GPS units. Analyst staff continues to support planning staff on various projects as necessary.

October: Analyst staff attended the NYS GIS Conference. Two SMTC GIS related projects (Sustainable Streets Pedestrian Demand Modeling and CNY Stormwater System Mapping) were nominated for a GIS Applications Award. The projects did not win the Distinguished Finalist Award, but both received a GIS Applications Finalist Award. Additionally, the NYSDOT provided the latest Roadway Inventory System (RIS) geodatabase. This version of RIS is the first version to include all public roads and includes many attributes including pavement ratings, AADT, speed limits, etc.

Geographic Information Systems – Member Agency (Project Manager – Jason Deshaies):

January: Stormwater GIS data packages were created for each MS4 municipality as requested by the CNY RPDB. The packages will be delivered to NYSDEC as well as each municipality. Staff continues to assist the CNY RPDB with digitizing of flow lines as needed.

December: All stormwater point feature data has been processed and is ready for flow direction editing. CNYRPDB staff will be doing the majority of this work with SMTC staff assistance when necessary. Additionally, the most current Onondaga County outfall data has been obtained from SWCD and will be added to the maps.

November: Staff worked with CNYRPDB staff to develop a methodology for updating stormwater flow direction data. The process has been documented and the files are currently being prepared for editing. This work will continue over the next few months. Additionally, several transit related maps were prepared and printed for Centro.

October: All Stormwater data collected by the CNYRPDB over the summer has been reviewed and is currently being edited and compiled into the master geodatabase. Staff is currently working with CNYRPDB staff on completing the flow direction digitizing work.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning – General (Project Manager – Danielle Krol):

January: Staff continues to work on the Trinity SRTS project with the Onondaga County Health Department and HealthConnections. Staff will participate in the upcoming Walk-Bike New York Symposium being held in Schenectady, March 28-29, 2018.

December: Staff continues to assist on the Onondaga County Trinity Transforming Communities Safe Routes to School project. Staff also participated in the December 12, conference call of the statewide MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group, where the SMTC's PSA project was discussed. The hope is to implement some of the PSA campaign statewide.

November: The next MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group conference call will take place on December 12. The group will begin discussions on the coming year's work plan. Staff continues to meet with the Onondaga County Health Department, Syracuse school district and HealthConnections to assist on the Onondaga County Trinity Transforming Communities Initiative: Safe Routes to School pilot project. The group is working to develop safe routes to school for students attending Dr. Weeks and Franklin Elementary schools (these schools were chosen due the high number of walkers within each building).

October: Staff has been reaching out to some of the area's local bicycle and pedestrian contacts/advocates, in an effort to connect them with the New York Bicycling Coalition, a bicycle advocacy organization. Staff will participate in the next MPO/NYS DOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group conference call in early December 2017.

Bridge & Pavement Condition Management (BPCMS) (Project Manager – Jason Deshaies):

January: Staff continues to work on the 2017-2018 report. Bridge data is still not being provided by NYSDOT for the relevant time period.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: Staff is awaiting bridge data from NYSDOT for the bridge section of the report, and is updating the pavement section of the report.

October: Staff is reviewing bridge data provided by NYSDOT Region 2 and Region 3. All pavement data for the report is in-house except the 2016 New York State ratings, which should be available soon.

I-81 NEPA Involvement (Project Manager – James D’Agostino/Meghan Vitale/Mario Colone):

January: No significant activity to report.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: No Significant activity to report.

October: No significant activity to report.

I-81 Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager – James D’Agostino/Jason Deshaies/ Mario Colone/ Meghan Vitale):

January: No significant activity to report.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: No Significant activity to report.

October: No significant activity to report.

MPO Area Regional Planning Initiatives (Project Manager – James D’Agostino):

January: Staff attended various meetings on local planning initiatives including City of Syracuse South Ave Corridor and potential developments in the Manlius and Fayetteville area.

