



## Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

### Unified Planning Work Program Status Report

#### 2024-2025 Program Year – 1st Half

#### September 2024

##### **General Administration (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)**

**September:** Preparations for October Planning Policy and Executive meetings have taken place. Several projects were wrapped up for presentation at the upcoming committee meetings.

**August:** Various committee meetings were scheduled, and several personnel matters were attended to.

**July:** Several scopes of work were approved (6). Coordination with main office NYSDOT on several issues including eSTIP, SPR funding, and SCI funding.

**June:** Six Scopes of work were completed and sent to the SMTC Planning Committee for approval. June Executive Committee was held.

**May:** Planning and Policy Meetings were organized and held in May to approve the completion of 6 SMTC Planning Studies and approve TIP amendments.

**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)**

**September:** Staff presented at FOCUS Citizens Academy on a session on planning to approximately 50 persons.

**August:** A web site update was done that included project specific web sites for select projects – both current and completed.

**July:** A website enhancement has begun to allow for several sub-web sites relevant to projects.

**June:** Public outreach related to the MTP/LRTP continued at various locations and the associated survey was completed by many attendees.

**May:** Various public outreach related to the MTP/LRTP occurred including attending various meetings, the Regional Market and planning for future venues such as the Downtown Farmers Market.

**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)**

**September:** No significant activity to report.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** No significant activity to report.

**June:** No significant activity to report.

**May:** No significant activity to report.

**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)**

**June:** All carryover projects not itemized separately have been completed. At this time, *further updates will not be made.*

**May:** The Westside Trail Study and Safe Routes to School Guidebook were acknowledged as complete by the SMTC Policy Committee on May 22, 2024. Staff is preparing the final documents for hardcopy reproduction, and both final documents will be placed on the SMTC website within the next week. The Dome Traffic Management and Events Strategic Plan was acknowledged as complete by the SMTC Policy Committee on May 22. This study is now complete, and all documents have been posted to the Publications section of the SMTC website. All materials for the Financing Local Mobility project were presented to the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees and were acknowledged as complete. Materials have been publicly shared on the SMTC website and will be on social media.

**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)**

**September:** A UPWP Amendment was created for the Executive Committee due to an adjustment downward of annual planning funds of approximately \$55,000.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** No significant activity to report.

**June:** Six scopes of work were sent to the SMTC Planning Committee.

**May:** Various projects continued being scoped for the new program year.

**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)**

**September:** Initial conference planning has begun, and a conference planning committee established.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** Contract was signed, and planning has begun.

**June:** Contract was revised, and invoice requested.

**May:** No significant activity to report.

**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)**

**September:** Staff continue to monitor Census news for additional information regarding data releases. Census data is used extensively in staff projects.

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**June:** Staff continue to work closely with Census data on several projects and anticipate continuing to do so as new projects get underway. Staff continue to monitor the AASHTO Census Transportation Solutions website for updates to the CTPP data, which is anticipated by late 2024.

**May:** Staff continue to utilize and prepare Census data for several new projects on the UPWP, including the agency's Transportation Atlas.

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

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

**September:** Staff fulfilled a traffic count inquiry and has provided the consultant with a number of counts to assist with UPWP projects. Staff also continues the processing and analysis of the dozens of downtown pedestrian counts completed in the summer.

**August:** Staff has been working to process the downtown pedestrian counts completed and will record and analyze the data in a summary spreadsheet to provide to the Downtown Committee. Staff have also provided information for some internal traffic count data inquiries to assist in projects.

**July:** : Continuing collection and compilation of pedestrian movement counts downtown. Staff analyzing the capabilities of County and State's Miovision camera technology to assist in obtaining traffic count data for current and future use.

**June:** Staff has fulfilled internal inquiries on traffic count information for upcoming UPWP projects. Downtown Pedestrian counts are ongoing. The current consultant will be coming to the end of their contract with us at the end of June. Beginning new contract with new consultant in July.

**May:** Finalizing the contract with the consultant. Making adjustment and finishing touches on the city/county count program online map. Consultant completed a number of evening counts for the Downtown Committee project. Gearing up and planning for the summer day counts. Working on traffic count analysis for internal projects and fulfilled an external inquiry. Trying to pin down the number of cameras in the MPA capable of gathering traffic data. Collaborating with those who own them.

**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)**

**September:** A summary of the available Miovision intersection data for 2023 has been prepared regarding average and peak conditions across various combinations of days and months. This information is helpful to understand when it is most appropriate to conduct manual turning movement counts in our area. Staff is now looking at the more granular 15-minute data for a single intersection to determine how we can use this data to understand trends and to inform our planning studies.

