



**Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council**  
**Unified Planning Work Program Status Report**  
**2025-2026 Program Year – 1st Half**  
**August 2025**

**General Administration (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)**

**August:** Planning Policy and Executive Committee meetings were scheduled for September. Three additional scopes of work were approved.

**July:** Scopes of work were created and mailed out to the Planning Committee for 6 new UPWP studies. All were approved.

**June:** Committee meetings were scheduled and held for adopting the new TIP and several SMT studies. An e-newsletter was developed.

**May:** The new program year was kicked off. Project assignments were made and preliminary efforts at project scopes have begun. Additionally, the SMT hosted the NYSAMPO conference at the downtown Marriott in May. The event was a success.

**April:** Final printing of the 2025-2026 UPWP document was completed and delivered.

**Public Participation and Outreach (and Website) (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)**

**August:** Public comment on the MTP/LRTP continued and the next newsletter is being planned.

**July:** Public meetings were scheduled and held for the MTP/LRTP. One in person and two virtual.

**June:** A virtual FOAT meeting was held on June 4, 2025.

**May:** The next virtual FOAT meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m., where attendees will hear about the City’s Vision Zero/Complete Streets Plan and have an opportunity to provide feedback on Veo services. The TIP was put out for required public comment and comments are coming in.

**April:** Public notice and/or meetings for the upcoming TIP are being planned. Web site renewal and maintenance occurred.

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

**August:** The current surface transportation authorization is set to expire on September 30, 2026. Discussions at the Federal Executive and Legislative branches have started in preparation for the next transportation bill reauthorization.

**July:** No significant updates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**June:** The Greater Liverpool Traffic Study tech memo, Congestion Management Process 2025 Update, and the North Syracuse – Grove, Van Mara Traffic Calming & Safety Analysis were acknowledged as complete by the Policy Committee in June.

**May:** Efforts to wrap up the remaining projects are progressing. All should be wrapped up by the end of June.

**April:** : Work towards wrapping up several projects from the last UPWP cycle occurred.

#### **UPWP Maintenance & Development (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)**

**August:** Three additional scopes of work were approved by the SMTC Planning Committee.

**July:** Six scopes were created and approved by the Planning Committee. Two scopes remain in progress.

**June:** Scope of work creation continues on all new projects.

**May:** New project managers are engaging in their new studies and work is progressing.

**April:** Staffing assignments and scoping have begun on the new 2025-2026 UPWP.

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

**June:** *This is now closed out and no further updates will be given.*

**May:** The conference was held in downtown Syracuse with approximately 280 registrants. It was very successful.

**April:** Final conference preparations occurred, and arrangements made.

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

**August:** No significant activity to report. Staff consistently review Census news sources for information on datasets and future release dates. Staff provide Census date-related analyses for several SMTC projects and provide mapping and technical assistance to project teams.

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**May:** Staff continue to analyze *Census Transportation Planning Products* (CTPP) data for use in agency studies and projects.

**April:** Staff have been analyzing new *Census Transportation Planning Products* (CTPP) data for use in agency studies and projects.

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

**August:** Staff are researching traffic count information for the Court-Midler project and filling out portions of the in-house analysis spreadsheet for future reference.

**July:** Staff recently provided the city and county with a beta version of the online count program map to review and comment on. Staff are awaiting the previous year's count information from main office.

**June:** No significant activity to report. Staff is awaiting count information from NYSDOT main office and is looking forward to releasing the draft online map for beta testing in the near future.

**May:** Synchro file compilation has been completed. Staff will be looking next to finalize the draft count map to share with OCDOT.

**April:** Staff have requested from NYSDOT Main Office an update on count information for the count program. Staff have been working on the compilation of past synchro files into one synchro file for future reference.

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

**August:** A poll was created and sent out to the NYSAMPO GIS Working Group members as well as MPO Directors regarding ESRI training opportunities. The responses have been summarized. The next step is to coordinate with ESRI to set up the first two training sessions which will be geared toward beginner and intermediate level GIS staff. Additionally, NYSDOT provided a draft GIS geodatabase that includes features extracted from Cyclomedia imagery and lidar along NYS routes including signs, curb cuts, bike lanes, catch basins, and various other transportation related features. Staff are currently reviewing the data for quality control.

**July:** Analyst staff attended a NYSAMPO GIS Working Group meeting which included a discussion about the future of GIS with AI, the status of various data and GIS products from NYSDOT, and an overview of the results of a poll sent to MPO staff regarding training needs. Based on the poll responses, staff researched all possible ESRI training courses and will be providing options in the near future. The priority being a course that focuses on migrating to the latest version of ArcGIS Pro.

**June:** This month, NYSDOT staff provided the 2023 VMT estimates to all MPOs. These yearly estimates help us better understand travel trends in our MPA. A survey regarding GIS software experience and training needs has been created and will be distributed to NYSAMPO staff that work with GIS. The results will be compiled in early July to then determine which ESRI training(s) to schedule. Additionally, staff are working on agenda items for the July NYSAMPO GIS Working Group meeting.

