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SMTC Seeks Input on I-481 Corridor Study; Recommendations to be Presented to Public

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) will be holding the third of three scheduled public meetings for the **I-481 Industrial Corridor Transportation Study** – a study that has been examining the transportation implications of current and anticipated office and industrial development in the I-481 Industrial Corridor study area. As part of the study, the SMTC is seeking to identify what actions can be taken to make the most efficient use of the existing transportation system's finite capacity, while carefully considering its impact on the rest of the community (i.e., residents who live and travel along the same road network).

The SMTC encourages the public's input and participation. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the following public information meeting:

April 21, 2004 @ 6:30 PM

Pine Grove Junior High School (Cafeteria)
6318 Fremont Road, E. Syracuse, N.Y.

At the April 21st meeting, the SMTC will be presenting to the public study recommendations that identify planning strategies for land use and suggested improvements to the transportation system to insure the continued efficient functioning of the transportation network. **Public input on the proposed recommendations is necessary** prior to the SMTC initiating work on the final phase of the project, which is the completion of a draft final report.

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For more information about the April 21, 2004 public meeting or to learn more about the **I-481 Industrial Corridor Transportation Study**, contact Wayne Westervelt of the SMTC at (315) 422-5716, or wwestervelt@smtcmpo.org

The Pine Grove Junior High 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 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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