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2002-2003 Transportation Planning Activities Are Adopted for Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council's (SMTC) Policy Committee approved and adopted the 2002-2003 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) at its March 5, 2002 meeting. The UPWP incorporates into one document all transportation planning activities in the Syracuse Metropolitan Area that are to be conducted from April 1, 2002 – March 31, 2003. The document is intended to provide a mechanism for the coordination of transportation planning efforts by local, state, and regional agencies through the SMTC.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governor of the State of New York, the SMTC has the responsibility to carry out the continuous, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process for the Syracuse Metropolitan Area. The UPWP identifies the transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken in support of the goals, objectives and actions established in the 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

A sampling of tasks that the SMTC will be undertaking in the 2002-2003 program year include:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Break in Access Study – Soule Road
- Town of Clay-Industrial Park Study
- Accident Surveillance Program
- Air/Water/Rail/Truck Planning
- Environmental Justice Analysis

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- 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update
- Bridge & Pavement Condition Management System
- University Hill Comprehensive Transportation Study
- I-481 Industrial Corridor Transportation Study

“The intent of developing a comprehensive work program is to ensure that a coordinated transportation planning process occurs in the Region, which will make positive contributions towards achievement of the established 2020 goals regarding mobility, facilities, safety, the environment, economy and land use,” said SMTC Director Mary M. Rowlands.

Copies of the 2002-2003 UPWP can be viewed at ALL public libraries throughout Onondaga

County. In addition, the UPWP can be accessed by logging on to the SMTC web site [www.smtcmpo.org], or by visiting the SMTC offices during normal business hours (Mon. through Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Copies of the UPWP can also be obtained on CD-ROM, by contacting SMTC Communications/Public Information Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315) 422-5716 or wwestervelt@cnyrpdb.org

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. Its committees are 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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