**May:** Staff attended the NYSAMPO conference which included several sessions related to GIS including an update from ESRI about upcoming changes to ArcGIS Pro and an update from NYSDOT about the various datasets the MPOs have access to. Additionally, staff requested and received several updated GIS datasets from County Planning including the latest parcels and address points.

**April:** Due to ESRI's future retiring (March 2026) of ArcMap, all MPO staff will need to transition to ArcGIS Pro. Staff are currently looking into training options for the NYSAMPO GIS staff. A survey will be sent to the NYSAMPO GIS Working Group members in the near future for input. Additionally, analyst staff continue to update GIS datasets when new data becomes available from sources such as Replica and Miovision.

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

**August:** Staff completed data requests on behalf of the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County Department of Planning, and Centro.

**July:** Staff are working with the City of Syracuse to provide data for their Bike Plan update. Staff have assisted member agencies with data requests.

**June:** Staff have delivered an updated version of the system map to Centro for their use. Staff are working with the City of Syracuse to provide data for their Bike Plan update.

**May:** Staff continue to advise the City of Syracuse with their GIS governance buildout. Staff are working with Centro on an update to their system map.

**April:** Staff continue to advise the City of Syracuse with their GIS governance buildout. Staff are working with Centro on an update to their system map. Staff printed additional copies of the Onondaga County Highway Map for OCDOT.

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

**August:** Staff are in the process of scheduling a late September/early October FOAT meeting. SMTC staff will discuss SMTC's 2013 Bicycle Community Corridor Study as well as a current SMTC effort to document strategies designed to help road owners (i.e., state, county, city, town, and village) implement the bike network.

**July:** Staff ordered the latest AASHTO and NACTO bicycle design guides, as these are the "go-to" manuals for bicycle planning and are referenced in the majority of SMTC's planning studies.

**June:** Staff held a virtual FOAT meeting on June 4 where the group heard about the City's Vision Zero plan as well as Complete Streets efforts taking place in Syracuse. Veo, the City's micromobility provider, shared updates about the 2025 fleet of scooters and asked for feedback on how it's working for everyone.

**May:** As part of the NYSAMPO Conference, the Bike/Ped and Safety Working Groups held a joint in-person meeting on May 12 where staff heard about and discussed automated enforcement in NYS, truck routing resources and heard updates from partner agencies. On Wednesday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m., SMTC will hold its next virtual FOAT meeting. The main speaker will be Neil Burke, Director of Special Projects for the City of Syracuse's Department of Public Works (DPW). Mr. Burke will be presenting the City's Vision Zero/Complete Streets plan. Additionally, Paul Colabufo, Operations Manager for Veo, will share updates for the 2025 season and provide an opportunity for attendees to offer feedback on the service.

**April:** Staff are working with the City of Syracuse to schedule a May/June 2025 FOAT meeting where the City's draft Vision Zero plan will be discussed. Staff will also assist the city in garnering feedback on the use of Veo within the City as part of the upcoming FOAT meeting. The NYSAMPO Bicycle/Pedestrian and Safety Working Groups will hold a joint in-person meeting during the May 2025 MPO Conference.

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

**August:** Staff continue work on this year's BPCMS report. Pavement rating continues for the 2025 season.

**July:** Staff continue work on this year's BPCMS report. Pavement rating continues for the 2025 season.

**June:** Staff continue to work on this year's BPCMS report. Pavement rating for the 2025 season is underway.

**May:** Staff are continuing work on this year's BPCMS report.

**April:** Staff are continuing work on this year's BPCMS report.

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

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

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

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

**May:** NYSDOT participated in the NYSAMPO conference and presented their project and recent efforts.

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

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

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

**July:** SMTC staff have been reviewing the Micron DEIS and compiling staff comments. Staff also attended one of the public hearing sessions on July 24.

**June:** SMTC staff attended the Oswego County Micron Strategy Steering Committee Annual Meeting on June 20.

**May:** Conversations with the CNYRPDB have begun on assisting on one of their Land Use projects / Comprehensive Planning efforts.

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

#### **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)**

**August:** Sixteen people attended the virtual public meeting and 22 people attended the in-person public meeting at the end of July. SMTC staff have responded to a few public comments that have been submitted since the draft MTP was posted online and public meetings were held. NYSDOT submitted an updated cost estimate for their Onondaga County Transportation Improvement project, so the financial plan (Chapter 5) of the MTP was modified to reflect this change. The revised draft MTP has been posted on the website, and the public comment period has been extended through September 12.

**July:** The draft MTP was made available for public review and comment on the SMTC website starting on July 16. Public meetings are scheduled for July 29 (in-person and virtual) and July 30 (virtual). The draft document and the meetings have been publicized through multiple emails and social media posts. Staff also attended a meeting of the Moving People Transportation Coalition and briefly spoke about the MTP, and Channel 9 News included SMTC staff on a short segment on July 24. Comments on the draft plan will be accepted through August 29, after which staff will finalize the plan for review and adoption by SMTC committees in September.

