



Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

Unified Planning Work Program Status Report

2024-2025 Program Year – 2nd Half

January 2025

General Administration (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

January: A draft UPWP has been created and is out for public comment. A February Planning and Policy meeting are scheduled for the end of the month and a Legal Notice is published for the meetings and documents.

December: Updates to website and newsletters were completed. Planning for the end of the fiscal year has begun.

November: Staff have begun planning for the new UPWP cycle 2025-2026 and are awaiting budgetary constraints. It is anticipated that a call letter will be issued for new planning studies.

October: A Unified Planning Work Program Amendment was processed for the agency operating budget at approximately \$60,000 to offset a differential in the programmed amount versus actual amount of funding available. This information as draft at time of adoption and estimates were overly optimistic.

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

January: A FOAT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 and public comment on the draft UPWP is out for review.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: Planning for the next FOAT meeting is underway. The website has been updated to include a sub web for the Route 57 Complete Street Study.

October: A hardcopy multipage newsletter was printed and mailed out highlighting many recent accomplishments of the agency. A copy of it is here: <https://smtcmpo.org/all-publications/newsletter/>.

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

January: Staff is reviewing materials as they’re released related to federal transportation programs (i.e., capital and planning) to track changes/priorities from one administration to another.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: SMTC is in receipt of updated safety targets and adjusted 4-yr NHS pavement targets established by Main Office NYSDOT.

October: No significant activity to report.

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.*

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

January: Fifteen proposals for the next UPWP cycle were received. A draft UPWP has been created and is out for public comment.

December: The new UPWP cycle is underway in terms of planning. Existing carryover projects are being determined as well as room and funding for new efforts.

November: Staff have begun planning for the new UPWP cycle 2025-2026 and are awaiting budgetary constraints. Existing projects are being examined for their carryover components to the new UPWP cycle.

October: Initial planning for the next year's program are being made including brainstorming appropriate new studies given the current growth climate of the region.

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

January: No significant activity to report.

December: Room reservations for those held to the NYS per diem were resolved.

November: No significant activity to report.

October: A conference planning group has been created and initial planning has begun on this effort.

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

January: Staff continue to monitor Census news for information related to CTPP data. Staff continue to use Census data across a variety of studies and analyses.

December: New American Community Survey five-year estimates were released this month. Staff will incorporate this data in future studies. Staff continue to monitor Census news, especially in regard to CTPP data.

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

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

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

January: Incorporated the recently completed pedestrian and turning movement counts into the internal database for record keeping. No other significant activity to report.

December: No significant activity to report. No traffic counting this month has occurred, but data gathered has been and continues to be made available to those inquiring both internally and externally.

November: Staff have created and provided Main Office NYSDOT with the next list of counts to be counted for Year 9 of the program.

October: Finished up the Downtown Pedestrian Movement Count project and provided the data gathered to the Downtown Committee. Working on further iterations of the online city/county count program map for eventual beta testing.

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

January: The NYSAMPO GIS Working Group Work Plan for 2025-26 was reviewed and commented on by analyst staff. The working group holds several meetings throughout the year for MPO staff in NY to discuss GIS related datasets and projects.

December: Proposed developments in the SMTC MPA are tracked by staff as they are released in the news. The location and various details about the project are then digitized in a geodatabase. Tracking this development is useful for many of our planning studies as well as for updating the future socioeconomic data in our travel demand model. Additionally, NYSDOT's agreement with Geotab (which includes access for MPOs) ends on December 31st. Staff used the Geotab tools to gather various heavy vehicle movements and stop locations in the MPA prior to losing access to the platform.

November: Analyst staff attended a NYSAMPO GIS Working Group meeting which included several presentations from MPO staff as well as an update from NYSDOT regarding their roadway inventory GIS services. Additionally, NYSDOT finished updating the FHWA adjusted urban area GIS file and is downloadable on the NYS GIS Clearinghouse.

October: Staff continues to maintain and update various GIS datasets that are being used for several ongoing projects. Additionally, several staff attended a webinar hosted by NYSDOT that introduced a new Mobility Viewer web mapping application. The Mobility Viewer features spatial and quantitative analysis capabilities, allowing users to delve into mobility demand data and model traveler needs.

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

January: Staff continue work on an update to Centro’s system map. An update to the Onondaga County Highway Map is at the printer and will be complete soon. Staff continue to work closely with the City of Syracuse on various GIS issues.