**August:** Analyst staff worked with Miovision to obtain data for a full year (2023) of turning movement count data for all the intersections in the MPA. The data is being analyzed to identify the average and peak periods of daily entering vehicles across various combination of months, days, and 15-minute periods. The results of this analysis will be documented and used when identifying appropriate times to conduct manual turning movement counts.

**July:** Summer interns are wrapping up several data collection and GIS efforts this month. The most current Replica data from their 2023 model is being downloaded and added to the SMTC GIS server. Additionally, staff is working with NYSDOT regarding ESRI licenses that are provided to the MPOs. The details of this license sharing agreement are being worked out and should be finalized in the next few months.

**June:** Staff attended a NYSAMPO GIS Working Group meeting. The main agenda item was a discussion of MPO ESRI licensing needs and what licensing is available from the NYSDOT. Summer interns continue to update a number of our geographic datasets including sidewalks (in villages, road signs, and intersections).

**May:** Staff continue to learn about the Geotab Altitude tools and data that recently became available for MPO use. The truck and fleet telematics data will be useful for the Freight Profile Update and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Summer interns have begun work on collecting sidewalk data and when in the office will be working on several GIS tasks including updating the SMTC Work Products Portfolio and online maps with projects that have been finalized over the past year.

**April:** An updated list of traffic camera locations was acquired from 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)**

**September:** SMTC staff are working with City of Syracuse DPW staff on a series of City data requests. SMTC staff are updating SMTC datasets based on feedback from City of Syracuse staff.

**August:** SMTC interns updated a few GIS datasets for the City of Syracuse using the City's Cyclomedia Street Smart imagery. SMTC staff are reviewing these datasets and will send them along to the City for their use.

**July:** Staff participated in the interview process for the CNYRPDB's Stormwater Mapping project.

**June:** Staff continue to work closely with member agencies to provide a series of GIS datasets for use in their projects and studies. Staff assisted in the review of proposals for the CNYRPDB's Stormwater Mapping project.

**May:** Staff are completing a series of data requests for member agencies.

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

### **Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)**

**September:** No significant activity to report.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** No significant activity to report.

**June:** SMTC will take a summer hiatus from the FOAT, with meetings starting up again in fall 2024. Staff participated in the quarterly NYSMPO Bike/Ped Working Group meeting on June 13 we received updates from NYSDOT, FHWA and partner agencies that relate to active transportation. There will be a Walk, Bike and Roll NY Symposium held Sept 16-18 in Binghamton where the MPO Bike/Ped WG plans to meet in person.

**May:** Staff is assessing whether to hold a June FOAT meeting. Should a summer FOAT meeting not take place, the FOAT will reconvene in the fall.

**April:** No significant activity to report.

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

**September:** The draft BPCMS report is complete and will be presented to the Planning and Policy Committees next month. SMTC pavement rating continues and is anticipated to be completed in October.

**August:** Staff continue work on the BPCMS report. SMTC pavement rating continues.

**July:** Staff received the necessary pavement data from NYSDOT and are currently processing for inclusion in the final report. SMTC pavement rating is underway.

**June:** Staff continue to work closely with NYSDOT to receive pavement data. Work continues on the final report, and pavement data collection by SMTC staff will begin in earnest shortly.

**May:** Staff are coordinating with the NYSDOT to receive payment data collected by the state. Work on the final report continues. Staff will begin this year's rating early next month.

**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)**

**September:** Staff processed amendments relating to the Federal Reconnecting Communities Grant that was awarded to the City and NYSDOT.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** No significant activity to report.

**June:** No significant activity to report.

**May:** No significant activity to report.

**April:** No significant activity to report.

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

**September:** On September 6, SMTC staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Oswego County Transportation Advisory Committee. SMTC staff participated in the Manlius Informed Speaker Series at the Manlius Library on September 10 and spoke about the MTP and the Greater Fayetteville Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Connections.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** Staff participated in member agency activities relevant to the SMTC.

**June:** No significant activity to report.

**May:** No significant activity to report.

**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)**

**September:** The MTP survey closed on September 16. Staff did a final email and social media push in early September, ending with a final tally of 353 survey responses. Staff are now summarizing all of the responses. Work has also continued on the Transportation Atlas with additional layouts to be ready for SAC review at the October 2 meeting. Staff have also been compiling various data layers to facilitate a "needs assessment" discussion at the upcoming SAC meeting.

