



**Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council  
Unified Planning Work Program Status Report  
2025-2026 Program Year – 2nd Half  
February 2026**

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

**February:** The recently approved UPWP is being printed and bound for distribution.

**January:** A complete draft UPWP was created and posted for public review. It is being presented to Policy in February.

**December:** Staff prepared for and hosted our required Federal Certification from December 9-12. The certification was very successful with many verbal accolades given to the SMTC as to our agency, its staff, documents and accomplishments. A few items were noted for action and will be addressed in the coming year. Additionally, the 2026-2027 UPWP was begun and preliminary budgets set.

**November:** A UPWP amendment was created to ensure the agency remains under budget for the current federal year. Staff created the requisite PowerPoints for the certification as requested by FHWA.

**October:** Planning for the next UPWP cycle including: project budget carryover needs, estimated end of year funding, and possible call letter for new projects. Additionally, staff have begun planning for the next federal certification review cycle which will be December 9-11 at the SMTC.

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

**February:** Public notices were posted and published for required actions.

**January:** Public notice and legal notice were posted for the draft UPWP being considered by Policy Committee in February.

**December:** Public notice for comment related to the SMTC federal certification occurred and was posted on our web site.

**November:** A printed newsletter was mailed in mid-November. It is available on our website and was also emailed and posted to Facebook and Instagram.

**October:** A Forum on Active Transportation was held on September 30 with about 20 people in attendance. Staff are currently working on a print newsletter, aiming to mail in early November.

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

**February:** Staff attended an informational webinar on the BASICS Act, which was crafted by Congressional representatives and leaders of national planning and economic development organizations. The draft legislation may inform the creation of the next surface transportation reauthorization in the coming months.

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

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

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

**October:** Though a federal government shutdown is in place, at time of writing, AMPO in a recent newsletter, notes that congressional staff continue behind-the-scenes negotiations on surface transportation reauthorization to replace the current

surface transportation bill (i.e. IIJA) before its expiration on September 30, 2026. The introduction of reauthorization bills and Committee markups is anticipated in the fall or early winter.

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

**October:** *No further reporting on this (complete).*

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

**February:** The program was approved by the SMTC Policy Committee. Several projects will be phased in throughout the year instead of on April 1 due to program size.

**January:** A complete document was created including all requests that have come in from the solicitation. The resulting large program will require phasing in to complete all the efforts.

**December:** Work on the new 2026-2027 UPWP continued and the document and budgets are substantially drafted.

**November:** A call letter and initial project meeting were held in preparation for the new UPWP.

**October:** Staff have begun planning for the next UPWP cycle and potential new projects and needs.

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

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

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

**February:** 2020-2024 American Community Survey 5-Year estimates were released in late January. Staff will work to incorporate this new data into upcoming planning projects.

**January:** Staff continue to provide Census data-related analyses for several SMTC projects and provide mapping and technical assistance to project teams.

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**November:** Staff have been utilizing the programming language R to download Census data needed for SMTC studies. Staff continue to provide Census data-related analyses for several SMTC projects and provide mapping and technical assistance to project teams.

**October:** Staff utilized newer Census data to update interactive maps on the SMTC's website. Staff continue to provide Census data-related analyses for several SMTC projects and provide mapping and technical assistance to project teams.

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

**February:** Staff is brainstorming ways to share and/or present count information by potentially making the count program map available on the website and/or by simply updating the current static map identifying where count information (i.e. TMC's) is available. Staff are also working to extract information from TDV to assist in the collection of count program data.

**January:** Staff reviewed collected traffic data for the Nottingham Road study with the Project Manager. Staff met with analysts to discuss future display and compilation of data internally and on our webpage.

**December:** Provided Project Manager with an analysis of Nottingham Road for project. Passed along to NYSDOT Main Office the next list of counts to be completed in 2026 for the city/county count program. Filed away recent turning movement counts for future use and reference.

**November:** Next year's (2026) list of counts is to be finalized and sent to NYSDOT main office to assist in counting segments on the City/County count program. Counts have recently been completed by the consultant for the OCDOT safety and operations analysis. A traffic count analysis is to be conducted for the Nottingham Road Study in the near future.

**October:** Reached out to NYSDOT Main Office to ask for previous city/county count program information. Attempting to work with them to get the proper files and formatting necessary to coincide with the internal database and online map. Staff have facilitated the collection of manual counts for the Fayetteville study and are working on a count list for the OCDOT safety and operations project.

