



Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

Unified Planning Work Program Status Report

2024-2025 Program Year – 1st Half

April 2024

General Administration (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

April: The new program year kicked off. Project billing codes were established, and new project scoping has begun.

Public Participation & Website Update (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

April: Annual web site hosting was renewed and processed. A public meeting was held for the Village of Manlius that was well attended. Public notice of TIP amendments was prepared and posted.

Federal Transportation Legislation Examination & Evaluation (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

April: Two recent court decisions ruled that FHWA lacked authority to regulate Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions through the federal national performance measure for states and MPOs to measure and set targets for on-road GHG emissions. As such, states and MPOs are no longer required to submit GHG targets.

UPWP Previous Year Closeouts (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

April: The draft final report and all materials for the Dome Traffic Management and Events Operations Plan have been received from the consultant team. SMTC staff will present this study for acknowledgement at the May Planning and Policy Committee meetings. The Westside Trail Study draft final document is being forwarded to the SAC for their review this month and will be presented to the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees for acknowledgement in May 2024. The Safe Routes to School draft Guidebook is being forwarded to the SAC for their review this month and will be presented to the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees for acknowledgement in May 2024.

UPWP Maintenance & Development (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

April: The new UPWP was printed and delivered. It will be distributed at the Planning and Policy meetings in May.

2025 NYSAMPO Conference (SCI Billing) – (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

April: The 2025 contract is being reviewed for signature and down payment accordingly.

Census Data Compilation and/or Analysis (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier & Joey DiStefano)

April: Staff continue to utilize Census data for several upcoming and existing projects.

Data Collection, Compilation &/or Analysis (Project Manager: Kevin Kosakowski)

April: A new traffic count assistance consultant has been chosen and we are in the process of completing the contract process for a start date of July 2024. The consultant chosen was The Traffic Group who was the consultant prior to the current one. The Staff has begun preliminary planning for the upcoming task of completing pedestrian counts for the Downtown Committee. Staff has been researching and gathering information on the cameras/infrastructure currently out on the streets that have or could potentially have the ability to provide useful count information. Regarding the City and County count program, staff recently shared with City and County representatives our efforts made to visually display in a map form the program counts and its related date. Both the map and the internal database that helped make the map was presented. Efforts will be made in the near future to finalize elements of the map in order to send out formally to those city and county representatives for beta testing.

Geographic Information Systems - SMTC (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

April: An updated list of traffic camera locations was acquired from the NYSDOT and OCDOT. These locations will be added to the ArcGIS Online ITS interactive map in the near future. Staff attended a training session for Geotab. The Geotab online platform called Altitude allows users to query and download truck related data such as stop locations, origins and destinations, and routes traveled.

Geographic Information Systems – Member Agency Assistance (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

April: Staff continue to work closely with member agencies to improve data sharing practices.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

April: No significant activity to report.

Bridge & Pavement Condition Management System (BPCMS) (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

April: Staff have updated the City's pavement web app with data from 2023. Work on the final report is underway. Staff are preparing for pavement rating for the 2024 season.

I-81 Project Development (Project Manager: James D'Agostino, Meghan Vitale, & Mario Colone)

April: No significant activity to report.

MPO Area and Regional Planning Assistance (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)

April: Staff worked with various entities on numerous initiatives relating to the expected economic growth related to Micron development.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

April: SMTC staff continue to work on initial drafts of the Introduction and Context Setting chapters of the MTP, along with an initial set of new Transportation Atlas maps and figures. These will be reviewed with the SAC at the May 14 meeting. Staff presented to Greater Syracuse Works on April 2 and to Valley TNT on April 10. Staff are planning for a number of outreach events in May including tabling at the Regional Market, additional TNT meetings, and presentations to some high school classes.

Rail, Truck & Transit Planning (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

April: Numerous updates continued to the Freight Profile. Additionally, staff continues to be engaged in the State's Freight Plan process and are reviewing the draft truck parking technical memorandum. Staff facilitated the April 24 NYSAMPO Freight Working Group call. Coordination continued with NYSAMPO consultant staff on the Truck Route guidelines.

Traffic Safety (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

April: Staff met with the NYSAMPO consultant to discuss CLEAR training needs for MPOs and member agencies. Also, staff discussed developing a reference guide for local governments about safety projects and funding.

Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

April: A select link analysis was completed for the proposed Great Northern Mall redevelopment. A summary of the AM and PM peak hour results and various maps were prepared and provided to the NYSDOT. Additionally, staff continues to work with RSG on updating the model documentation.

