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Public is Invited to Review and Comment on Area's 2003-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTTC) has begun the official **30-day public comment period** on the draft 2003-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 2003-2006 TIP is a staged three-year maintenance program of capital transportation improvement projects, together with a three-year estimate of transit capital and maintenance requirements. The TIP contains all Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration projects in the Syracuse Metropolitan Area that are expected to use Federal, State and local funds in the next three-year period. Also included is the *Conformity Analysis* that was conducted as part of the 2001-2006 TIP, which successfully determines that the SMTTC is in conformity with the applicable New York State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality in its adoption of a Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, and any pertinent amendments or updates.

The public review/comment period for the draft 2003-2006 TIP begins today, May 19, 2003. **Comments received on or before June 17, 2003, will be considered for the final 2003-2006 TIP,** to be presented to the SMTTC Policy Committee for official adoption. Those interested in reviewing the draft 2003-2006 TIP may access the document online at <http://www.smtcmpo.org/tip.asp> or by contacting the SMTTC at (315) 422-5716. The draft TIP can also be viewed at the SMTTC office, 126 N. Salina St., Suite 100, Syracuse, N.Y.

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“The proactive cooperation of the SMTC and its member agencies will continue to contribute to better transportation infrastructure and mobility in the community,” said Mary M. Rowlands, SMTC Director. “In 2006, with the accomplishments of projects in the 2003-2006 TIP, the Greater Syracuse Metropolitan Area can expect improved connectivity between modes, improved air quality and mobility, as well as improved infrastructure.”

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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 and small portions of Madison and Oswego Counties. 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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