December: Staff continue work on an update to Centro’s system map. Staff are also coordinating with Onondaga County on an update to their highway map. Staff are providing data to the City of Syracuse related to their upcoming GHGI & Climate Action Plan

November: Staff are working on an update of Centro’s system map to reflect changes that have occurred since 2019. Staff are also coordinating with the City of Syracuse on GIS data needs.

October: Staff are continuing to work with the City of Syracuse on a number of data requests, and to promote the City’s Open Data Day. Staff have begun meeting with Centro to discuss an update to their System Map.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

January: A January 30, 2025, FOAT (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) has been scheduled. Anne Savage, Executive Director of the New York Bicycling Coalition, is our main speaker. She will provide a statewide perspective on bicycle and pedestrian safety efforts, highlighting what other Upstate New York communities are working on, and what we may be able to learn from them.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: No significant activity to report.

October: No significant activity to report.

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

January: Staff will complete this year’s Pavement Prioritization Program by the month’s end and deliver to the City. Work continues on this year’s Bridge and Pavement Condition Management system report.

December: Work on this year’s Pavement Prioritization Program for the City of Syracuse is underway.

November: The Policy Committee acknowledged the 2023-2024 BPCMS as complete. Pavement rating is complete for 2024. Staff will shortly obtain bridge ratings to begin analysis for the 2024-2025 report.

October: Staff presented the draft final BPCMS report to the SMTC’s Planning and Policy Committees. Pavement rating continues for next year’s report.

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

January: No significant activity to report.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: No significant activity to report.

October: No significant activity to report.

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

January: Staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Oswego County Transportation Advisory Committee on January 10.

December: Staff assisted the CNYRPDB with some items relating to Hannibal.

November: Staff attended the Smart Growth CNY Summit hosted by the Syracuse Urbanism Collective on November 15. Session topics included transportation and regional development patterns.

October: No significant activity to report.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

January: A SAC meeting was held on January 14 and staff presented additional Atlas layouts, and initial draft of the financial plan, and the draft Chapter 4 (Needs Assessment). Staff continue to have conversations with member agencies regarding future project costs and revenues and will update the financial plan accordingly. Comments on the materials from the SAC meeting were requested by the end of the month. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 1:00 p.m.

December: A SAC meeting is scheduled for January 14 at 1:00 p.m. Four additional Atlas layouts are nearly ready for SAC review and will be made available at the meeting. Staff met in small groups with Centro, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, and NYSDOT staff to discuss potential future projects to include in the MTP and revenue projections. We are compiling this information for review at the next SAC meeting. Staff have also drafted text for the “Needs Assessment” chapter of the MTP using the data analysis presented at the previous (October) SAC meeting.

November: Staff continue to create additional Transportation Atlas layouts, focusing on safety, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and land use and environment. SMTC recently received updated performance measures from NYSDOT, so will be working to finalize the MTP’s System Performance Report. Work also continues on the financial component of the plan, with staff compiling a list of projects from the previous LRTP update that have been completed, which are currently in progress, and those that have not been initiated. Staff are in communication with the appropriate member agencies to review those project lists and coordinating this work with the upcoming TIP update. Staff have also begun considering revenue forecasting options.

October: A Study Advisory Committee meeting was held on October 2. In addition to reviewing the next set of layouts, the meeting included a work session to review a variety of datasets relevant to the Needs Assessment, including the results of the public survey which closed in mid-September. The SAC identified some needs by travel mode and by geography, specifically the need for more localized sidewalk and bicycle networks to connect to existing regional systems and the need for more transit service for longer and commuting trips. Staff are now reviewing future project lists from the 2020 LRTP and the current TIP and will be reaching out to individual member agencies to review that information and draft the financial plan for this MTP update. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for January 14.

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

January: Draft work plans were created for the NYSAMPO Freight and Transit Working Groups for inclusion in NYSAMPO’s 2025-2026 Work Plan. In support of the NYSAMPO 2025 Conference, discussions were held with prospective presenters to gauge their interest in presenting freight and transit relevant work efforts.