**August:** Public engagement continued, with SMTC staff tabling at the Downtown Farmers market on August 6 and the Syracuse Mets game on August 22. More than 250 people have responded to the survey. We are planning for the survey to close on September 13. Staff are continuing to progress the Transportation Atlas, focusing on the Infrastructure section. Work is also continuing on the Needs Assessment and the future projects/financial analysis, aiming to review these items with the SAC at the upcoming (October 2) meeting.

**July:** A SAC meeting was held on July 17. An updated draft of Chapter 2 (Context Setting) incorporating comments from the previous meeting, an initial draft of Chapter 3 (Goals & Objectives), and Demographics and Mobility Atlas layouts were shared with the SAC. Staff also discussed various elements of the Needs Assessment including employment cluster locations and accessibility, and Justice 40 and transportation insecurity analysis. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for October 2, Public outreach in July included tabling at the Downtown Farmers Market and presentation/discussion with two groups at the Q Center (youth and young adults). The survey has reached over 160 respondents.

**June:** Public outreach in June included Southside TNT on June 3, tabling at the Downtown Farmers Market on June 11, Moving People Transportation Coalition meeting on June 19, and the Oswego County Transportation Forum on June 24. Staff have begun reviewing and analyzing survey results, although the survey will remain open through at least the end of August. Work is continuing on the Transportation Atlas demographics and mobility sections. Staff have drafted Chapter 3 (goals & objectives) of the MTP document and begun compiling data for the Needs Assessment. Next SAC meeting is July 17 at 1:00 p.m.

**May:** A SAC meeting was held on May 14 and drafts of Chapters 1 (introduction) and 2 (Context Setting) were shared with the SAC members, along with a few initial draft layouts for the Transportation Atlas update. Staff will continue to progress additional Atlas layouts along with Chapter 3 (Goals & Objectives) and begin on the future conditions analysis for the next SAC meeting, which is scheduled for July 17 at 1:00 p.m. Public outreach continues. During May, SMTC staff presented to two senior classes at Onondaga Central High School, a luncheon at the Cicero Senior Center, Eastside TNT, Westside TNT, Henniger High School, and the Syracuse Urbanism Club. Staff also “tabled” at the Regional Market on May 18.

**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)**

**September:** Continued updates to the draft Freight Profile, including a preliminary look into the latest available commodity flow dataset. Coordination with Main Office NYSDOT continued as well on a list of import and export businesses in the central New York region. Staff participated in the quarterly NYSAMPO Transit Working Group meeting and continued working with consultants on the truck route whitepaper. Although not an SMTC product, the New York State Freight Plan was approved by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation at USDOT. The State’s plan will be a useful reference document for MPO freight planning activities.

**August:** Coordinated with Main Office NYSDOT on list of import and export businesses in the central New York region. Continued updates to the draft Freight Profile, including examination into the latest available commodity flow dataset. Staff participated in the quarterly NYSAMPO Freight Working Group meeting and continued working with consultants on the truck route whitepaper. For freight planning purposes and the SMTC’s MTP and transportation atlas, staff met with NYSDOT Region 3’s rail coordinator. Insights were provided for number of movements by rail line and work to date at various at-grade rail crossings in the area.

**July:** Various graphic refinements were made, and additional research continued into supply chain and technological improvements for the draft Freight Profile. Staff participated in the final NYS Freight Plan advisory group meeting. The statewide freight plan is anticipated for approval in August.

**June:** Staff facilitated the quarterly NYSAMPO Transit Working Group conference call. At the request of NYSDOT Region 3, staff are reviewing a few datasets to forecast future truck volumes throughout the planning area. Staff are also reviewing a draft of the New York State Freight Plan and coordinating the development of a NYSAMPO truck route resource.

**May:** Work continued on disparate data analysis, mapping, and document updates for the Freight Profile. Staff are reviewing an online proprietary web application for use in the profile and broader transportation planning applications. Additionally, staff participated in the latest NYS Freight Plan advisory group meeting and scheduled the next NYSAMPO Transit Working Group meeting.

**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)**

**September:** Due to AMPO and other staff meeting conflicts, the September Safety Working Group Meeting was postponed until October. Staff will help develop a SWG meeting agenda. Staff help form a subcommittee to develop a HSIP summary document for municipalities.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** Staff met with the consultant team to develop an agenda for the July 24 Safety Working Group meeting. Staff will continue to facilitate the SWG calls with NYSAMPO. Staff will continue to work with the consultant team to form a subcommittee to develop a HSIP summary document for municipalities.

**June:** Staff continue to coordinate with NYSAMPO project consultants on the development of a Safety Project Development and Funding Resource reference guide for local officials. Staff continue to coordinate efforts with SWG members to ensure SWG representation at various safety group sessions.

