

Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council
Unified Planning Work Program Status Report
2018-2019 Program Year
Updated on May 17, 2018



Public Participation - General (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)

May: Work has begun on the Summer issue of *DIRECTIONS*.

April: Planning Committee members were notified of the upcoming May 24 meeting. Policy Committee members were notified of the upcoming June 12 meeting. A direct mailing was sent to interested consultants regarding the new RFP for a Traffic Count Consultant.

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

May: Drafts of a performance management agreement between Centro, NYSDOT and SMTC and a TIP anticipated effects narrative were developed for the upcoming Planning (May 24) and Policy Committee (June 12) meetings.

April: Infrastructure discussions continue at various Federal levels. Relative to performance-based planning & programming requirements established in MAP-21 and continued in the FAST Act, staff has been reviewing a number of items for future agency consideration and/or adoption (i.e., performance management agreement, TIP narrative, system performance reporting).

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

May: The draft final report of the Skaneateles Multiuse Corridor Study will be presented to the Planning and Policy Committees at their upcoming meetings. The Centro Employer Survey project will be included in the committee presentation on the Centro Rider and Non-Rider Surveys.

April: Staff finalized and distributed reports approved at the February Policy Committee meeting. The Centro Employer Survey project will be presented as complete at the upcoming Planning and Policy Committee meetings. Relative to the Skaneateles Multiuse Corridor Study, at the request of the project sponsor, the SMTC provided a draft copy of the report. The project sponsor has indicated interest in advancing some of the recommendations. The SMTC prepared a draft summary presentation for the May 24 Planning Committee meeting.

UPWP Maintenance & Development (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)

May: Staff assignments are complete on the new UPWP cycle and scopes are underway.

April: Staff has begun work on several of the 2018-2019 work items. Scopes of work are being drafted and field work has begun.

Census Data Compilation &/or Analysis (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.

Data Collection Compilation &/or Analysis (Project Manager: Kevin Kosakowski)

May: Count season is underway. Staff is beginning the completion of turning movement counts for a number of different projects. Staff sent out an RFP for a Traffic Count Consultants and is awaiting response.

April: Staff has been preparing for the next round of turning movements counts to fulfill the CMP & UPWP needs. The traffic count RFP has been re-issued.

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

May: Staff is preparing GIS related work for the summer interns. This year the interns will be doing a variety of field data collection, data review and editing, and map/graphic creation. Coordination with the NYSDOT continues in regard to the status of ArcGIS Online licensing for the MPOs.

April: Analyst staff attended the NYSDOT Highway Data Workshop in Albany. The workshop highlights many of the agency's data collection efforts. Additionally, staff continues to be involved in the local NYSGIS Association user's group as well as attended the GIS/SIG conference in Rochester.

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

May: Fieldwork for the CNY RPDB's stormwater data collection project will begin in June. Staff is currently preparing for the summer interns. Staff is also working on updating the ArcGIS Online map to include all of the data collected in 2017. Staff also attended a SCSD PSLA Geospatial Technology Advisory Council meeting.

April: Staff has been assisting the City of Syracuse in an analysis of sidewalk GIS data. Also, several GIS data requests were fulfilled in April. Staff has also been working with the NYSMPO GIS working group and NYSDOT in regard to obtaining ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro licenses.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

May: The technical analysis scope of Work for the Florence Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Access study is complete. Staff is in the process of reaching out to the VanDuyn Elementary School so that we can determine the flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on school property. Field work will begin in earnest when the SMTC interns are on board (May 21). The first Cycle in the City ride for 2018 will be held on Sunday, May 20, followed by the Syracuse Pedal Party, being held in Hanover Square.

Field work has been completed for the Village of Skaneateles Sidewalk Assessment and a draft assessment document has been started. Existing conditions and documentation are near completion.

April: Staff met with the Village of Skaneateles mayor and trustee regarding the Skaneateles Sidewalk Assessment project. Field work began the week of April 23.

Staff met with the City of Syracuse in early April to review and discuss the draft technical analysis scope of work for the Florence Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Study. Staff is beginning to gather the background information for the project, including accident data and existing traffic counts. Field work is expected to begin next month. In addition, staff attended the Walk-Bike NY Symposium in Schenectady at the end of March where they attended a joint meeting of the MPO Bike/Ped and Safety Working Groups, spent time networking with other planners across the state, and participated in conference sessions relating to ADA transition plans, bike facilities, and more. Staff also met with the Cycle in the City planning group to determine the ride dates and plans for the 2018 year.