December: Staff facilitated the quarterly NYSAMPO Transit Working Group meeting. A presentation was given by Centro highlighting items the transit authority is working on such as the on-demand program in Rome, Bus Rapid Transit development in Syracuse, and new transit service in Cortland County. Staff also summarized 2021 TranSearch commodity data for the Freight Profile and Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

November: Staff attended an informational meeting in Syracuse hosted by the Port of New York & New Jersey. Useful contacts were made with freight industry professionals. Regarding the Freight Profile update, staff facilitated/attended a NYSAMPO Freight Working Group virtual meeting where NYSDOT presented an overview of a new online freight interface. Following the virtual meeting, staff will make use of the new tool for commodity relevant data for inclusion in the Freight Profile and Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Additionally, staff in collaboration with the NYSAMPO staff liaison discussed and assembled the next quarterly agenda for the NYSAMPO Transit Working Group.

October: Main Office NYSDOT provided an online freight interface to staff for review. The online tool was developed by a consultant to more easily access Transearch commodity flow data. Staff will soon query the tonnage and value information for inclusion in our work-in-progress Freight Profile.

Traffic Safety (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

January: SMTC staff ran an agenda meeting in advance of the Safety Working Group meeting. Staff facilitated the first SWG meeting on 1/22. Staff also coordinated efforts to update the annual SWG work plan. Staff helped kick-off the first sub-committee meeting that will focus on developing a safety funding resource guide. Staff are partnering with NYSDOT-MO safety staff as well as Cornell Local Roads to prepare the draft guide.

December: SMTC staff helped coordinate the submission of a safety panel session at the May 2025 NYSAMPO conference to be held in Syracuse. Staff continue to attend ongoing safety-related webinars.

November: SMTC facilitated the November 20th Safety Working Group meeting on behalf of the NYS Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Staff have been attending various safety-related webinars.

October: SMTC staff have been attending walk/bike safety webinars. SMTC will help prepare for the next SWG call on November 20.

Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

January: The regional model has been updated based on member agency comments on future transportation projects. This version of the model will be used for any modeling task related to the MTP update. The updated 2020 base year and 2050 future year models have been run successfully, and outputs are currently being reviewed. Additionally, staff have reviewed and provided comments on the 2025-26 NYSAMPO Modeling Working Group Work Plan, which describes the goal of the group for the upcoming year.

December: Staff fulfilled various model-related data requests from member agencies including summaries of projected household and employment changes as well as maps showing volume to capacity ratios. Additionally, staff have been in coordination with member agencies regarding any updates to anticipated future network projects to include in the MTP modeling that will be completed early next year.

November: Regional model output files for the various Micron and Great Northern Mall redevelopment scenarios were provided to NYSDOT to be used for completing air and noise quality assessments for their Environmental Impact Statement. Additionally, staff attended a NYSAMPO Modeling Working Group meeting which included a presentation from AVAIL regarding the digital Freight Atlas they developed for NYSDOT.

October: RSG delivered the final version of the updated base models for 2020 and 2050, as well as several scenario models for the Micron and Great Northern Mall redevelopment projects. The package also included an updated version of the full model documentation that documents how the model was created and details about each component of the 4-step model. Future model improvements include adding new transportation projects that will be included in the MTP as well as enhanced transit and truck model components.

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

January: Staff will be creating a presentation for the upcoming County Planning Symposium in March.

December: Staff responded to a County Planning request to compile some information about grants available to municipalities for transportation planning and projects. Staff provided an initial list to the County, and will work on creating a more detailed table of pertinent information as time allows. Staff have also agreed to present a session at the annual Onondaga County Planning symposium and will be working on presentation slides for that.

November: No significant activity to report.

October: No significant activity to report.

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

January: Staff participated in two meetings and reviewed draft "actions" for the City's Vision Zero Action Plan.

December: Staff participated in the monthly “community of practice” virtual meeting for the Thriving Communities Program and are waiting for further direction on this task.

November: Staff provided feedback to the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Program on the draft scope of work that grant-funded effort. The consultant team submitted the final draft to FHWA in mid-November.

October: SMTC staff traveled to Washington, D.C., along with staff from the City and CenterState CEO to participate in a “convening” of communities that are participating in the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance grant program. Staff continue to work with the other Thriving Communities partners to finalize the Work Plan for this multi-year program.

Micron Development Area Transportation System Assessment (Project Manager: Mario Colone & Meghan Vitale)

January: The planning study is on hold until April 2025.

December: The planning study is on hold until April 2025.

