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## ***SMTC Seeks Public Review and Comment on Long-Range Transportation Plan 2004 Update***

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) has officially begun a 30-day public comment period for its draft Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) **2004 Update**. A public meeting has also been scheduled as an additional opportunity for public comment on the LRTP 2004 Update for June 10, 2004 at the offices of the SMTC from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The public meeting will be held in the lower level conference room located at the SMTC offices: 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.

The LRTP is a blueprint to guide the Syracuse Metropolitan Area's transportation development over a 25-year period. Updated every three years to reflect changing conditions and new planning principles, the **LRTP 2004 Update** looks at major urban transportation planning issues such as environmental/air quality; complete access to transportation; alternative transportation modes (i.e., bicycle and pedestrian); the impact of land development on the transportation system; highway traffic congestion; and maintenance of the existing infrastructure. Also included is the **Conformity Analysis**, which successfully determined that the SMTC is in conformity with the applicable New York State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality in its adoption of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long-Range Transportation Plan, and any pertinent amendments or updates.

The public review/comment period for the draft 2004 Update will commence on May 22, 2004. **Comments received on or before June 21, 2004 will be considered for the final 2004 Update**, to be presented to the SMTC Policy Committee for adoption on June 30, 2004. For those interested in reviewing the draft LRTP 2004 Update, there is a copy of the draft LRTP 2004 Update available at the Central Branch of the Onondaga County Public Library, The Galleries of Syracuse, 447 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13202. Additionally, there is a copy of the draft LRTP 2004 Update available on the SMTC website at [www.smtcmpo.org](http://www.smtcmpo.org). All comments shall be submitted in writing to [jdagostino@smtcmpo.org](mailto:jdagostino@smtcmpo.org) or via postal mail to: James D'Agostino, SMTC, 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100 Syracuse, NY 13202.

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 (e.g., CNY Regional Transportation Authority, CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York State Department of Transportation, etc.) having interest in or responsibility for transportation planning and programming.

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