Bridge & Pavement Condition Management System (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

May: Staff has completed the Pavement Report and will present it at the upcoming Planning and Policy Committee meetings. Staff met with NYSDOT to discuss bridge data; work on the Bridge Report is underway.

April: Staff has completed the Pavement section of the report. Analysis of currently available bridge data is underway for the Bridge section. Staff is working with NYSDOT with the goal of obtaining the remaining needed bridge data.

I-81 Participation (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.

I-81 Travel Demand Modeling Project - SMTC (Project Manager: James D'Agostino & Jason Deshaies)

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.

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

May: No significant activity to report.

April: Staff attended the CenterState CEO Annual Meeting on April 19.

Long Range Transportation Plan/Performance Based Measures (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

May: Staff are updating the financial plan and the safety performance measure data within the system performance report.

April: Staff are reviewing the financial plan within the LRTP in light of the comments received in SMTC's recent Federal Certification Review, which indicated that the financial plan needs to be revised to demonstrate fiscal constraint. Staff are also reviewing the system performance report to determine what modifications will be necessary prior to the next amendment and/or update of the LRTP in order to comply with recently-adopted safety performance targets.

Rail, Truck & Transit Planning (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

May: Staff facilitated the May 15 NYSAMPO Transit Working Group conference call and also attended a freight-related webinar that focused on freight parking best practices. Additionally, on May 17, staff attended a one-day mobility innovation summit that highlighted various activities and programs that deliver expanded transportation options.

The 2018 version of the Centro System Map has been completed and was sent out for printing. This will be updated every year that Centro has changes and have a demand for more maps for their distribution.

April: On April 18, staff participated in the City of Syracuse's final open house for the South Avenue Economic Development Feasibility Study. The SMART 1 project, completed in February 2018, was highlighted and discussed with interested attendees as South Avenue is a key roadway in the SMART 1 Locally Preferred Alternative.

Traffic Safety (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)

May: The SMTC has reviewed updated video files from Spectrum and will provide final copies to the NYSAMPO Safety and Bike/Ped Working Groups to post online when final copies are available. Additionally, the SMTC will provide a final copy of the AAA 'Share the Road' video to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) to broadcast on television statewide. This is a collaborative effort between the SMTC, AAA, the League of American Bicyclists, New York Bicycling Coalition, GTSC, and NYSAMPO to broadcast on television a statewide bicycle safety education campaign.

April: The SMTC is coordinating with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) to broadcast a bicycle safety video on television statewide as early as May 2018. The video, co-branded with AAA, encourages drivers and bicyclists to share the road safely. Currently, the SMTC is coordinating video edits with Spectrum to finalize the AAA video and four other bicycle safety videos. The SMTC will post all five videos online for use/broadcasting by any interested MPO, and will provide the AAA video to GTSC for the statewide televised campaign. This is a collaborative effort between the SMTC, AAA, the League of American Bicyclists, New York Bicycling Coalition, GTSC, and NYSAMPO.

ROW Data Collection (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)

May: The SMTC developed a draft database file and GIS shapefile that identifies underutilized and abandoned right-of-way information within the Metropolitan Planning Area. The database identifies corridors (e.g., roadway, utility, railroad, etc.), bridges, tunnels, and other similar infrastructure that is abandoned or underutilized for planning-level reference purposes only.

April: The SMTC is identifying underutilized and abandoned right-of-way information within the MPA for various corridors (e.g., roadway, utility, railroad, etc.) to develop a GIS file for planning-level reference. This process will continue until the SMTC has reviewed all towns within the MPA.

Congestion Management Process 2018/2019 (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

May: Preliminary work efforts commenced, including data collection at several intersections. In-house discussions took place to determine level of effort necessary to obtain new or updated data in support of the performance measures established in the prior document.

April: Internal discussions were held regarding data collection and project schedule. A Working Group meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

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

May: The Rider and Non-Rider Survey draft reports are complete and will be presented to the SMTC Planning Committee on May 24.

April: The draft reports summarizing the rider and non-rider surveys were presented to Centro in April; Centro had no further comments. These reports will be presented at the upcoming Planning and Policy Committee meetings.

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

May: The draft final report will be presented to the SMTC Planning Committee on May 24.

