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SMTC Implements 2010-2011 Winter Special Events Traffic Management Plan

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The **Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC)** has announced the implementation of the 2010-2011 Winter Special Events Traffic Management Plan. The annual Plan is in effect for all Carrier Dome special events, including Syracuse University's home basketball games.

The purpose of the Plan is to promote traffic flow and enhance air quality on streets serving the Carrier Dome and in surrounding residential neighborhoods. One of the most important goals of the Plan is to limit vehicular traffic on Adams Street and Almond Street in order to ensure smooth traffic flow. The Plan urges motorists to use alternative routes and means of travel to get to events held at the Carrier Dome ***(see attached "Special Events Routes" map – JPEG file).***

The SMTC suggests the following:

- Use routes to various parking lots in the Syracuse University area that bypass the Adams Street/Almond Street intersection.

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- Use regularly scheduled Centro bus service when traveling to the Carrier Dome. For routes and fares, call (315) 442-3400.
- Carpool.
- Travel by foot.

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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. 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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