**May:** Staff met with the NYSDOT and NYSAMPO consultant to discuss a local call for Rwd projects and VRU projects. Staff continue to coordinate with the state on opportunities to collaborate on ways to identify eligible projects. Staff facilitated the SWG call on Wednesday, May 22. Staff are also coordinating the development of a Safety Project Development and Funding Resource reference guide for local officials.

**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)**

**September:** Several coordination calls have been made with RSG to review all the necessary edits and updates that are needed to finalize the model documentation. Analyst staff is now focusing on an update to the regional model that will be used to inform the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Various recently announced land use and transportation projects of regional significance will be included in this model update.

**August:** Staff reviewed the draft model documentation provided by RSG and provided comments. RSG is currently addressing the comments and will provide a final model documentation in the near future. Next month, staff will work with RSG to perform additional updates to the model to incorporate new future transportation and land use projects that will be included in the model that will be used for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.

**July:** NYSDOT requested SMTC's assistance regarding future truck traffic estimates considering the proposed Micron development and its regional impacts. Analyst staff used the current travel demand model to compare existing truck trips and vehicles miles traveled (VMT) to the future model outputs to calculate the percentage change. The results of this analysis were provided to NYSDOT.

**June:** NYSDOT requested SMTC's assistance regarding the traffic analysis for the proposed Great Northern Mall redevelopment. Staff used the regional model to provide traffic volume changes for 2 different traffic mitigation scenarios. Additionally, a select link analysis was completed for the Great Northern Mall TAZ as well as the Micron TAZ to determine trip distribution from the sites.

**May:** Staff worked with RSG to complete the Model Conflation Documentation. This document summarized the methodology used to conflate the I-81 Model with the SMTC Model and provides details on how the updated model was validated. Additionally, in early June, RSG will be providing a draft of the updated Full Model Documentation which provides details on how the model and its inputs were developed, any changes since the previous version of the model, and how the model was calibrated and validated.

**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)**

**September:** No significant activity to report.

**August:** Staff is awaiting information/requests from County Planning.

**July:** No significant activity to report.

**June:** No significant activity to report.

**May:** Assistance to the County on various requests continued.

**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)**

**September:** SMTC staff participated in the Thriving Communities Program (TCP) Network Communities monthly coordination call on September 11 and the TCP “office hours” on September 25. Staff continue to provide assistance as needed, as the TCP team develops the work plan for this effort.

**August:** SMTC is helping to publicize the Vision Zero interactive map. Also, staff participated in a conference call with the City and the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance program staff on August 12.

**July:** A Vision Zero Action Plan advisory group meeting is scheduled for July 30.

**June:** Staff participated in the Study Advisory Group meeting for the City’s Vision Zero Action Plan on June 6.

**May:** Staff have responded to a number of data requests for the City’s Vision Zero consultant team, as well as requests from CNY Fair Housing on behalf of the City and the County for their Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing report.

**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: Mario Colone & Meghan Vitale)**

**September:** The next SAC meeting is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Clay. Draft visualizations and presentation slides for the upcoming meeting are under development by the consultant team.

**August:** Types and quantities of visualizations were talked about with the consultant team. In the latest task, up to 20 visuals will be created for the 3 transit service options: enhanced transit, Bus Rapid Transit, and Light Rail Transit. Visuals will depict on-corridor infrastructure needs along with representative housing and employment building densities that would be essential in supporting the transit options. Additionally, the consultant team provided a draft memorandum for review that describes the transit service options and current land-use and zoning conditions along the Route 31 corridor. The next SAC meeting and possible Focus Group discussions are likely to occur in October.

**July:** Consultant coordination occurred throughout the month. The next SAC meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks for a likely early October date and additional Focus Group meetings will be scheduled as well in August, pending availability. Consultants will soon begin sketching out preliminary project related visualizations. As scoped, over 40 visualizations are anticipated.

**June:** A SAC meeting was held on June 18 to discuss project related updates and the 5 public transportation options for review/consideration (on-demand transit, enhanced bus, BRT, streetcar, and LRT). Additionally, Focus Group meetings were held with Town of Clay reps (June 18), Town of Cicero reps (June 19), Micron (June 28). Two other Focus Group meetings with a combined Lysander, Baldwinsville, and Van Buren and, the owner/developer of the Great Northern Mall may occur in July.

**May:** Comments on the draft Existing Conditions memo were provided to the consultant. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> as are potential Focus Group meetings with municipal representatives. Staff are attempting to confirm Focus Group meeting interest and participation.

**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)**

**September:** Staff have completed a draft technical memorandum which provides an overview of the sidewalk data collection effort and suggested next steps. That memo will be presented to the Planning and Policy Committees next month.