April: A draft final report has been completed and distributed to the SAC members. Staff are coordinating with the SAC members to determine if a final SAC meeting is warranted. We anticipate presenting the draft final report at the upcoming Planning and Policy Committee meetings.

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

May: Staff sent out an RFP for a Traffic Count Consultant and is awaiting response.

April: Staff has been preparing next year's counts for the City and County while also continuing to work toward the conclusion of this past year's counts.

Local Comprehensive Plan Assistance (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

May: SMTC staff met with NYSDOT staff on May 10 to discuss the possibility of access management along Route 11 in the vicinity of Church Street, along with the potential need for permits and/or capacity analysis. Next steps in this analysis for the Village of North Syracuse are yet to be determined, pending feedback from the NYSDOT.

April: The SMTC held a scoping meeting on April 12 with the mayor of North Syracuse and with property owners to discuss the Church Street Municipal Lot Assessment. New information about developing a shared municipal lot with driveway access onto Church Street has come to light since the SMTC completed the Church Street Access Study in 2016. The municipal lot may result in a substantive increase of traffic onto Church Street that exceeds the 2016 study's projected increases. This assessment may analyze the impact of additional Church Street traffic on surrounding intersections. In early May, the SMTC will meet with the NYSDOT to discuss permit considerations and specific analysis needs.

Environmental Justice (Project Manager: Kevin Kosakowski)

May: Staff has been working on scoping the project and brainstorming the methodology to be taken.

April: Staff is working on scoping this project.

US 11 Corridor Study (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

May: The Scope of Work was approved by Planning Committee through mail-in responses. Staff are now planning for data collection along the corridor.

April: A scoping meeting with representatives from the Town of Cicero and the NYSDOT was held on April 5. A draft scope has been created for review by the Town and NYSDOT, and then approval by the Planning Committee.

Erie Boulevard Transit Mobility Enhancement (Project Manager: TBD)

April: Work will commence when existing capital project reaches final design.

Safety Assessment & Analysis (OCDOT & City) (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)

April: Work will commence in late spring/early summer.

RTC/Market Area Access Study (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)

April: This project is deferred until late fall/early winter.

Walton St/Armory Square Mobility Plan (Project Manager: Aaron McKeon)

May: Staff continues to develop the Scope of Work for this project and has reached out to both the City of Syracuse and to the County (Save the Rain) to discuss various project components. A scoping meeting will be held in the near future to discuss the many varied aspects of this project, which will include an examination of the pedestrian zone in Armory Square, as well as the challenges associated the drop off/pick up logistics for taxi and rideshare, and an examination of on-street parking.

April: Staff is in the process of developing a Scope of Work for this project. In addition, SMTC is reaching out to the County to learn more about an upcoming Save the Rain project planned for Walton Street.

W. Fayette Street & S. Geddes St Complete Streets Evaluation (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

May: Staff reviewed relevant City documents and began collecting data on land use and demographics in the study area. The draft Scope of Work was provided to the members of the SMTC's Planning Committee for review.

April: Met with City of Syracuse staff to discuss the projects' scopes of work and the possibility of combining the two corridors into a single project. City staff agreed that this would work. Forwarded draft scope of work to City staff for review. Began preliminary data collection.

Hazard Mitigation Technical Assistance (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

May: SMTC received an invitation from SOCPA to participate in the Steering Committee for the Onondaga County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. A first meeting is anticipated in mid-June.

April: Work will commence in late spring/early summer.

Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

May: A complete review of the model's road network is underway. Information such as number of lanes, intersection types, and turn restrictions are being updated as necessary. Additionally, staff is looking into several vendors that offer Origin-Destination information that may be useful for calibrating the regional model.

April: Staff continues to spend a significant amount of time updating the road network attribute information. Most of April was spent reviewing and updating traffic count station numbers. Traffic volume, class, and speed information will be joined to the network using these station numbers.

TIP Development & Maintenance (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

May: One amendment was approved earlier in the month via SMTC Executive Committee action. Additionally, 3 draft amendments were prepared for the June Policy Committee meeting. Lastly, a Capital Projects Committee meeting will be held May 22 to review/discuss project schedules in the current 2017/2018 Federal Fiscal Year.

April: Amendments occurred as applicable; notably to several NYSDOT capital projects to maintain fiscal constraint of the 5-year TIP. On April 13, at the NYSAMPO Directors' meeting staff provided a brief overview of the enhanced TIP database SMTC spearheaded.

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

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.