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

**February:** Staff continues to maintain and update the agency's GIS datasets through communications with local agencies, checking various websites, and digitizing efforts. One dataset that is continuously maintained by staff is a development tracking database that includes locations and basic details of local development projects as they are reported in the news. This information is useful for informing us about our projects and travel demand model updates.

**January:** The final ESRI ArcGIS Pro training for SMTC and other NYS MPO staff was completed in late January. Staff will work with NYSAMPO to schedule advanced level training in the future. Analyst staff has developed a mostly automated excel document that processes and summarizes exported Miovision turning movement count data. This tool will be helpful for quickly gathering highly detailed intersection level data for planning studies as well as inputs for Synchro analysis. There are well over 200 intersections in the MPA with Miovision.

**December:** Two of the three scheduled ESRI ArcGIS Pro trainings took place in December, the third class was rescheduled by ESRI staff for January. Additionally, staff made updates to several SMTC ArcGIS online applications including the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) app which now includes the updated locations for traffic and intersection cameras, traffic signals, and variable message signs. The application now includes a layer that shows AADT by road segment.

**November:** The agendas for the ESRI ArcGIS Pro training courses were reviewed by MPO staff and the ESRI instructors. All MPO staff that are attending the training have been emailed the training details, everything is all set for the December training sessions. Staff continue to investigate various ways to use big data for planning studies. For example, eight years of NPMRDS speed and travel time data were analyzed for Route 5 through the Village of Fayetteville and various visualizations were created. Additionally, Replica origin-destination data was used for the Midler/Court study to visualize short trip travel patterns in the study area.

**October:** Staff met with ESRI representatives regarding the upcoming ArcGIS Pro training for NYSAMPO. Rosters for each class have been established, and attendees have been notified. Staff will continue working with class attendees to prepare them for the virtual training in December. Additionally, staff started reviewing the status of all ArcGIS Online maps and apps and will begin updating them based on recent changes implemented by ESRI.

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

**February:** Staff have continued to work with the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County, providing these member agencies with transportation-related data for upcoming projects.

**January:** SMTC staff completed data requests for the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County. SMTC staff continue to work closely with member agencies to advance GIS coordination and data sharing.

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

**February:** Staff are looking into potential topics for the next Forum on Active Transportation (FOAT), likely to take place in mid-to-late March.

**January:** Staff are looking at potential dates and topics for the next Forum on Active Transportation (FOAT), likely to take place in February.

**December:** Staff took part in the December 12 virtual NYSMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group meeting. Various agencies provided updates, including the New York Bicycling Coalition (NYBC), who shared that they continue to advocate for

25 mph laws and 3-foot safe passing laws in NYS municipalities. An on-going topic, the group also discussed e-bikes and the need for updated and consistent laws/enforcement related to their operation.

**November:** Staff will participate in the virtual NYSMPO and NYSDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian quarterly working group meeting on December 12. Of note – in late October the Syracuse Common Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the City’s Vision Zero Action Plan.

**October:** Approximately 18-23 people attended the virtual FOAT meeting held on 9/30/25. There were some municipal representatives present, and good discussion related to the SMTC’s 2013 Bicycle Commuter Corridor Study. The next FOAT will be held in mid-late January 2026 and will include additional discussion regarding the study. In mid-October, staff attended the Empire State Greenways Conference in Kingston, NY.

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

**February:** The Policy Committee acknowledged last year’s BPCMS as complete. Staff also presented the Pavement Prioritization Technical Memo to the Policy Committee as an informational item. Staff updated the web application to include 2025 ratings collected on City streets.

**January:** Staff completed the Pavement Prioritization Technical Memo for the City of Syracuse and presented both the memo and last year’s BPCMS report to the Planning Committee.

**December:** Staff incorporated comments on the BPCMS report from the project committee. Work on the City’s Pavement Prioritization Program is underway.

**November:** Pavement rating for the 2025 season is complete. The draft of this year’s BPCMS report is with the project committee for review. Staff have begun work on the City’s Pavement Prioritization Program.

**October:** A draft of this year’s BPCMS report is complete and will be shared with the review committee shortly. Pavement rating is nearly complete for the 2025 season.

