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## *James Street "Road Diet" Study Public Meeting*

**Syracuse, N.Y.** — A public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Middle School, 1613 James Street, in Syracuse for the James Street "Road Diet" Study.

A "road diet" study investigates the feasibility of improving a roadway's safety and efficiency for walkers, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists by altering the existing number and/or width of automobile travel lanes. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- review project goals and objectives,
- review existing road and sidewalk conditions, and
- discuss the feasibility of altering travel lanes to better accommodate bicycle and bus traffic.

A work session to brainstorm your ideas for improvements will follow the initial presentations. We welcome your thoughts about how to improve James Street from Oswego Boulevard to Shotwell Park for all users.

The meeting is the initial public outreach for the James Street "Road Diet" Study, a planning effort being completed by the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) on behalf of the City of Syracuse. For additional information about the project or the public meeting, or to ensure accommodation for special needs, please contact the SMTC at (315)422-5716.

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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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