**June:** A final SAC meeting was held on June 16, and a full final draft was made available for SAC review and comment through June 30. SMTC staff are currently in conversations with NYSDOT Region 3, Main Office, and FHWA staff regarding the Onondaga County Transportation improvements EIS and how to incorporate this into the MTP. We anticipate that the draft MTP will be made available for public review and comment beginning in mid-July. An in-person public meeting has been scheduled for July 29, 4-7 p.m., at the Salt City Market, along with virtual meetings on July 29, 12-1 p.m., and July 30, 5-6 p.m. SMTC will begin publicizing the meetings and public comment period withing the next few weeks.

**May:** A SAC meeting was held on May 22. A full draft of the Transportation Atlas was presented at the meeting, along with an updated draft of MTP Chapter 4 and an initial draft of Chapter 5. The Atlas will be presented at the Planning and Policy Committee meetings in June. A final SAC meeting is scheduled for June 16 to review a full, final draft of the MTP prior to the public review and comment period. Staff are aiming to have a draft ready for SAC review by June 9. We are on track to complete the necessary public and agency review over the summer and adopt the MTP in September.

**April:** A full draft of the Transportation Atlas is nearly complete, and we anticipate that it will be ready for SAC review at the next meeting, which is scheduled for May 22. SMTC staff met with CenterStateCEO staff in early April to discuss the goals of the MTP and the transit-supportive density analysis that had been presented at the March SAC meeting. Staff are writing Chapter 5 (Financial Plan), and reviewing previously drafted MTP chapters in light of recent Executive Orders. We are also planning for a final round of public engagement this summer.

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

**August:** Staff attended a few webinars throughout the month applicable to truck freight and transit activities. Staff are coordinating with NYSAMPO consultants for a possible site visit in New York state during a future Freight Working Group meeting. Freight data/discussion review continued for inclusion in the agency's next Freight Profile.

**July:** SMTC staff attended a NYSDOT Bridge Hit Mitigation Taskforce meeting in July and participated in the state's PSA campaign to educate truck drivers about reducing bridge strikes. The campaign involved coordinated social media posts and distribution of truck "visor" cards to drivers at various truck rental locations. SMTC also coordinated an informational meeting with NYSDOT R3's truck inspector and Traffic Management Center supervisor to learn more about freight inspections and how SMTC and R3 can collaborate on future surveys and other projects.

**June:** Staff facilitated the June 10 NYSAMPO Transit Working Group quarterly meeting. A presentation was given by NYPTA (New York Public Transit Association) that focused on budgets and transit trends they are seeing throughout New York State. SMTC staff coordinated with the NYSAMPO consultant to develop an agenda for the July Freight Working Group Meeting. Staff also coordinated on the development of the truck route resource guide. In July, staff will also attend the NYSDOT Bridge Hit Mitigation Taskforce meeting.

**May:** At the 2025 NYSAMPO Conference, staff moderated the Integrating Transit Planning session. Presentations highlighted efforts at the statewide level seeking to identify service opportunities in rural areas and on-demand microtransit examples that provide mobility options for community residents. The NYSAMPO staff team presented the draft truck route resource study at a joint NYSAMPO Working Group meeting during the conference on May 12. The consultants are using feedback received to finalize the draft document.

**April:** Work efforts continued in the development of the agency's Freight Profile update such as commodity forecasting. Asset management mapping along the National Highway System and agency identified "freight corridors" will be updated in the coming weeks. Additionally, staff with assistance of the NYSAMPO staff consultant are working to wrap up a truck route resource study to disseminate as a draft to the NYSAMPO Freight Working Group and to also share with the Safety and Bicycle/Pedestrian Working Groups.

### **Traffic Safety (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)**

**August:** SMTC's chair to the safety working group (SWG) met with Cambridge Systematics (SWG consultant) and the co-chair to discuss opportunities to help provide local feedback to NYSDOT regarding the recent RwDSAP solicitation. SMTC also helped to facilitate the dissemination of various meeting notes to the SWG. SMTC staff also hand delivered hundreds of PSA "visors" to truck rental agencies to help inform the drivers to "check your height and know it's right" to help mitigate and reduce bridge strikes.

**July:** SMTC facilitated a NYSAMPO Safety Working Group call on July 23. SMTC reviewed takeaways about countermeasures and conducting a cost-benefit analysis by running a case study through the state's new CLEAR program. Other topics include an overview of Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR) Training by ITSMR as well as an overview of RwDSAP projects, CB forms, and USDOT Safe Roads Initiatives.

**June:** SMTC held a work session with NYSDOT – Main Office to run a case study through the state's new CLEAR program. Staff helped identify a safety scenario to run through CLEAR SAFETY with the objective of identifying countermeasures and conducting a cost-benefit analysis. Staff used the findings from this process to make recommendations to the state about the need for safety training videos for the CLEAR SAFETY App. Staff will continue with the Safety Working Group (SWG) about this topic to inform them about best practices.