**I-81 Project Involvement (Project Manager: James D’Agostino & Mario Colone)**

**February:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**January:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**December:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**November:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**October:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

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

**February:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**January:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**December:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**November:** SMTC staff attended a meeting of the Oswego County Transportation Advisory Committee in the City of Oswego in early November.

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

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)**

**December:** *Work on the 2050 MTP is complete and no additional updates will be provided.*

**November:** Hard copies of the 2050 MTP are now available at the SMTC offices for any member agencies that would like one.

**October:** The final adopted 2050 MTP has been posted to the SMTC website, including a Spanish translation of the Executive Summary. The document is being printed by a local shop, and we anticipate having copies available in mid-November.

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

**February:** Efforts continued pulling together the latest Freight Profile. Staff are reviewing track-related stops information for inclusion in the report. The next quarterly meeting of the NYSAMPO Transit Working Group is scheduled for early March where staff may present the Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment (see below).

**January:** A NYSAMPO Freight Working Group call was held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. As chair or co-chairs of the Freight and Transit Working Groups, staff are reviewing/updating the annual work plan and will send it out to the Working Group members to provide comments on. A full draft final Freight Profile is nearly complete.

**December:** During the recent Federal Certification, staff highlighted the extensive freight and transit activities undertaken at/in the SMTC, including Centro focused efforts like their Onondaga County network redesign (i.e., Better Bus Onondaga). Work also continued under the Freight Profile. For January's NYSAMPO Freight Working Group meeting, staff arranged for 2 presentations: truck parking and an update on the New York State rail plan.

**November:** Staff continue to coordinate with the Port of NY/NJ to set a tour date in late spring/summer. Also, in preparation for SMTC's upcoming federal certification review, presentations were developed that highlight freight planning and transit planning activities in our area. As part of the current FTA Section 5310 statewide solicitation, staff participated in various webinars. Funding applications are due to NYSDOT by December 5<sup>th</sup>. NYSDOT will likely then send the applications to SMTC in early January at which time an evaluators group will convene.

**October:** Continue coordination with NYSAMPO staff about setting up a tour of the Port of NY/NJ in the spring/summer 2026. SMTC, Buffalo MPO, and NYSAMPO staff held a call with the Port Authority and are scheduled to have an internal call to discuss specific "asks" and logistics soon. With the statewide FTA Section 5310 solicitation open, staff responded to various inquiries from potential applicants about the area's Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). The Coordinated Plan lists activities/recommendations eligible for funding consideration. The staff led evaluation group will commence in the coming weeks to review applications.

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

**February:** SMTC held a Safety Working Group (SWG) meeting held on 1/28. NYSDOT provided a demo of its CLEAR program. SMTC also reached out to the City of Syracuse to present about its various speed & camera enforcement programs at its next SWG call in March. SMTC also helped prepare updates for the 2026 annual work program.

**January:** SMTC staff met on 1/16 to discuss agenda topics for the upcoming Safety Working Group (SWG) meeting held on 1/28. SMTC is also helping prepare updates for the 2026 annual SWG work program.

**December:** SMTC staff met to discuss updates for the 2026 annual work program. Staff also presented about SMTC-specific safety-related initiatives to FHWA as part of SMTC's federal certification review.

**November:** SMTC facilitated a safety working group (SWG) call on Wednesday 11/19 and has followed up on some minor tasks. Staff are also reviewing the annual work program to review with the consultant team and the working group. An updated work program will be due in January 2026.

**October:** SMTC facilitated a safety working group (SWG) call and has followed up on some minor tasks. Staff also attended a disaster preparedness committee meeting hosted by the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.

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

**February:** The 2026 meeting dates have been set for the NYSAMPO Modeling Working Group and meeting topics are currently being discussed. The February meeting included a presentation on truck routing and parking using big data. MPO staff continue to explore the uses of big data for typical MPO planning studies as well as updating and maintaining various types of transportation models.

**January:** Staff worked on setting up the 2026 schedule for the monthly NYSAMPO Modeling Working Group meetings. Staff began reviewing the group's yearly work plan and will present it to the group for comment in the near future. Additionally, several staff signed up for Synchro & Sim Traffic training that will be held in early May.