**August:** Staff have met with City of Syracuse DPW staff to discuss next steps regarding the data. SMTC staff are developing a white paper documenting the data collection process.

**July:** SMTC interns have completed the sidewalk inventory. SMTC staff will now work with the City of Syracuse on next steps regarding the data.

**June:** SMTC interns have been collecting sidewalk data and are making excellent progress towards the inventory. Interns have inventoried over 100 miles of sidewalk so far this data collection season.

**May:** SMTC interns began work this month and the 2024 inventory is underway.

**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)**

**September:** The Ed Smith PTO project has been postponed until spring 2025 due to ongoing utility work within the project area. SMTC staff have drafted a summary of the pilot year that will be presented to the Planning and Policy Committees in October. Staff met with Hopeprint and Alchemical Nursery representatives to debrief, discussing how the program worked for them, where issues arose, and how things can be improved for future program years. Staff met with City of Syracuse staff and Adapt CNY volunteers to discuss the pilot year and potential changes to future program years.

**August:** The final day of planned activity at the Hopeprint Community Streets project location was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Ed Smith PTO project remains on hold as National Grid continues with utility work within the Eastside neighborhood. SMTC staff have provided the project sponsor with potential installation date opportunities, including pushing the project until May 2025. SMTC staff have begun writing a summary memorandum on the pilot year, including highlighting potential changes to future program years. The memo will be presented to the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees in the fall.

**July:** Two of the three Community Streets projects were installed in July, including Hopeprint (Northside) and Alchemical Nursery (Westside). SMTC staff continue to coordinate with City staff and Adapt CNY volunteers. The third and final project, sponsored by Ed Smith PTO, is tentatively scheduled for installation in early August.

**June:** All project sponsors have submitted the City's liability waiver and tentatively plan to install projects in July. Adapt CNY is coordinating with project sponsors on material purchases. SMTC staff continue to coordinate with City staff as project liability waivers are reviewed.

**May:** Two project sponsors presented their designs at their respective TNT sector meetings. Questions and comments were positive. SMTC staff have developed temporary traffic control plans for the projects and will schedule meetings to go over them in detail with project sponsors. Adapt CNY has coordinated with County Health on the purchase of some program-wide materials, including cones and hi-vis vests. Other program wide materials will be purchased in the coming weeks. SMTC staff are assisting sponsors with the City's liability waiver process. Projects are on track to be installed beginning in July.

**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)**

**September:** Staff prepared draft technical memorandum #2 (TM2) as well as a summary presentation. On Wednesday, September 11, SMTC presented the draft document to the Study Advisory Committee (SAC) at its second (and final) SAC meeting. TM2 identifies a bike/pedestrian network for Brewerton and provides detailed recommendations for facility treatments throughout the network. Overall, SMTC received very positive feedback regarding the content of TM2. SMTC is incorporating final comments and is preparing a presentation for the Planning and Policy Committee.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** Staff are working on several concept plans and recommendation maps. Staff are drafting tech memo #2, which will include all recommendations. Staff coordinated with the Town about SAC meeting dates. A SAC meeting will occur in late August or September.

**June:** Staff conducted field visits to confirm recommendation ideas. Staff continue to develop base maps and outline technical memo materials.

**May:** Staff collected comments on draft technical memo #1 from the study advisory committee. SMTC continues to outline content and materials for upcoming coordination meetings.

**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)**

**September:** On September 10, staff presented the planning study at a Manlius Informed speaker series event. The draft final report is being prepared by the consultant team and will be provided in the coming weeks for SMTC staff review and comment. Once staff have had the opportunity to review, the draft will be shared with the SAC.

**August:** The final public open house was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> in the Village of Manlius. The consultant team is wrapping up a meeting summary, which will become part of the project's documentation. With the community engagement tasks complete, the project team will work toward providing a draft final report in September for internal review. The last SAC meeting may be scheduled in September or early October to review the entirety of the planning study and seek final input.

**July:** The second and final public meeting has been scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> with the primary purpose of presenting draft recommendations. Staff started publicizing the open house via hard copy flyer distribution, SAC and stakeholder emails, and the SMTC website and social media.

**June:** The SAC met on June 12 at the Village of Minoa offices to review feedback received from the April public meeting and discuss draft recommendations. SMTC staff is in the process of scheduling the second and final public meeting for the project for late July/early August. The meeting will be run as an open house to review the draft final recommendations for the project.

**May:** Comments received through the public meeting have been summarized. The consultant is in the process of updating recommendations based on public feedback. The SAC will meet in early June to review draft recommendations, and a public meeting is anticipated for late July/early August to share draft final recommendations with the public.

