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**CARLING ROAD EXTENSION (TO SOULE ROAD/I-481)
STUDY TO BE DISCUSSED AT PUBLIC MEETING**

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2002 @ 6:30 p.m.

WILLOW FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3900 Route 31, Liverpool, New York

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

At the meeting, **open to the public**, the SMTC and Fisher Associates will present information on the study's progress, and in particular report on the existing conditions (e.g., safety, mobility and intersection operation) of the study area. In addition, the alternatives that will be analyzed as part of this study will be

introduced at the 1/8/02 meeting. 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.

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 1/8/02 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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