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I-481 Industrial Corridor Transportation Study Completed and Accepted by SMTC Policy Committee

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The I-481 Industrial Corridor Transportation Study, prepared by the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC), was accepted by the organization's Policy Committee on December 1, 2004. The report looked at various aspects of land use and transportation planning, as well as alternative options, recommendations and/or implementation plans for possible improvements.

The study area was bounded I-481 to the north, Fremont Road to the east, DeWitt Rail Yard to the south, and an irregular western boundary reaching as far west as Totman Road. This area was the primary focus of the study and portions of the towns of Cicero, DeWitt, and Manlius are included within the boundary.

This study examined transportation related concerns regarding potential cumulative effects of office and industrial development in the I-481 Industrial Corridor, and identified what actions could be taken to make the most efficient use of the existing transportation system's finite capacity, in order to enhance the area's economic competitiveness, in both the short and long term.

Extensive public involvement was essential to the success of the study. Communication between the Project Team and the public was ongoing in the form of a Public Involvement Plan (PIP). The PIP consisted of three major parts: establishing a Study Advisory Committee (SAC) to provide overall policy and technical guidance to the study; coordination with stakeholders in the corridor; and informing and soliciting comments/suggestions from the general public through a series of three public information meetings.

To view a copy of the aforementioned report, log onto the SMTC website at www.smtcmpo.org or call the SMTC office at 422-5716.

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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