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I-481 Industrial Corridor Study to be Presented at Public Information Meeting

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) will be holding the kickoff public meeting for its **I-481 Industrial Corridor Transportation Study**. On behalf of the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency (SOCPA), and the Towns of Cicero, DeWitt, and Manlius, the SMTC is conducting the study to examine the transportation system in relation to existing and proposed industrial and office development along the Interstate 481 Corridor. Based on information from the Onondaga County Planning Board, there is concern that additional development of currently vacant land (that is zoned *Industrial*) may have a substantial impact on the transportation network in the area.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the following public information meeting:

JUNE 27, 2002 ~ 6:30 PM
DeWitt Town Hall, Court Room
5400 Butternut Drive, E. Syracuse, N.Y.

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At the meeting, open to the public, the SMTC and Parsons Brinckerhoff (consultant hired to conduct the Study) will formally present the **I-481 Industrial Corridor Transportation Study** to the public. Topics such as the study purpose, goals/objectives, and study area will be discussed. This meeting will also serve to inform the public of the existing conditions and data analysis performed to date.

At the meeting, the public will be invited to comment on the information presented, as well as speak out on the next phase of the study process, which will document relative transportation, mobility, and land use issues along with the 20-year build out analysis/modeling and multi-modal assessment. Citizen input obtained from this meeting will be considered throughout the remaining stages of the study, and will be factored into subsequent reports, conclusions, and/or recommendations.

For more information about the 6/27/02 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@cnyrpdb.org



The DeWitt Town Hall 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. Its committees are 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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