**May:** SMTC held a joint in-person meeting with the Safety Working Group (SWG) and the Bike/Pedestrian Working Group (B/PWG) at the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) conference on May 12. The agenda included an overview of the traffic camera speed enforcement programs being undertaken by the City of Syracuse. Also, the agenda included an overview of a truck route resource study being developed with Cambridge Systematics and the Freight Working Group.

**April:** SMTC is preparing background materials for a scoping meeting with the New York State Department of Transportation, Onondaga County Department of Transportation, and the Onondaga County Department of Planning.

### **Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)**

**August:** Staff continue to coordinate with NYSDOT and their consultant team regarding the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements Project EIS. The NYSDOT team has been developing the methodology for the analysis and SMTC staff has been providing information about the SMTC Regional Model. Additionally, a presentation is currently being prepared regarding the Liverpool Modeling Update and Analysis for the Planning and Policy Committee meetings in September.

**July:** NYSDOT provided SMTC with various information related to the transportation and land use alternatives being analyzed as part of the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements Project EIS. Staff reviewed the most current CAD drawings for the I-81 project to update the future model's network if changes in the project details were discovered (i.e. road alignment, number of lanes, etc.). Additionally, staff compared a list of anticipated developments (other than Micron) provided by NYSDOT and confirmed that these developments were represented in SMTC's land use projections in the 2050 future model files. RSG, who assists SMTC with the alternatives modeling, is currently reviewing details for the first alternative provided by NYSDOT and coding the details into the model network.

**June:** The regional model outputs were used to calculate PM peak hour volume annual growth rates for the Teall Ave corridor, as requested by OCDOT staff. The growth rates will be used to inform a Synchro model for the area. Additionally, staff attended a meeting with NYSDOT and the consultants who are working on the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements Project EIS. NYSDOT is requesting modeling assistance from SMTC. Several alternatives will be analyzed for this effort.

**May:** Several comments were received on the draft technical memorandum that was provided to the Village of Liverpool modeling project advisory committee. Staff are currently reviewing the comments and updating the memo as needed. Due to these additional comments, which may require additional analysis, it is likely that this memo will not be finalized until summer.

**April:** Staff met with the Village of Liverpool to review the results of the alternatives modeling requested by the Village. Staff also presented various existing conditions information such as historical traffic and intersection turning movement count data, trip origin-destination data for travelers passing through the Village, and VMT trends. The draft technical memorandum is being reviewed by the project group and will be finalized in early May.

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

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

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

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

**May:** No significant updates.

**April:** No significant updates.

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

**August:** Staff have participated in meetings with the technical assistance team and City staff and fulfilled additional data requests. Staff are also assisting with plans for a site visit by the technical assistance team in late September.

**July:** Staff fulfilled additional data requests from the Thriving Communities technical assistance team and have reviewed some initial maps from the team.

**June:** Staff met with technical assistance staff for the Thriving Communities program and clarified expectations for the case studies portion of the work. We are also continuing to assist with the subgrant, which aims to engage a design firm to assist with conceptual plans for the focus area.

**May:** Staff participated in a "virtual site visit" with Thriving Communities Technical Assistance team members and other staff from the City of Syracuse, Centro, and the Land Bank on May 19.

**April:** Staff reviewed and submitted comments on the draft Vision Zero Action Plan and Complete Streets Safety Toolkit. For the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance, staff are continuing to coordinate with City and CenterStateCEO staff on developing a statement of work for the subgrant portion of the work, for which the city will be seeking consultant assistance.

#### **Micron Development Area Transportation System Assessment (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies & Mario Colone)**

**August:** Staff continue to attend bi-weekly coordination meetings for the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements Project EIS modeling effort. The SMTC model documentation and various preliminary model outputs have been provided to the NYSDOT team to assist with developing the methodology for the transportation concept modeling. Three of the four station area visualization "flipbooks" were sent to the *Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment* SAC for review/reference. Visualizations for the remaining station area will be provided by the end of August. A meeting is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> with interested parties to discuss all station area graphics. In addition to the numerous visualizations, the consultant also began assembling a draft document.

**July:** Relative to the Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment, the consultant continues drafting the remaining station area graphics for staff and SAC input. An in-person or virtual meeting may be held in August with municipal representatives along the Route 31 corridor to discuss the station area graphics, evaluation matrix, and the beginning of an implementation plan. Staff attended several coordination meetings for the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements Projects EIS. The meetings focused on information regarding NYSDOT's request of SMTC to use the regional travel demand model to analyze several transportation and land use alternatives for the northern Onondaga County area. Additional information for this effort can be found in the Travel Demand Modeling section.

**June:** For the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements Project EIS, NYSDOT provided all participating agencies with a copy of the presentation that was given to the group in May. For the Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment, the consultant team drafted an evaluation matrix to compare enhanced transit service options on several criteria such as, but not limited to cost, ridership potential, density/zoning, and constructability. The draft matrix, along with forthcoming station area graphics will be shared with the Study Advisory Committee this summer for initial input.

