

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW/COMMENT PERIOD
AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) 2011 UPDATE**

The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) has officially begun a 30-day public comment/review period for its draft **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2011 Update**. A public meeting to address the LRTP document has been scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12, 2011**, at the offices of the SMTC from 5:00 – 7:00 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 four years to reflect changing conditions and new planning principles, the LRTP 2011 Update looks at major urban transportation planning issues such as the environment; air quality; 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 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 2011 LRTP Update commences today, June 20, 2011. **Comments received on or before July 19, 2011 will be considered for the final document**, to be presented to the SMTC Policy Committee for adoption in July 2011.

For those interested in reviewing the draft LRTP 2011 Update a copy of the document is available at the Central Branch of the Onondaga County Public Library, The Galleries of Syracuse, 447 South Salina Street, Syracuse, and the SMTC offices, 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100, Syracuse. Additionally, the document is available via the SMTC web site at www.smtcmpo.org. All LRTP comments shall be submitted in writing to dkrol@smtcmpo.org or via postal mail to: Danielle Krol, SMTC, 100 Clinton Square, 126 N. Salina Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13202.

The public comment period is open through July 19, 2011.