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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**CARLING ROAD EXTENSION (TO SOULE ROAD/I-481)
ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS TO BE PRESENTED**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) will be holding a public meeting to present the results and analysis of the **Carling Road Extension (to Soule Road) Evaluation** – a study that has been evaluating four scenarios for a possible Carling Road Extension, connecting Carling Road to Soule Road in the vicinity of the I-481 on-ramp.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2003 @ 6:30 p.m.

WILLOW FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3900 Route 31, Liverpool, New York

(in the Town of Clay, across from Sam Dell Ford & Saturn dealerships)

The Carling Road Extension Study is being conducted to determine if a New York State Department of Transportation “break in access” is warranted to connect Carling Road to the Soule Road / I-481 on-ramp intersection. The final study documentation will serve as a guide for the Town of Clay on a recommended network configuration.

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“This study is a proactive measure by the Town and the SMTC to improve the operating conditions of the Route 31/Soule Road/I-481 on-ramp interchange not just for today, but well into the future,” said SMTC spokesperson Wayne Westervelt. “Several alternatives have been developed and analyzed to alleviate existing traffic concerns, while also planning for a 20-year horizon.”

At the January 30th meeting, the SMTC and Fisher Associates will present to the public the analysis of a “No Build” (of the Carling Road Extension) and three alternative scenarios, including operational and cost evaluations. Citizens, business representatives, and community leaders with an interest in the Route 31 / Soule Road / Carling Road / I-481 on-ramp area are encouraged to attend this meeting.

For more information about the 1/30/03 public meeting, or to learn more about the **Carling Road Extension (to Soule Road) Evaluation**, contact SMTC Communications/Public Information Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315) 422-5716.



The Willow Field Elementary School 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. 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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