November: On November 15, staff facilitated the third SAC project meeting. Suggested dwelling unit and employee density figures were discussed/presented for the 3 transit services under consideration (e.g., enhanced bus, Bus Rapid Transit, and Light Rail Transit). Example station area renderings were highlighted. Following the SAC meeting, the transit planning study is paused until April 1, 2025, for budgetary reasons.

October: The October 8th SAC meeting was cancelled. The third SAC meeting is now scheduled for November 15th as a virtual meeting. The meeting will focus on housing typologies, draft site plans, concepts, and example station area renderings depicting representative densities application to various transit options at and along the Route 31 corridor.

Syracuse Sidewalk Planning Study (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

January: No significant activities to report.

December: No significant activities to report.

November: No significant activities to report.

October: Staff presented a technical memorandum to the Planning and Policy Committee in October. Staff will coordinate with the City of Syracuse staff to determine the future of the data collected. This project is considered complete at this time and no further updates will be provided.

Community Streets Program (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

January: Staff responded to questions from potential project sponsors helping to clarify placement criteria and potential material requests. SMTC staff coordinated with City staff as needed. The application window closed on January 15th. Staff are coordinating with City staff and Adapt CNY volunteers to organize a review session of the submitted applications.

December: Staff continue to promote the Community Streets application window via social media. The December edition of the SMTC e-newsletter highlighted the Community Streets program and continued to promote applications by January 15, 2025.

November: SMTC staff updated the Community Streets website with materials for the 2025 program year, including a revamped guidebook and additional information for each step of the process. The application window officially opened on November 15th and will remain open until January 15th. Notification efforts will be coordinated among the SMTC, Adapt CNY, and the City of Syracuse.

October: SMTC staff continue to coordinate with City staff and Adapt CNY volunteers on adjustments to the program in preparation for a second program year. Project sponsors from the pilot year presented their experiences with the program at the October Forum on Active Transportation (FOAT).

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

December: Final technical memos on SMTC's website. *No further updates will be provided.*

November: SMTC posted both technical memos on its website. *No further updates will be provided.*

October: SMTC presented the draft technical memos to the Planning Committee on October 1st and to the Policy Committee on October 29th. The technical memos will be available for review on SMTC's website.

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

January: Staff are preparing the Draft Final Report and presentation for Planning and Policy Committee review.

December: The consultant provided their draft final report. The document will be brought forward to the next Planning and Policy Committee meetings for the acknowledgement of completion.

November: The initial draft report and appendices were provided to the SAC for review and comment. SMTC asked that all comments be provided by November 22. Should SAC comments be provided, the consultant will revise the draft document prior to submitting their final materials for contract closeout.

October: Consultant provided a draft document for in-house review. Once SMTC comments/edits are accounted for, the draft will be sent to the Study Advisory Committee for their review and comment. The expectation is to have a draft final report available for SMTC committee acknowledgment by December.

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

January: Staff are in the middle of reviewing and preparing the NPMRDS information gathered and will be incorporating into draft document. Summary tables highlighting the Top 10 locations with the highest values for four performance measures have been compiled. Staff have begun creating maps for the report that will highlight the identified congested segments. Crash information on identified CMP segments has also been gathered, reviewed, and is being incorporated as well. Updates to the draft document continued.

December: Staff have worked to finalize the retrieval and analysis of the NPMRDS data, which is used to help identify the congestion locations in the MPA. Additional details such as road owner and traffic flow direction were added to the database for each of the identified segments. Significant progress was made on the crash analysis for the top locations identified as congested and the draft of the crash analysis is currently being reviewed. Next step is to combine information gathered to date and work toward a draft document.

November: Analyst staff has been reviewing the NPMRDS information to determine the top road segments for the performance measures of interest and is in the process of compiling those lists so that further analysis and write ups can occur within the draft report. Meanwhile, staff have been gathering crash information for those top road segments as well, which will be summarized in the final document.

October: Analyst staff has been working to process and analyze the NPMRDS data for the identified CMP network for further discussion in the eventual document. The road segments with the top 10 highest values for each of the congestion performance measures have been reviewed and finalized. This CMP will include separate lists for access highways and other non-limited access roadways since these facilities function very differently. Staff is currently formatting each of the lists to include various identifying attributes and maps are being created to show the locations of the most congested areas.

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

January: Staff completed a draft report and reviewed internally. The draft report was sent to SAC members for review. The report will be presented at the next Planning and Policy Committee meetings in February.