**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)**

**September:** Project Staff has met and discussed the NPMRDS data process/methodology to date which will lead to further analysis, summation and eventual inclusion into the report. Staff made significant progress on updating the GIS files to include all the various road attributes necessary for the analysis. These attributes identify which road segments are part of the CMP network, the National Highway System (NHS), the freight network, and the transit network. Additionally, all road segments included in the CMP network have been coded with a rank for each of the performance measures being used to

identify congested areas. Each of the top ranked road segments for each of the performance measures will be vetted in the upcoming weeks.

**August:** Staff has been continuously brainstorming what additional content could be studied and how and whether the information could be summarized and displayed differently from the previous report. Draft lists of the top congested road segments based on various performance measures have been compiled. Staff are currently reviewing the lists and are vetting the locations for reasonableness and any discrepancies that may be contributing to inaccurate performance measure calculations for each segment.

**July:** Staff moving project along by continuing to update previous report with the latest data and information being provided by both internal and external sources. Analyst staff is reviewing the NPMRDS data and preparing it for the identified CMP network in GIS. In the upcoming weeks, staff will identify the top congested locations in the MPA based on the various performance measures.

**June:** Work towards updating the document with the latest information continues. Recent information has been received by Centro to help in updating portions of the previous document that spoke to transit elements such as on time performance and boardings and alighting's. Information on bike and pedestrian elements within the identified CMP network was analyzed in house and has been updated.

**May:** Staff has reviewed the previous plan and begun updating it where it can be. Meeting internally to discuss possible ways to update and improve the document. Referencing examples such as Albany's CMP to garner potential new ideas. Getting refamiliarized with the methodology and the programs (i.e. NPMRDS) utilized to analyze the congestion.

**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)**

**September:** SMTC staff reviewed federal, state and local signage regulations, both regarding wayfinding signage within the public right-of-way and signage on private properties. Staff conducted a thorough review of previous wayfinding recommendations from 2014 focused around Downtown Syracuse destinations, identifying changes that may be warranted as a result of the I-81 viaduct project. Downtown Committee provided data from their constituent surveys for staff review. Based on these reviews, staff have begun working on potential signage designs that fit within existing regulations, as well as identifying locations that may benefit from a parking specific wayfinding sign.

**August:** The kick-off SAC meeting was held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. SAC members reviewed initial data collection efforts by SMTC staff, identified some of the key concerns related to adding signage within the public right-of-way, and discussed next steps. SMTC staff provided meeting minutes for review and have begun further research into topics discussed at the meeting, including a more specific review of existing signage regulations and research into potential zoning language that would require future parking facilities utilize standardized public parking signage. Staff continue to update information on existing parking facilities within the study area.

**July:** The scope of work was approved by the Planning Committee on July 17<sup>th</sup>. SMTC staff continue to work on preliminary mapping and data gathering efforts, including reviewing relevant plans, projects, and developments. SMTC interns have documented existing signage at key intersections throughout Downtown Syracuse. A kickoff SAC meeting will be planned for early August.

**June:** A draft scope of work has been developed and will be sent to Planning Committee members at the beginning of July. SMTC staff have begun preliminary mapping efforts of existing parking facilities and signage around Downtown Syracuse. SMTC interns have updated the database of on-street parking signage.

**May:** SMTC staff met with Downtown Committee representatives for a short scoping meeting. A draft scope of work has been sent to the Downtown Committee for their review, with notes due back in early June. A final scope of work will be presented to the Planning Committee in June.

**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)**

**September:** Staff continues to collect and document existing conditions data for the study area. An update will be provided to the SAC in the next few weeks.

**August:** The first Study Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Liverpool Village Hall. The scope was reviewed, a study area was established, and draft preliminary model runs were discussed. Staff is currently reviewing meeting notes and drafting a list of transportation and land use scenarios to be reviewed and approved by the SAC. Additionally, staff began compiling existing conditions data to be included in the technical memorandum.

**July:** All comments on the draft scope were addressed. The draft scope was presented to the Planning Committee and approved on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff are looking into dates for the first SAC meeting to discuss the final scope of work, identify the study area, and potential transportation and land use alternatives to model.

**June:** A draft scope has been written and provided to the Study Advisory Committee for comment. This scope is similar to the modeling effort that was completed in 2009 but with the addition of a more thorough existing conditions analysis using newly available data sources such as Replica, Geotab, and Miovision.

**May:** A brief meeting was held with the Village to discuss the preliminary details of the scope of work. Staff have begun reaching out to various agencies to ask for their participation in the Study Advisory Committee for this project. The goal for this project is to have the scope finalized by the end of June so work can begin soon after.