**December:** Staff prepared for and presented to the NYSAMPO modeling working group. The presentation included an overview of Miovision mobility reports and insights. NYSDOT and OCDOT provide SMTC with access to the Miovision online platform which allows access to intersection turning movement count data for over 200 intersections in the SMTC MPA. Additionally, staff from AVAIL discussed updates to their online tools that can be used for CMP related analysis.

**November:** The NYSAMPO Modeling Working Group invited Replica to present the latest updates in their suite of tools and data including a demo of their new tool for analyzing road closure scenarios. Staff researched new ways of exporting TransCAD model outputs that can be imported into other software such as ArcGIS. The purpose of this effort is to provide model output files for others that don't have access to TransCAD software.

**October:** The Geotab Altitude application allows users to download fleet vehicle routing and origin-destination information. This information is currently being reviewed for several ongoing projects including the Fayetteville Route 5 study and Midler Ave and New Court study. Additionally, progress has been made on the first round of concept modeling for the Onondaga County Transportation Improvements (OCTI) project. Analyst staff are currently reviewing the results and have begun creating maps showing change in volumes for each concept.

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

**February:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**January:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

**December:** Staff are participating as requested with County Planning activities.

**November:** Staff continues to provide assistance to NYSDOT and related entities for the County OCTI EIS that is forthcoming related to the Micron Development and associated growth.

**October:** Assistance to NYSDOT and related entities for the OCTI EIS that is forthcoming related to the Micron Development and associated growth.

### **City of Syracuse On-Call Planning Support (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)**

**February:** SMTC staff participated in discussions with the City of Syracuse, CenterState CEO, and COMTO about grant writing priorities and potential projects that may qualify for upcoming opportunities. Staff have continued to provide geospatial data and written assistance for the small area plan development.

**January:** Staff are continuing to work with the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance team to draft the "small area plan." COMTO has entered into a subgrant agreement with EDR for placemaking and wayfinding design assistance. Staff will assist in bringing EDR up to speed on the effort thus far.

**December:** Staff are continuing to work with the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Team to draft the "small area plan."

**November:** Staff have been compiling data and assisting with mapping for Thriving Communities, along with researching and documenting historical context and past planning study recommendations for the study area.

**October:** Staff are continuing to work with City staff and the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Team to review information gathered from the site visit in September and draft an outline of the "small area plan" that is anticipated to result from this effort.

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

**February:** The Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment was acknowledged as complete at the February 13<sup>th</sup> SMTC Policy Committee meeting. The report and all appendices, inclusive of several visualizations at four station areas are available on the SMTC's Publications page for viewing. With the document

complete, staff may present the overall effort to interested municipalities in northern Onondaga County. Staff completed a set of peak hour volume change maps for each of the current draft CNY Forward concepts. Volume percent change maps are currently being developed. The latest coordination call with the NYSDOT team included a summary of their preliminary findings from the model runs. Based on these findings, several changes are being considered for the concepts.

**January:** The revisions for the various CNY Forward concepts were coded and re-run in the SMTC regional model. Model output files and a summary memo were provided to the NYSDOT team in mid-January. Staff are currently working on creating volume change maps for each of the concepts. Staff are preparing a *Rt 31 Transit Corridor Assessment* presentation for the January 2026 Planning Committee and February 2026 Policy Committee meetings.

**December:** The full draft final report for the NYS Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment was transferred from the consultant in mid-December. Staff will present the transit assessment at the upcoming SMTC Planning and Policy Committee meetings for committee acknowledgement. A draft round of model run results for the CNY Forward project were prepared and provided to NYSDOT and their consultant team. Based on their review, they requested changes to several of the concept assumptions. RSG is currently working on applying the changes and will provide the team with updated output files in early January.

**November:** The final Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment SAC meeting was held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The consultant team led a discussion on next steps and suggested implementation approaches, which include both transportation and land use/zoning activities. The full draft final report for SMTC committee acknowledgement will be provided by the end of December. Staff continue to coordinate with NYSDOT regarding the CNY Forward transportation alternatives analysis.

**October:** As mentioned under Travel Demand Modeling, progress is being made on the first round of transportation concepts modeling for the Onondaga County Transportation Improvement (OCTI) project. Staff continue to coordinate with NYSDOT, and their consultants as needed. The Route 31 transit corridor assessment consultant is assembling the draft report/documentation and staff are providing input. The draft document will be shared with the Study Advisory Committee (SAC) for their reference/review prior to SMTC committee acknowledgement. Regarding the SAC, the last SAC meeting will likely be scheduled for November.