December: Based on conversations with SAC members, staff continue to pull together the draft report. Photo simulations demonstrating how the preferred sign designs would look in their intended environments are underway. A complete draft report will be provided to SAC members for review in January 2025.

November: Staff developed several design options for signage outside of publicly available parking facilities and identified potential sign locations for the focus facilities, as identified by the Downtown Committee. Staff reviewed recommendations for the 2014 Syracuse Wayfinding Study along with the I-81 project designs to identify where changes to the wayfinding recommendations may be required, including additional signs along newly extended roadways. The second SAC meeting was held on November 14th to discuss the initial recommendations. Staff will continue to finalize recommendations with an anticipated draft document early in 2025.

October: Based on conversations with the City Zoning Administration, staff have drafted potential signage designs near focus facilities. Staff continue to identify preferred locations for signage that does not create visual clutter and is easily identifiable for drivers. Staff have begun evaluating potential sites to expand bicycle parking within Downtown Syracuse.

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

January: The list of anticipated future road network projects to include in the future year base model has been finalized, and the model has been updated accordingly. The scenario modeling for this project will begin in February.

December: The Study Advisory Committee was contacted and provided a project update. Scenario modeling will begin early next year. Staff continued to make progress on the existing conditions data collection this month. Various truck movement datasets were queried from Geotab and are currently being analyzed.

November: Scenario modeling for this analysis is currently on hold as we collect more information from member agencies regarding future roadway projects in the Liverpool area. Staff continues to compile existing conditions information such as turning movement data, truck movements, and historical change in AADT.

October: Miovision turning movement data has been downloaded for intersections in and around the Village of Liverpool. This information as well as information from the Synchro model being created for the Greater Liverpool Traffic Study will be included in the existing conditions report for this study. The regional model version that will be used for this study has been finalized, scenario modeling will begin next month.

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

January: SMTC updated the preferred concept plan based on SAC comments. The draft concept identifies opportunities to improve the intersection at South Bay Road, Maxwell Avenue, Grove Street, and Van Mara Drive. SMTC is adding new information to the draft technical memo. Staff are preparing materials for a public meeting – date TBD. The public meeting will occur as part of a Village Board meeting agenda item.

December: SMTC held its first SAC meeting on December 11. SMTC presented initial findings and engaged in a substantive discussion with all meeting attendees. Staff also reviewed two draft concept plans for the intersection South Bay Road, Maxwell Avenue, Grove Street, and Van Mara Drive. SAC members indicated a preference for a third hybrid scenario that blends elements of the two scenarios presented. Staff will update a third scenario and will prepare draft options for further consideration.

November: SMTC scheduled the first SAC meeting for Wednesday, December 11. Staff continues to coordinate with member agencies and village representatives. Staff are also preparing draft meeting materials. A draft of Technical Memo #1 is complete.

October: SMTC continues to document existing conditions and draft preliminary concept plans for internal review. SMTC spoke with the CHA Companies, the consultant team for the Village of North Syracuse, to discuss status updates on SMTC's planning efforts and CHA's design work for the Village TAP grant. SMTC will provide CHA with preliminary concepts to guide their design plans. SMTC will also set up the first SAC meeting soon to review the existing conditions and concept plans with the Village, County, CHA, and NYS DOT.

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

January: Staff are reviewing capacity analysis results and finalizing a draft tech memo.

December: Staff continue to refine the Synchro model. A draft tech memo is in progress.

November: Staff have compiled current and historical heavy vehicle data for the study area and are continuing to work on the Synchro model.

October: SMTC and OCDOT staff met in early October to review the historical data analysis, which generally shows a decrease in traffic volumes in the study area over time. OCDOT staff shared previous Synchro models, and SMTC staff are compiling all of this data into one complete new model. Staff will focus on creating coordination plans for two corridors in the study area and will also add some additional historical data for truck traffic in the study area.

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

January: Staff reviewed and provided comments on the County's draft RFP.

December: No activity to report.

November: No activity to report.

October: No activity to report.

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

January: Staff conducted a Safe Routes to School workshop with the Chestnut Hill PTO and building principals to identify project interest and further investigate issues and opportunities with active transportation to the school building. Surveys are being drafted to distribute to parents and students.

December: Staff have connected with Chestnut Hill School community in Liverpool and have been preparing to host a workshop with the school PTO in early January. Further outreach and engagement with the school community is being developed.

November: Staff met with Liverpool schools and are planning a comprehensive examination process that will best suit the school in question.