**May:** Staff attended the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements Project DEIS kickoff meeting as a participating agency. An overview of the project was provided; additional information will follow.

**April:** With the new program underway, staff held a re-kickoff meeting with the Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment consultant. Several additional visualizations centered around suggested station areas will be created over the next several months to show the scale of development that would be necessary in support of enhanced transit along the corridor.

### **City of Syracuse Reconnecting Communities Grant Coordination and Management Assistance (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett )**

**August:** Staff continue to review and provide feedback on initial cross section designs for the study area corridors. Planning efforts on the second demonstration project have begun, with a tentative plan to install in mid-September. Stantec has engaged the mayor's office to discuss initial cross sections for Adams St/Harrison St.

**July:** Demonstration project #1 was installed on July 9<sup>th</sup>, consisting of painted curb extensions at the MLK/Oakwood Dr intersection and a chicane along MLK. Demonstration project #2 is tentatively planned for the State St/Taylor St intersection later in the summer. Staff provided feedback on initial cross-section concepts for Adams and Harrison. Stantec will be providing additional cross sections for other study area corridors for review and comment. Discussions continue around connections to Almond St (future Business Loop 81), specifically in terms of bike and transit movements.

**June:** Demonstration project #1 was delayed due to weather concerns and will now be installed in early July. Mural designs were approved by the Syracuse Public Art Commission and supplies have been secured. The consultant team presented initial cross section concepts for Adams and Harrison, which will be reviewed for comments by the City and SMTC teams.

**May:** City and SMTC staff hosted an in-person site visit for the consultant team, visiting each of the study area corridors, including their connections to the Onondaga Creekwalk. Initial impressions and ideas relating to demonstration projects, intermediate adjustments, and long-term visions were discussed. The consultant team is coordinating with MLK Elementary School on designing a demonstration project near the school. SMTC staff have consulted on the traffic calming aspects of the design and the need for the installation to occur.

**April:** Staff reviewed the draft public engagement plan and initial meeting materials, providing notes and requested edits to the consultant team. The consultant team hosted a table at BluePrint15's second annual Easter egg hunt as its first public engagement opportunity. SMTC staff discussed upcoming demonstration project needs and requirements with DPW staff to help inform discussions as the desired installation dates approach.

### **Community Streets Program (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)**

**August:** Staff continue to monitor road reconstruction on the City's Eastside to determine whether the Ed Smith PTO project will be able to move forward this program year.

**July:** The Syracuse Urbanism Collective installed their Community Streets project on June 29<sup>th</sup>, with final bike rack installation occurring at the beginning of July. SMTC staff are coordinating with City staff to determine if the Ed Smith PTO project has a feasible installation date later this summer, depending on the road reconstruction schedule.

**June:** Syracuse Urbanism Collective's liability waivers have been approved by the City. The project is scheduled for installation on June 29<sup>th</sup>. SMTC staff will follow up with DPW on paving schedule to better understand potential installation dates for the Ed Smith PTO project later this summer.

**May:** The Syracuse Urbanism Collective, along with SMTC staff and Adapt CNY volunteers, attended a pre-development meeting hosted by the City of Syracuse, which allowed relevant agencies to ask questions and voice any concerns relating to the upcoming project installation. No major concerns were raised, and the project is on track for installation in the early summer.



**April:** SMTC staff assisted the Urbanism Collective in outreach efforts to nearby property owners and discussed related concerns. SMTC staff met with City staff to discuss concerns and begin organizing a “pre-development” meeting between the project sponsor and relevant city agencies. Staff continued to monitor utility work and pavement projects impacting streets on the City’s Eastside to determine potential installation windows for the Ed Smith PTO project.

#### **North Syracuse Van Mara Dr & Grove St Traffic Calming and Safety Analysis (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)**

**July:** The Policy Committee acknowledged both memos as complete on June 13. *No future updates will occur.*

**June:** SMTC presented the final technical memorandums (TM#1 and TM#2) to the SMTC Planning and Policy committees. The Policy Committee acknowledged both memos as complete on June 13. SMTC posted the final documents online on June 16 and informed the project sponsor and SAC members that the memos were available for public reference. This concludes the planning process and no further updates on this effort will occur.

**May:** SMTC incorporated comments from community members, member agencies, the North Syracuse Fire Department, and the North Syracuse Department of Public Works in updates to Technical Memorandum #1 (TM#1) and Technical Memorandum #2 (TM#2). SMTC staff prepared a one-page summary sheet and a draft presentation for upcoming Planning Committee and Policy Committee meetings.

**April:** SMTC posted drafts of Technical Memorandum #1 and Technical Memorandum #2 on its website for a public review and comment period. SMTC received several comments from community members and the North Syracuse Fire Department. SMTC updated several draft concepts and figures to reflect substantive comments. SMTC also updated the draft technical memos with the figures and addressed substantive comments in Technical Memo #2. SMTC staff prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the Planning Committee and Policy Committee. Those meetings will likely occur in June.

