

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SMART 1—Draft Final Report

Objective: To have the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the SMART 1 report.

Considerations: The enhanced transit feasibility study (SMART 1) builds upon the analysis and findings of the 2014 Syracuse Transit System Analysis (STSA) completed by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) as a component of The I-81 Challenge. The goal of the STSA was to develop a strategy to assist the Syracuse Metropolitan Area in achieving a balanced transportation system that supports economic growth, improves quality of life, and supports the vision of the communities it serves. The STSA presented a series of short-term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations detailing how the Syracuse Metropolitan Area's transit system could be structured to meet identified needs in a cost-effective manner. The analysis identified six transit improvement corridors to evaluate enhancements (i.e., Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail Transit and Commuter Rail) that could potentially meet the goals and objectives of the STSA.

The SMART 1 study analyzed two of the transit improvement corridors that had the potential to support enhanced transit service (Regional Transportation Center to Syracuse University and Eastwood to Onondaga Community College).

A copy of the document, together with the Appendices (on CD-Rom), are provided. Staff will provide a presentation on the SMART 1 study at the meeting.

Staff Recommendations: The Planning Committee recommended the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the SMART 1 study at their meeting.

Meeting Notes

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Policy Committee Meeting
February 16, 2018
Agenda Item 5F