December: SMTC staff recently attended two NYSDOT meetings regarding the Empire State Trail project that will run along Erie Boulevard East and Water Street in the East and Onondaga Lake Park, Bridge Street and Gerelock Road into Camillus. Staff will continue to be kept informed of project happenings.

November: No Significant activity to report.

October: SMTC worked with elected officials relative to issues the community has with potential impact of the Teall Ave. interchange and the local post office access. A series of meetings were held on this item.

Long Range Transportation Plan (Project Manager – Meghan Vitale):

January: The proposed LRTP-related tasks were presented to Planning Committee as part of the draft 2018-2019 UPWP.

December: Staff are further refining ideas for upcoming UPWP projects that would provide useful information and analysis for the next LRTP update process.

November: Staff are considering potential projects for the upcoming UPWP that would be precursors to the next LRTP update.

October: Staff continue to monitor federal guidance regarding performance management. Staff have also started considering a likely schedule for updating our 2050 LRTP (next update is due September 2020).

Rail/Truck and Transit Planning (Project Manager – Mario Colone):

January: The draft Coordinated Plan was presented at the January 19 Planning Committee meeting. Additionally, staff participated in various webinars and the NYSAMPO Freight and Transit Working Group conference calls.

December: Work continued on updating the area’s Coordinated Plan. The 2018/2019 Coordinated Plan will be presented at the next SMTC Planning and Policy Committees. Regarding rail/truck activities, staff responded to 2 requests for information; 1) a 2017 MPO freight program assessment for FHWA and 2) comments on a draft NYSDOT Freight Technology White Paper.

November: Section 5310 evaluations were submitted to NYSDOT Main Office as part of their 2017 Section 5310 solicitation. Additionally, the transportation services survey was “opened” for community partner participation (i.e., human service organizations, providers of public transportation). Survey responses will help inform recommendations in the Coordinated Plan currently under development.

October: Efforts continued on the development of the 2017/2018 Coordinated Plan, particularly the creation on an online transportation services survey. The survey will be distributed to the agency’s Coordinated Plan contact list (approximately 100 individual contacts) in early November. Staff and other member agency personnel provided assistance in the review of Section 5310 applications.

Traffic Safety (Project Manager – Mike Alexander):

January: In conjunction with the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) Safety Working Group, the SMTC drafted a proposal to the directors that an approach to edit and broadcast a bicycle safety education campaign statewide. The SMTC also helped prepare guidelines for PSAP project application reviews.

December: The SMTC is working with the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) Safety Working Group to help develop guidelines for PSAP project application reviews. The SMTC continues to coordinate with NYSAMPO to determine the feasibility of conducting a statewide bicycle safety education campaign.

November: The SMTC presented to the National Center for Rural Road Safety on November 15, about the SMTC bicycle safety PSAs. The SMTC continues to coordinate with AAA, the League of American Bicyclists, and the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) (through the safety working group and the bike-ped working group) to determine the feasibility of conducting a statewide bicycle safety education campaign.

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ROW Data Collection and Inventory (Project Manager – Mike Alexander):

January: Staff continue to summarize the right-of-way findings for towns and villages within Onondaga County. This process is ongoing for all municipalities within the Metropolitan Planning Area.

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October: Staff continue to summarize the right-of-way findings for towns and villages within Onondaga County. This process is ongoing for all municipalities within the Metropolitan Planning Area until the inventory is complete.

Syracuse Metropolitan Area Regional Transit Study Phase 1 (Project Manager – Mario Colone):

January: Earlier in the month, the draft SMART 1 report was provided to the SAC members for their review/comment. The project was presented at the January 19 Planning Committee meeting.

December: SMTC and consultant staff continued developing the draft final report for the SMART 1 enhanced transit feasibility study. The consultant will send reports i.e., (draft and final) and all associated study materials by the end of December. The report will be presented at the upcoming Planning and Policy Committee meetings.

November: On November 2, the third and final public meeting for the SMART 1 project was held at the SKY Armory in Downtown Syracuse. Approximately 50 people attended the “open house” style meeting. All display boards, along with a copy of the presentation, are available for viewing on the project’s website. A meeting summary is underway. Lastly, the consultant is creating the draft final report, which will be completed in December.