**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)**

**September:** SMTC is collecting existing condition data. Staff are documenting all street signs and restrictions throughout the study area. Staff are also preparing a summary crash assessment. Staff will continue to summarize conditions throughout the corridor. Staff will also be in contact with the Village's engineer, (CHA Companies) to coordinate on design elements for their TAP award.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** Staff coordinated with the Village mayor to get information from their consultants and to coordinate on the draft scope. The draft scope was submitted to the Planning Committee for review and approval. Staff continue to summarize existing conditions.

**June:** Staff conducted two site visits to conduct general observations of cut-through traffic. Staff also met with the Village Mayor, Village Police Chief, and a local resident to discuss scoping items. Staff followed up with the Onondaga County Department of Transportation on other scoping-related items that may impact a county-owned roadway. Staff drafted a scope and disseminated it for comment to the Village and OCDOT. The county indicated they had no comments on the scope.

**May:** SMTC continues to review background information on the study proposal and related issues in preparation for a scoping meeting. The village has been unavailable for a scoping meeting, so staff continue to coordinate to set up a scoping session.

**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)**

**September:** Staff compiled available pre-and post-COVID AADT and intersection turning movement count data and calculated growth rates, and shared this information in a table, map, and charts with OCDOT staff late August. Additional turning movement counts were conducted by the SMTC's consultant in mid-September. SMTC staff are continuing to progress the Synchro model.

**August:** Staff have analyzed traffic count data available from Miovision cameras throughout the region and have compiled available data for intersections within the Greater Liverpool study area. Staff have also started to create a Synchro model for the study area.

**July:** Scope of Work has been approved. Staff have had multiple calls with County DOT and Miovision about the use of the traffic count data from the Miovision cameras. Staff are currently compiling available data for the study area.

**June:** Scope of work has been written and reviewed by OCDOT and will be sent to Planning Committee for approval.

**May:** Staff have begun outlining tasks for a scope of work and gathering available data.

**April:** This study has not been initiated yet.

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

**September:** No activity to report.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** No activity to report.

**June:** Outreach with the county Planning Department occurred. Staff assistance in furtherance of the County's RFP will continue.

**May:** The SMTC Planning Committee approved the SMTC staff assistance scope at their May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. A draft scope of services for inclusion in the County's RFP was also created and provided to the County Planning Department for their review and comment.

**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)**

**September:** Staff has conducted initial crash research involving youth and active transportation. Staff met with County Planning to discuss outreach to the Baldwinsville School District. Initial outreach to potential case study schools have been conducted.

**August:** The kickoff SAC meeting was held with all SAC member agencies represented (OCDOT, County Planning, County Health). Meeting minutes were distributed back to attendees. SMTC staff are beginning initial outreach to potential case study schools.

**July:** The draft scope has been approved by Planning Committee members. Initial mapping of existing conditions and enrollment data in County school districts is currently underway. A draft Public Involvement Plan is being created for an anticipated kickoff meeting. Additionally, initial analyses have been conducted to inform the case study school selection process.

**June:** Staff met with Onondaga County Department of Planning (OCDOP) on June 3 to discuss the scoping options for this project. Staff has been developing a draft scope this month and will work with OCDOP to make any necessary changes prior to sending the scope to the SMTC Planning Committee for approval.

**May:** Staff has been researching/reviewing demographics and mapping of the school districts in Onondaga County (with the exception of the Syracuse Central School District, which was examined in the SRTS study just completed by SMTC). SMTC will meet with the Onondaga County Department of Planning on May 30 to begin scoping this project.

**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)**

**September:** The City's RFP was published on September 5. Questions are due by September 27, and RFPs are due October 16. SMTC staff will participate in the Q&A and proposal review process as requested by the City.

**August:** We are awaiting publication of the City's RFP for this project. We anticipate that staff will be involved in answering questions about the RFP and reviewing proposals that are received.

**July:** The City has drafted an RFP and staff are reviewing.

**June:** SMTC drafted a scope of services for the City's RFP.

**May:** The Scope of Work for SMTC staff assistance was approved by the Planning Committee at their May 9 meeting. Following that, SMTC staff met with City staff to discuss Task 1, which is the consultant scope of services for the RFP. SMTC staff have started outlining the potential consultant tasks.