#### **Complete Streets Planning (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)**

**August:** A SAC meeting was held on August 14 where the consultant reviewed the first four chapters of the *Route 57 Complete Streets Study*. The SAC also reviewed and discussed the initial draft considerations for improvements along Route 57 and provided feedback. The consultant is incorporating SAC feedback and currently developing an opportunity for public feedback via the SMTC website on said improvements.

**July:** Staff recently received the first four chapters (introduction, existing conditions, transportation infrastructure and public participation) of the *Route 57 Complete Streets Study* and are in the process of reviewing them. A SAC meeting will be scheduled for early-to-mid August to review and discuss Chapters 1-4 as well as to discuss considerations for improvement in the corridor.

**June:** Staff are awaiting the first few chapters (namely the introduction and existing conditions sections) of the Route 57 Complete Streets Study and will review these upon receipt.

**May:** Staff met with the consultant in late May to discuss an updated schedule and deliverables now that the Study Area has extended further south to the Village line.

**April:** The consultant has begun to gather existing conditions data for the extended study area (Route 57 between John Glenn Boulevard and the Village of Liverpool line). Additionally, the adjusted contract has been executed.

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

**August:** Staff are incorporating comments received from SAC members and preparing to present this project to the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees in September for acknowledgment of completion.

**July:** Staff completed a draft report and are soliciting feedback from SAC members.

**June:** SMTC staff conducted the final SAC meeting for this project. With initial SAC feedback, staff are working to finish a complete draft of the report.

**May:** SMTC staff conducted a walk audit with six students at Chestnut Hill Middle to collect data and foster conversation about safely walking to school. Additionally, staff conducted a survey of students' trips to/from school, collecting 118 responses. SMTC staff are now writing and organizing the final report to be discussed at the SAC on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**April:** SMTC staff are coordinating with cast study school – Chestnut Hill Elementary and Middle – to conduct a walk audit with school staff, PTO members, and middle school students to foster communication between planners, staff, parents, and students, as well as gather data on the issues and opportunities surrounding walking and biking to school.

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

**August:** Onondaga County informed the SMTC that their countywide safety effort RFP was released. Once a consultant is onboard, SMTC staff will provide technical assistance and coordination as needed throughout the Action Plan development.

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

**June:** Staff reviewed Onondaga County's latest draft SS4A Request for Proposals and provided comment prior to its release.

**May:** Staff participated in a discussion with Onondaga County and FHWA (NY Division Office and Headquarters) regarding the County's SS4A grant. SMTC staff are available to support the SS4A Action Plan development should assistance be requested.

**April:** No activity to report.

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

**August:** SMTC is in the process of preparing materials for a Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting in September. SMTC is finalizing a future network/land use map and is coordinating with SAC members to pick a date.

**July:** SMTC finalized its SYNCHRO model assessment for the Route 49 corridor for existing and future conditions. SMTC is also assessing potential modifications to the roadway. Staff continue to prep a concept plan to review with the SAC.

**June:** SMTC finalized its SYNCHRO model assessment for the Route 49 corridor. The model analyzes existing conditions and four future growth conditions for four signalized intersections and five unsignalized intersections. SMTC summarized this information to review with the study advisory committee (SAC). Staff are now preparing high-level concept plans to also review with the SAC. Staff are in the process of developing meeting materials for a future SAC meeting.

**May:** SMTC developed a SYNCHRO model for the Route 49 corridor that analyzes operations for four signalized intersections and five unsignalized intersections. SMTC analyzed existing operations and compared them with four future growth scenarios for a 25-year period. SMTC identified which turning movements fail and at what point they fail for analysis and comparison purposes. SMTC is summarizing this information to review with the study advisory committee (SAC) at an upcoming meeting (date TBD).

**April:** SMTC is developing a detailed SYNCHRO model for the Route 49 corridor. SMTC compiled turning movement counts for 11 intersections and driveways and modeled four signalized intersections and five unsignalized intersections. SMTC is also using the model to evaluate traffic impacts from potential future growth. SMTC completed an assessment of existing level of service operations and future growth level of service operations. SMTC will review these findings with the study advisory committee.

### **Empire State Trail Economic Opportunities – Phase 2 (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)**

**August:** Staff sent the scope of work for the project to Planning Committee for review, comments, and approval. Staff are collecting relevant information from the Phase 1 Empire State Trail Local Economic Opportunities Plan to assist in shaping the Phase 2 project.

**July:** Staff developed a draft scope of work for the project and delivered to project sponsors for review. Staff will refine the scope based on comments received from the sponsors and send the scope to the SMTC's Planning Committee for review, comments, and approval.

**June:** Staff held a pre-scoping meeting with the Onondaga County Planning Department and the Onondaga County Department of Transportation. Staff discussed overall goals for the project and an initial timeline on scoping efforts. The draft scope is currently being written and will be delivered to appropriate parties for review shortly.

