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Study to Evaluate a Carling Road Extension (to Soule Road/I-481) to be Presented at Kickoff Public Meeting

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) will be holding the introductory public meeting for its **Carling Road Extension (to Soule Road) Evaluation** – a study that will evaluate the potential of a Carling Road Extension, connecting Carling Road to Soule Road in the vicinity of the Interstate 481 on-ramp.

The meeting, open to the public, will include a presentation on the study's purpose, goals, objectives, study area, and possible locations of a roadway extension. **The public will be encouraged to share their thoughts & comments.** Citizens, business representatives, and community leaders with an interest in Route 31 / Soule Road / Carling Road / I-481 on-ramp area are encouraged to attend this kickoff meeting (the first of three public meetings to be held throughout the course of the study) scheduled for:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2001 @ 6:30 p.m.

WILLOW FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - cafeteria

3900 Route 31, Liverpool, New York

(in the Town of Clay, across from Sam Dell Ford & Saturn dealerships)

As Route 31 continues to experience a significant amount of commercial and industrial growth, an increasing amount of traffic is entering the Soule Road/I-481 on-ramp interchange, thereby impacting the transportation mobility of the area. This growth has led to the Town of Clay requesting that the SMTC conduct a study to determine if a Carling Road (to Soule Road) extension is justified.

In this study, the SMTC and its hired consultant will be evaluating the associated traffic impacts and land use issues, as well as the potential benefits of constructing the Carling Road extension

For more information about the September 13th public meeting, or to learn more about the **Carling Road Extension (to Soule Road) Evaluation**, contact SMTC Communications/Public Information Specialist Wayne Westervelt at (315) 422-5716.



The Willow Field Elementary School is handicapped accessible. Please advise the SMTC of specific accommodations required to facilitate your participation in this public meeting.

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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