**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)**

**September:** SMTC is reaching out to community representatives with the Town of West Monroe and the Village of Central Square. SMTC is also pulling together summaries for a crash assessment, demographics, transit use, traffic volumes, speeding, and other existing conditions. SMTC completed its review of the Northshore Council of Governments Economic Develop Study to inform the SMTC planning process.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** Staff conducted a site visit to become familiar with the corridor. Staff are summarizing multiple traffic count/volume maps. Staff completed the draft scope and submitted it to the Planning committee for review and approval. Staff are developing intersection drawings for signalized intersections. Staff are reviewing the economic development study prepared for the Route 49 corridor.

**June:** SMTC staff pulled turning movement and traffic count information and is in the process of summarizing findings. Staff conducted a site visit by driving the corridor. Staff are outlining a draft scope for distribution to the project sponsor and the NYS DOT for review and comment.

**May:** SMTC continue to review background information on the study proposal. The study area crosses three municipalities and SMTC is researching issues unique to each area as the road and land use patterns change significantly from area to area. SMTC is coordinating with stakeholders from Oswego. SMTC anticipates a scoping meeting in late June.

**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)**

**September:** The consultant team is working on the existing conditions component of the project. Additionally, they provided a website mock-up for staff review. The site, which will be used throughout the entirety of the complete streets planning study, may publicly launch in early October.

**August:** Several transportation relevant datasets and geographic files were provided to the consultant team as the existing conditions task is underway. A discussion may occur soon on the development of a project-related website.

**July:** The project's kick-off meeting was held on June 26. SMTC was asked to review our numerous transportation-related datasets and provide data, as available, for existing conditions documentation. A walk audit within the study corridor may occur in August/September.

**June:** Staff held a brief team meeting on June 4 with Barton & Loguidice to initiate the start of the project. The kick-off SAC meeting is being held on June 26 where the SAC will discuss the project goals, scope, timeline and public participation plan.

**May:** The consultant contract for the Route 57 Complete Streets Study has been fully executed. Staff is in the process of scheduling a project kick-off meeting with Barton & Loguidice for the first week in June.

**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)**

**September:** Various amendments and administrative modifications occurred throughout the month. Additionally, in preparation for upcoming Executive, Planning, and Policy Committee meetings in October, several actions for committee approvals were identified. Public notification items and draft amendments were prepared. Project cost, schedule, and type reports were drawn from the SMTC's TIP database in support of MTP financial plan development.

**August:** The CPC met at the end of the month to discuss FFY 23/24 obligations and any remaining schedule modifications before the fiscal year closeout. A request for programming of currently available FFY 24/25 surplus funds to Centro was included on the agenda. The outcomes of the meeting will be included in next month's update. Several draft amendments were prepared for Executive and Planning/Policy Committee action.

**July:** In July, Governor Hochul announced awards through the state's BridgeNY program. In the SMTC area, four bridges, one each owned by Onondaga County, City of Syracuse, Village of Fayetteville, and the Village of Skaneateles were selected. Also, two culverts (City of Syracuse, Town of Salina) were selected as well. The bridge awards will be programmed with federal transportation dollars and as such, will need to be added to the TIP/STIP. Culvert awards are funded with 100% state funds. Additionally, after a several week eSTIP program outage, staff have gained access/entry back into the online platform following a new NYS Office of ITS procedure.

**June:** Various adjustments to the capital program took place throughout the month. Two TIP amendments were approved at the June 14 Policy Committee meeting: addition of new I-81/Pardee Road interchange in Cicero and a cost increase to I-81 Viaduct Project Contract IV (PIN 350193, I-690 over Crouse and Lodi). The Capital Projects Committee met on June 20 to discuss FFY 23/24 project costs and schedules. All schedules are advancing as programmed and funds should be obligated within the FFY. Also, Governor Hochul announced awards from the latest TAP/CMAQ statewide solicitation. Three projects were awarded TAP funds in the SMTC planning area; one to the Village of Solvay and two to the City of Syracuse, while on CMAQ project was awarded to Centro. These new federally funded projects will be added to the TIP/STIP in the future.

**May:** A special CPC meeting was held May 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss various requests for FFY 23/24 NHPP surplus funds. As an outcome of that meeting, two NYSDOT TIP amendments will be advanced at June's Executive Committee meeting. Other future TIP actions identified in May were 1) an increase to NYSDOT's I-81 contract 4 and 2) the construction of a new Pardee Road and I-81 interchange in Cicero. These items will be moved through the appropriate SMTC committee in June.

**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)**

**September:** Library and storage room acquisitions were purged and sorted. Staff met with various neighborhood groups to discuss various concerns.

**August:** No significant activity to report.

**July:** No significant activity to report.

**June:** Various activities in support of member agency initiatives occurred.

**May:** No significant activity to report.

**April:** No significant activity to report.