**May:** This is a new project. Scoping will begin shortly.

**April:** This is a new project. Scoping will begin shortly.

### **Bicycle Commuter Corridor Implementation (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)**

**August:** SMTC created a final version of the scope following the Planning Committee's comment period (July 25). SMTC is developing existing conditions maps to show where facilities exist and are lacking. SMTC will also prepare outreach materials for County, City, Town and Village representatives to present at the next Forum on Active Transportation (FOAT) meeting.

**July:** Following discussions with member agencies, staff drafted a scope and reviewed it with agency representatives. SMTC submitted the draft scope to the Planning Committee for further review and approval. Committee members are asked to provide a ballot by COB Friday, July 25.

**June:** SMTC held a call with OCDOT and OCDOP to discuss implementation desires and expectations. Staff will also contact representatives from the City and NYSDOT to hold similar discussions. The feedback received will inform the development of a draft scope to share at an upcoming scoping meeting. Implementation of SMTC's 2013 Bicycle Commuter Corridor Study is a multi-jurisdictional effort across many towns, villages, city, county and state-owned roadways. It involves hundreds of miles of bikeways that are likely to be divided into four main projects.

**May:** SMTC continues to prepare for a scoping meeting with the Onondaga County Department of Transportation, the Onondaga County Department of Planning, and the New York State Department of Transportation.

**April:** SMTC is starting to prepare notes for a scoping meeting (date TBD) with the Onondaga County Department of Transportation, the Onondaga County Department of Planning, and the New York State Department of Transportation.

### **Fayetteville – Route 5 Transportation & Smart Growth Opportunities (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)**

**August:** The draft scope of work has been sent to the SMTC Planning Committee for their review and approval. Staff have begun pulling together some of the preliminary data to be used in the analysis.

**July:** SMTC staff held a scoping meeting with representatives from the Village of Fayetteville and NYSDOT staff. The meeting resulted in agreement on the creation of a tech memo aimed at updating data from the 2018 SMTC report, origin-destination analysis, and creating a traffic calming toolkit. SMTC staff are drafting the scope of work.

**June:** SMTC staff met with NYSDOT staff to understand what work has been done in the study area, and what recommendations and concepts from the previous report should be carried through. SMTC staff continues to do preliminary data collection to better understand traffic changes in the area since the 2018 report was released and determine what value can be added through this new study.

**May:** SMTC staff have begun reviewing the project application and relevant materials, as outlined in the application. Internal scoping conversations will begin in the coming weeks.

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

### **OCDOT Operations and Safety Analysis (Project Manager: Kevin Kosakowski)**

**August:** Staff has been reviewing accident information and preparing templates/tables to house the information needed to analyze and eventually help determine if a need exists for a signal and/or other mitigation solutions at the unsignalized intersections along the road segments being studied.

**July:** Scope of work has been released to Planning Committee for review and approval. Staff continues to brainstorm crash and synchro analysis methodology and are prepping templates (i.e. tables) for future incoming information. Preliminary crash data recently has been pulled for the study areas.

**June:** Staff are looking to wrap up the draft scope soon and are also brainstorming template ideas that could be used for this analysis and future similar types of analysis.

**May:** Staff have begun scoping the project. Staff are looking to meet with OCDOT staff in the near future to discuss their desired outcomes of this project and to likely complete the needed traffic counts in June before school lets out.

**April:** Staff have recently been assigned this project and will become familiar with the request and begin scoping out the project in the near future.

#### **Intersecting Community Needs: Food Access & Transportation (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)**

**August:** The SMTC Planning Committee approved the scope of work for this project. SMTC staff are organizing existing conditions data and will schedule the Kickoff SAC meeting shortly.

**July:** Staff worked with the Onondaga County Planning Department to develop a draft scope of work for the project. The scope is with the SMTC's Planning Committee for review, comments, and approval.

**June:** Staff held a pre-scoping meeting with the Onondaga County Planning Department to share goals for the project and to propose a scoping schedule. The scope is currently being drafted and will be shared with OCDOP for review soon.

**May:** This is a new project. Scoping will begin shortly.

**April:** This is a new project. Scoping will begin shortly.

#### **Bear Trap Creek Connector (Project Manager: Joey DiStefano)**

**August:** Scope of work was approved in late July. Staff continue to examine existing conditions and have begun conducting field work.

**July:** Scope was shared for approval. Staff have begun examining existing conditions and compiling previous research.

**June:** SMTC staff drafted a scope for the project and are updating it with feedback from the project sponsor.

**May:** SMTC staff held a coping meeting with the project sponsor to define the purpose and scope of this project. Staff are currently writing the scope for this project.

**April:** SMTC staff has initiated internal scoping conversations regarding the Bear Trap Creek Connector study.

#### **Midler Ave and New Court Ave Multimodal Study (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)**

**August:** Staff continue to collect existing conditions data, review existing plans and projects, and conduct fieldwork. A SAC meeting will be held at the end of September to kick off the study formally and review the initial data gathering efforts. Staff have also begun drafting potential survey questions for a public survey this fall.