County Planning Assistance (Project Manager: James D'Agostino, Meghan Vitale & Mario Colone)

April: Staff met with County Planning and discussed both their SS4A grant as well as other planning items taking priority in the coming year.

City of Syracuse On-Call Planning Support (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

April: Staff participated in the kick-off meeting for the City's Complete Streets Design Guide and Vision Zero Action Plan on April 15.

Micron Development Area Transportation System Assessment (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies & Meghan Vitale)

April: Bi-weekly project update discussions took place throughout the month. Staff received and are reviewing the draft Existing Conditions memorandum. Additionally, staff are responding to the consultant's request for receipt of various Travel Demand Model outputs.

Syracuse Sidewalk Planning Study (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

April: Staff met with Syracuse DPW to discuss the needs of the sidewalk program for this upcoming year. Interns start in May and the inventory will resume shortly.

Community Streets Program (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: SMTC staff met with the selected project sponsors to discuss adjustments to their initial designs, requirements for implementation, and next steps. Staff have begun drafting traffic control plans needed for the City's liability waiver process. Projects must also be presented to their local TNT sector meeting prior to installation later this summer.

Brewerton Trail Network Technical Analysis (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)

April: SMTC prepared a draft technical memo #1 and completed its internal review of the document. SMTC will provide a copy of the tech memo to the Town of Cicero and to the SAC for review. SMTC is now outlining content and materials for upcoming coordination meetings.

Greater Fayetteville Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Connections (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

April: A public open house was held on April 11 at the Village of Manlius Auditorium, with a brief presentation given by Creighton Manning (the consultant for the project). Approximately 40 members of the public were in attendance, and the meeting garnered a good amount of positive feedback. The presentation and boards shared during the public meeting are available on the SMTC website, with comments on the concept boards accepted through April 19. The consultant team is in the process of summarizing public comments received both during and following the meeting.

Congestion Management Process 2024 Update (Project Manager: Kevin Kosakowski & Jason Deshaies)

April: Staff has begun compiling the latest (2023) NPMRDS data that will be reviewed and analyzed for the CMP document update.

Downtown Parking Signage and Wayfinding (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: Staff have begun reviewing the project application and will schedule an initial scoping meeting at the beginning of May.

Village of Liverpool Modeling Update and Analysis (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

April: Analyst staff has begun reviewing the modeling effort that was completed for the Village in 2009. Time has also been spent brainstorming ideas for utilizing the various big data resources for this analysis that have recently become available. NPMRDS, Geotab, Replica, and other data sources may prove to be useful for this Village of Liverpool transportation analysis. A kick-off meeting has been scheduled with the Village.

North Syracuse Van Mara and Grove Street Traffic Calming and Safety Analysis (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)

April: SMTC started reviewing background information on the study proposal and related issues in preparation for a scoping meeting.

Greater Liverpool Traffic Study – Technical Analysis (Project Manager – Meghan Vitale)

April: This study has not been initiated yet.

Onondaga County Safe Streets for All Action Plan – Project Coordination (Project Manager – Mario Colone)

April: Scoping discussions started with the Onondaga County Department of Planning. Two separate scopes will be created. The first will detail specific SMTC staff assistance and coordination items, which will be approved by the SMTC Planning Committee. The second scope will detail essential tasks for inclusion in an Onondaga County Request for Proposals. Both draft scopes are scheduled for completion in May.

Safe Routes to School – Onondaga County Suburban School Districts Support (Project Manager – Danielle Krol & Joey DiStefano)

April: Staff will schedule a scoping meeting with the Onondaga County Department of Planning for this project in the May/June timeframe.

Reconnecting Communities Grant Coordination & Management Assistance (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

April: Staff held a scoping meeting with City staff on April 16 and are now working on a draft scope for SMTC's role in this effort, to be followed by a scope of work that the City will be able to include in their RFP.

West Monroe Route 49 Corridor Study (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)

April: SMTC started reviewing background information on the study proposal and related issues in preparation for a scoping meeting.

Complete Streets Planning Set-Aside – no staff billing* (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

April: The SMTC Executive Committee approved the recommendation from the Route 57 Complete Streets Study Consultant Proposals Review Team to enter into a contract with Barton & Loguidice for this study. A draft contract is in the process of being prepared, with work expected to begin in May/June 2024.

TIP Development and Maintenance (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

April: The Capital Projects Committee (CPC) met April 18 to discuss project schedules, costs, and amendment needs. Based on meeting discussion, several amendments will be brought forward to the SMTC Executive Committee in May. CPC members were also asked to provide cost and schedule updates in late May/early June as we begin thinking about the next capital program update.

Miscellaneous Activities and Special Technical Assistance (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)

April: No significant activity to report.