October: The month of October consisted of continued preparation work for the 3rd and final SMART 1 public meeting. A meeting presentation was created as were numerous display boards. Additionally, the consultant continued their efforts on drafting components of the SMART 1 report.

Erie Boulevard East Pedestrian Accommodation Corridor Study (Project Manager – Danielle Krol):

January: The SAC met in early January to review the Draft Final Report (DFR) for the project, focusing discussion on the assessment/issues and recommendations chapters. The DFR was presented to the SMTC Planning Committee on January 19, where the committee recommended that the SMTC Policy Committee acknowledge completion of the project at their February 16 meeting. The document is currently on the SMTC website for a public review period that will run through January 31, 2018.

December: The SAC for this project will meet on January 5, to review the entire draft document for the project, focusing on the issues and recommendations portion of the document. A public review period will follow, giving the public the opportunity to comment on the draft final report. Staff plans to present the draft final report to the SMTC Planning Committee in mid-January.

November: Staff continues to work on development of recommendations after discussing likely future changes to Erie Boulevard East (because of the Empire State Trail) with NYSDOT. Staff plans to wrap up the draft document by year’s end/early January 2018.

October: Staff is currently focusing on developing pedestrian accommodation recommendations for the area between Bridge Street and East Genesee Street along Erie Boulevard East. Recommendations for the area between Bridge Street and Beech Street will be primarily based on the recommendations contained in the Empire State Trail/Erie Canalway Trail plans being developed by Alta Planning for NYSDOT. Staff has shared the draft traffic count information, accident analyses, and demographics from this study with NYSDOT for their use in determining future PSAP locations along Erie Boulevard East.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Outreach (Project Manager – Mike Alexander):

December: The SMTC is coordinating with the Institute for Traffic Safety Management & Research to present about the SMTC bike safety PSAs at its annual Walk-Bike Symposium in 2018. The final report is complete and no additional updates will be provided in 2018.

November: The SMTC presented to the National Center for Rural Road Safety on November 15, about the SMTC bicycle safety PSAs. The SMTC is also coordinating with the Institute for Traffic Safety Management & Research to present about the SMTC bike safety PSAs at its annual Walk-Bike Symposium in 2018. The SMTC continues to coordinate with AAA, the League of American Bicyclists, and the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) (through the safety working group and the bike-ped working group) to determine the feasibility of conducting a statewide bicycle safety education campaign.

October: The second televised five-week bicycle safety education campaign finished on October 8. The five 30-second videos are posted on the SMTC website and were posted weekly on the SMTC Facebook page. Approximately 350 commercials were broadcast during the campaign on Fox News, MSNBC, CNN, and Spectrum News. The SMTC continues to coordinate with AAA, the League of American Bicyclists,

and the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) to determine the feasibility of conducting a statewide bicycle safety education campaign using SMTC's PSAs.

Work Link (Project Manager – Aaron McKeon):

October: Project is complete. No further updates.

Camillus Bike/Ped Assessment (Project Manager – Danielle Krol):

January: Staff incorporated SAC comments received at the December 2017 SAC meeting into the document, and forwarded a Draft Final Report (DFR) to the SAC in early January. The DFR was presented to the SMTC Planning Committee on January 19, where the committee recommended that the SMTC Policy Committee acknowledge completion of the project at their February 16 meeting. The document is currently on the SMTC website for a public review period that will run through January 31, 2018.

December: The SAC met on December 7, to review the first three draft chapters of the document (introduction, existing conditions, and issues), as well a draft recommendation map. Staff is incorporating comments received from the SAC into the draft document as well as the recommendations map, and is finishing up the text for the recommendations chapter of the document.

November: A Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for this project has been scheduled for December 7. The SAC will review the draft existing conditions and issues chapter of the project document at the meeting. The draft recommendations maps will also be reviewed and discussed.