**July:** SMTC staff drafted a scope of work that was approved by the Planning Committee in a mailed ballot. Staff have begun collecting demographic and infrastructure data, as well as reviewing existing plans near the study area. Staff aim to schedule the first SAC meeting in the late summer/early fall.

**June:** SMTC staff met with NYSDOT to discuss the initial asks from the City and determine what the State was open to evaluating and if there were any specific issues they would like to address. SMTC staff coordinated with the City on determining the main goals and focus of the study and has prepared a draft scope of work that will be shared with the City at the beginning of July for their review and comment.

**May:** SMTC staff have begun reviewing the project application and identifying key questions as part of the internal scoping process.

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

#### **Nottingham Rd Multimodal Improvements (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)**

**August:** The Scope of Work for this project was approved on July 25, 2025. Staff are currently developing a project schedule and gathering needed data (traffic counts, crash data, demographics, etc.) for this study effort. A SAC kick-off meeting is anticipated for October/November, once some of the existing conditions have been reviewed.

**July:** Staff have begun drafting the Public Involvement Plan and a list of initial data needs for this study. The Scope of Work is currently out for a vote of approval by the SMTC Planning Committee.

**June:** Staff touched base with OCDOT regarding the study and has since drafted a Scope of Work. The draft scope has been sent to the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County DOT and Planning for review and comment by July 3, prior to sending it to the SMTC Planning Committee for a vote.

**May:** Staff met with the City of Syracuse this month to discuss scope preparation for this project. The project's main driver is the lack of walkable/bikeable access to the plaza and Drumlin's area, located just outside the city boundary. Project limits are Nottingham Road between Broad Street and Westcliffe Rd (just south of Tecumseh Elementary School). The majority of Nottingham Road is owned by Onondaga County DOT. However, the City of Syracuse owns Nottingham Rd between Meadowbrook Dr and Spaid Ave. Between Spaid Ave and East Colvin Street, the western portion of Nottingham Rd is owned by the city, with eastern half owned by the county. Staff will reach out to Onondaga County DOT to discuss the project as we begin to develop the project scope.

**April:** This new project will examine Nottingham Road between Broad Street and Waring Road for safety improvements and consistency on behalf of the City of Syracuse. Staff will begin drafting a Scope of Work for the project in the first quarter of FY 2025-26.

### **Cicero Active Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Mike Alexander)**

**August:** SMTC met with the Town of Cicero on August 6 to learn about designating new snowmobile trail routes. The local snowmobile club in Cicero, the Snow Owls, requested a meeting with the Town Supervisor to discuss ideas. The Town's engineer invited SMTC to attend this meeting since we are developing an Active Transportation Plan for Cicero. SMTC also finalized a draft scope to send to the Planning Committee for approval.

**July:** SMTC met with the Town of Cicero and several member agencies to discuss scope content and tasks. SMTC drafted a scope and disseminated it for review internally and with member agency representatives.

**June:** SMTC continues to prepare background materials for a scoping meeting with the Town of Cicero. Staff reached out to the Town of Cicero to get a better understanding of what they desire and to learn more about existing and future improvement efforts. This information is informing the development of a draft scope to be shared at a future scoping meeting.

**May:** SMTC continues to prepare background materials for a scoping meeting with the Town of Cicero.

**April:** SMTC is preparing background materials for a scoping meeting with the Town of Cicero.

### **TIP Development and Maintenance (Project Manager: Mario Colone)**

**August:** Various capital program actions were prepared for SMTC committee approval (i.e., Executive, Policy) in September.

**July:** For end-of-fiscal year purposes, numerous amendments were approved at the July Executive Committee meeting. Also, staff "build" the new 2026-2030 TIP in the statewide eSTIP online platform.

**June:** On June 13, 2025, the SMTC Policy Committee adopted the new 2026-2030 TIP. At time of adoption, the multi-year capital program equaled a total of approximately \$1.196 Billion. Regarding general maintenance of the TIP, a Capital Projects Committee meeting was held on June 25 to discuss Federal Fiscal Year 24/25 project obligations and any outstanding cost or schedule adjustments before the end of the fiscal year.

**May:** The full draft 2026-2030 TIP (document narrative, fiscal constraint table, and project listings) was released May 9, 2025, for a 30-day public comment period through June 9, 2025. The SMTC's social media channels were used to inform the public about the comment period, along with our website, and a legal notice in the Post-Standard newspaper and their website. Additionally, a virtual office hour is scheduled for May 29 for interested members of the public to ask questions about the TIP and the broader program of projects. The draft is slated for discussion at the upcoming June Planning and Policy Committee meetings.

**April:** The Capital Projects Committee (CPC) met on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> to progress development of the draft 2026-2030 program of projects. A full draft of FHWA funded projects was provided to the CPC for review and concurrence. That draft will likely constitute the project listing for public review and ultimately SMTC committee adoption.

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

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

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

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

**May:** No significant updates.

**April:** No significant updates.