October: SMTC staff has begun conversations with potential case study schools to further assess feasibility. The best methods of public engagement are being identified. The report is being drafted as project progresses.

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

January: A kickoff meeting was held with the consultant team on January 8, and the first of a set of recurring biweekly coordination calls was held on January 22. The City is working with the consultant

team to finalize the contract. The consultant team is beginning to create the public engagement plan. Staff and consultants also participated in a meeting of the I-81 Community Grid Cooperative on January 23 to inform that group about this study and collect some initial feedback.

December: A kickoff meeting is scheduled with the consultant team on January 8.

November: The City received five proposals in response to the Reconnecting Communities planning grant RFP. SMTC staff participated in the proposal review and the consultant interviews.

October: SMTC staff helped craft responses to some of the questions received by the City on their RFP. Responses to the City's RFP were due October 16. SMTC staff expect to assist with review of those proposals.

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

January: SMTC prepared meeting notes from its first SAC meeting. New information was presented at the SAC meeting, which could impact future development potential along the Route 49 corridor. Staff are currently preparing a series of pointed questions for various stakeholders. Staff will use this information to help with developing a future growth scenario to run through the Synchro model.

December: SMTC held its first SAC meeting on Friday, December 6. The meeting was well attended by various town, village, county, and state officials. SMTC presented initial findings and engaged in a substantive discussion with all meeting attendees. Staff prepared a meeting summary. Currently, staff are identifying a series of stakeholder questions to better understand some of the information that was shared by committee members. This information will help prepare future traffic volume estimates to help plan for corridor improvements.

November: SMTC created a study advisory committee and coordinated with members to set the first meeting for Friday, December 6. Staff continue to develop existing conditions materials and meeting materials.

October: SMTC is working with Oswego County to reach out to local town and village officials to inform them about the study and seek their engagement on the study advisory committee. SMTC continues to draft existing conditions summaries. SMTC is working to set up a study advisory committee meeting soon.

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

January: Consultants continued to develop preliminary concepts. Staff discussed the need to potentially adjust the contract schedule with the consultant. More information will be provided in subsequent updates.

December: The consultant is working on finalizing the public meeting summary and drafting various document components. The next SAC meeting will likely be held in early February to discuss preliminary improvement ideas.

November: On November 19, the staff/consultant team held the complete streets study first public meeting. A formal introductory presentation was given followed by review/discussion at several stations. Public input received at the meeting, in addition to an online interactive map and electronic survey responses, will be reviewed, documented, and taken into consideration as preliminary opportunities are identified throughout the study corridor.

October: Staff, in collaboration with the consultant team, have scheduled the first public meeting for November 19th. The consultant is currently preparing materials (presentation and boards) for the public meeting. Additionally, a project website, which includes an interactive map and public survey was launched in late October. The survey will remain open through November.

TIP Development and Maintenance (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

January: On January 22, the Capital Projects Committee met to continue discussion on 2026-2030 carryover projects and fiscal constraint. Further meetings will take place in the coming months to create a fiscally constrained capital program, as required.

December: The Capital Projects Committee met on December 18th to begin initial discussions on options, based on provided cost and schedule updates, to modify the draft 2026-2030 TIP. The next meeting may occur in January. Additionally, numerous amendments for the current 2023-2027 were approved at the Executive Committee's December meeting.

November: Various adjustments were made to the TIP throughout the month. For transparency purposes, the Annual List of Obligations and Annual Federal Fiscal Year Report are posted to the SMTC's website. As part of the recently initiated TIP/STIP update, existing project sponsors provided cost/schedule updates to numerous projects that will carry over to the next 5-yr capital program. Staff continue reviewing the updates to determine what, if any, solicitation for new projects may occur.

October: Numerous amendments were approved this month through the SMTC Planning and Policy Committee meetings. At the end of the prior Federal Fiscal Year (2023-2024), all funding programmed on the TIP was obligated. SMTC staff and the Capital Projects Committee initiated the next TIP update at the end of the month. Project sponsors were asked to submit cost and schedule updates for numerous projects that will carry over to the new TIP. Staff will review these carryover projects to ascertain what funding may be available to solicit new projects. A call for projects should be released in the November/December timeframe, as funding allows.

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

January: No significant activity to report.

December: No significant activity to report.

November: No significant activity to report.

October: No significant activity to report.