October: The draft issues chapter for this project is now complete. Staff continues to translate draft recommendations ideas into GIS and Illustrator files for the visual component of this project. The draft recommendations chapter for this project is also underway. Staff anticipates a November/December SAC meeting followed by a public comment period.

CCEO Inland Port Modeling and Analysis Technical Assistance (Project Manager – James D'Agostino):

April: This item will not be reported on until the sponsor requests activity.

Centro Rider and Non-Rider Survey (Project Manager – Meghan Vitale):

January: Staff are progressing additional analysis and drafting the final reports.

December: Staff continue to progress additional analysis for the rider and non-rider surveys.

November: SMTC staff met with Centro leadership to review the initial results of the rider and non-rider surveys. Staff are now running some additional queries on the data to create more detailed charts and maps for the final reports.

October: Summaries of both the non-rider and the rider surveys have been completed and shared with Centro. SMTC staff will meet with Centro staff in November to discuss the results.

Centro Employer Survey (Project Manager – Mario Colone):

January: No activity to report.

December: No significant activity.

November: Staff completed an in-house review of the draft summary report. The report will be presented at the forthcoming Planning and Policy Committee meetings.

October: No activity to report.

Carrier Park Mobility Plan (Project Manager – Aaron McKeon):

January: A SAC meeting was held on January 8. SAC members agreed to use a two-week public comment period as a means of getting public input on the plan.

Additionally, the SAC discussed the possibility of a targeted stakeholder meeting, focused on hotel/motel managers, to be held in early February. The two-week comment period commenced on January 16 and ended on January 31. The SMTC issued a press release notifying the public of the availability of the draft Carrier Park Mobility Plan on the SMTC's website. The project was also presented to the SMTC's Planning Committee.

December: Circulated draft Carrier Park Mobility Plan to Study Advisory Committee members and set date and time for SAC meeting.

November: Continued to prepare draft Carrier Park Mobility Plan, with an emphasis on fitting possible improvements to existing infrastructure and anticipated study area needs. Supplemented desktop research and analysis with limited fieldwork.

October: Draft plan for non-motorized access in the Carrier Circle area of DeWitt is in the process of being assembled. SMTC staff have been in touch with key stakeholders at Carrier Corporation and the Greater Syracuse Hospitality and Tourism Association. A Study Advisory Committee meeting is anticipated in late November / early December, with a public meeting to follow.

Central DeWitt Bike/Ped Mobility Plan (Project Manager – Mike Alexander):

October: All activities have concluded and no future updates will be provided.

Fayetteville Route 5 Buildout Analysis Assistance (Project Manager – Meghan Vitale):

January: Staff continue to coordinate with NYSDOT on some potential options for Route 5. Staff visited two possible locations for a public meeting and have started developing materials for this meeting, which will likely occur in early March.

December: A meeting with NYSDOT has been scheduled for January 3, to further discuss suggestions for Route 5 that were made by the SAC members. Staff are also starting work on materials for a public meeting (not yet scheduled).

November: A SAC meeting was held November 21. Staff shared additional draft chapters of the study report, and SAC comments are due December 1. Staff are now coordinating with NYSDOT to answer some questions that were raised at the SAC meeting, and aiming for a public meeting in late January.

October: The existing conditions assessment and the future traffic conditions analysis have been completed, and a draft list of issues and opportunities has been compiled. These will be shared with the SAC and discussed at an upcoming SAC meeting (date TBD).

OCDOT/City Traffic Count Program (Project Manager – Kevin Kosakowski):

January: Staff is reviewing and analyzing results of over 75 tube counts performed for the City and County.

December: Staff has been involved in coordinating review of the data collected for both programs. Both City and County counts, as previously reported, have been completed: City count segment data is in the middle of the data review process, while the County count segment data will begin review in near future.

November: After providing the consultant with a list of County segments to place tube counts upon, the consultant completed those counts in the last two weeks of October and SMTC staff is currently awaiting the results. Regarding the City tube count program, staff has been working with NYSDOT Main office to review the work completed by the consultant to date.

October: Staff has been working along with NYSDOT Main office to review the first batch of City tube counts completed to date. As for the County related counts, staff, after having recently received OCDOT's comments on draft road segments identified by staff, have taken those comments into consideration. After comprehensively reviewing the road segments staff has come up with a plan of attack

on how to proceed forward. The first year of counts based on staff's comprehensive funneled approach has just been sent to the consultant to be counted in the near future.

Local Comprehensive Plan Assistance (Project Manager – Meghan Vitale):

January: The Route 57 analysis is complete and was presented to the Planning Committee in January. This will be presented to the Policy Committee in February.

December: Synchro work for Route 57 has been completed, and staff are now finalizing the draft Tech Memo 2. A meeting will be scheduled with working group members shortly to review the analysis results.

November: Staff are finalizing the future Synchro models for the Route 57 corridor. Staff have also attended recent coordinated review meetings for projects in the Town of Cicero.

October: Work continues on the Route 57 corridor study. Future intersection volumes for two access alternatives have been developed, and staff continue to work on the Synchro models for each alternative.

Skaneateles Multi Use Corridor (Project Manager – Mike Alexander):

January: The SMTC has completed a draft report. The report is under review by the Study Advisory Committee and will be released online for a two-week comment period (likely in mid-to-late February).

December: The SMTC is coordinating with the Town of Skaneateles to determine public meeting needs and options. A public meeting will likely occur in mid-to-late January.

November: The SMTC held a Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting on November 13. The SMTC reviewed the first three chapters of the report and the intersection improvement concepts with the SAC. Options for public outreach was discussed. The SMTC is coordinating with the Town to identify meeting space options for the public engagement. Public outreach will likely occur in mid-December or in January 2018 – subject to meeting space availability.

October: The SMTC finalized draft Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting materials and has reached out to the town to determine a date for the next meeting (likely mid-November). The SMTC will review the first three chapters of the report and the improvement concepts with the SAC. We will also discuss the type of public outreach to conduct as part of this study.

Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager – Jason Deshaies):

January: Staff continues to work with RSG in regard to the transition of our Regional Model to the newest version of TransCAD. Additionally, staff is currently reviewing StreetLight Data as a source for AADT, origin-destination and speed/travel time data. Staff also continues to review and provide feedback on the NPMRDS tools being created by NYSDOT and AVAIL.

December: All road network links have been conflated to the NYS Streets centerline file. Additionally, staff has begun reviewing the TAZ boundaries and adjusting when necessary. Updated files will be sent to RSG in early January and they will begin the process of transitioning our model to the newest version of TransCAD.

November: Travel Demand Model road network conflation work is progressing and should be completed mid-December. Staff is also reviewing intersection data and TAZ boundaries and will update as necessary.

October: Staff completed a select link analysis using the regional model for the White Pines project and provided the results to the project consultant. The select link results are used to determine the regional distribution of trips to and from the site in the PM peak hour. Additionally, staff continues to conflate the model road network to the NYS Streets layer to improve the spatial accuracy.

TIP Development & Maintenance (Project Manager – Mario Colone):

January: Various amendments were discussed with the Planning Committee at their January 19 meeting.

December: Two administrative modifications occurred throughout the month. Draft resolutions were prepared for the next Planning and Policy Committee meetings. Additionally, staff provided the SMTC's FFY 2017 Annual Obligations List to FHWA.

November: Amendments and administrative modifications as necessary took place throughout the month.

October: Staff created the Federal Fiscal Year 2016/2017 "Annual Obligations List" and posted to the website. Several other TIP items were also posted such as "amendments" and "administrative modification" reports and a listing of "major projects." The latter being a federal requirement. A draft amendment for several Centro project adjustments was developed.

Miscellaneous Activities & Special Technical Assistance (Project Manager – James D'Agostino):

January: No significant activity to report.

December: Staff assisted member agencies with a variety of minor requests relating to transportation planning and economic development.

November: No Significant activity to report.

October: No significant activity to report.