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

**February:** Staff continue to assist planning the upcoming public open house on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The consultant provided a draft presentation for staff review and comments, along with some of the finalized concepts. Draft text is expected at the beginning of March for review.

**January:** Staff continue to review and comment on updated corridor concepts provided by the consultant team. A public meeting has been scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at STEAM at MLK School, where the final concepts will be presented. Staff will assist in the promotion and preparation of the meeting.

**December:** Concepts from the public engagement sessions have been posted on the City's website to allow for additional comments. SMTC staff discussed changes to corridor concepts with consultant team based on comments received at the in-person engagement sessions. Project team aims to have the report finished by the end of March.

**November:** Two public engagement sessions were held within the study area. Over 30 people attended each session, where community members were asked to provide feedback and input on initial plan level designs of the study area corridors. The consultant team met with NYSDOT to discuss potential changes to the Adams St corridor. SMTC staff continue to provide feedback on concept designs.

**October:** SMTC staff continue to review draft corridor plans and provide feedback as designs continue to evolve. The consultant team will refine the designs prior to public engagement events scheduled for mid-November. The events will include small group discussions at the local library and coffee shop on SHA property.

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

**February:** Staff have coordinated with potential project sponsors, providing feedback on project questions along with helpful material from previously completed studies. Applications continue to be monitored.

**January:** Staff continue to monitor the online application form for incoming project proposals.

**December:** The application window has been promoted through email, social media posts, and the fall newsletter. Staff continue to monitor the online application form for incoming project proposals.

**November:** SMTC staff updated the Community Streets website based on conversations with the City of Syracuse. Applications are now open for 2026 installations, which have been promoted through the Fall 2025 Directions newsletter and social media posts.

**October:** SMTC staff met with City staff to discuss adjustments to the program, including transitioning to an open application process that allows community groups to submit project ideas throughout the year. Project installations would still be restricted to spring and summer months. Community groups would be responsible for providing their own project financing. Staff will be deciding the program's future in early November.

### **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.*

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

**February:** The *Route 57 Complete Streets Study* Final Report was acknowledged as complete by the SMTC Policy Committee on February 13, 2026. The final report and appendices can be found on the SMTC website.

**January:** The *Route 57 Complete Streets Study* Final Report will be brought through the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees for acknowledgement of completion in January and February 2026 respectively.

**December:** Consultant B&L incorporated SMTC and SAC comments/changes into the Final Report for the *Route 57 Complete Streets Study* prior to submitting it to SMTC last month. The Final Report will be brought through the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees for acknowledgement of completion in January and February 2026 respectively.

**November:** Staff have reviewed the entire Draft Final Report for the *Route 57 Complete Streets Study*, along with draft renderings for select improvements along the corridor. All comments have been forwarded to consultant B&L for inclusion in the Draft Final Report. No additional SAC meetings are anticipated. The project will be completed by the end of December.

**October:** A few comments were received from the public on the proposed improvements for the *Route 57 Complete Streets Study* via the "public review showcase" set up by the consultant. These have been incorporated into the Draft Final Report which is in the process of being reviewed by the SAC. The consultant will also forward renderings for SMTC and SAC review this month.

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

**October:** *This study was acknowledged as complete by the Policy Committee on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. No further updates will occur.*

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

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

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

**December:** No activity to report.

**November:** No significant staff activity to report.

**October:** Staff participated in the County's RFP review process, which included interviews with prospective consultant teams. The County anticipates selecting a team in the coming weeks. County and SMTC staff will discuss level of SMTC technical and procedural assistance once the SS4A contract is in place.

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

**February:** SMTC submitted the draft report to the study advisory committee for comment. Three SAC members provided comments. SMTC incorporated substantive comments in the draft report and put the draft report online for public review.

**January:** SMTC quality checked Synchro level of service table and confirmed HCM7 results. SMTC prepared Synchro summary reports for report appendix. SMTC worked on chapters 5, 6, and 7 and assembled a draft report for internal review and SAC review.

**December:** SMTC summarized all Synchro findings in a LOS table and supporting tables and summary reports. SMTC is digitizing concept plans based on mitigation needs per the Synchro model. SMTC continues to draft the report. The final chapters are being written and will be made available for SAC review in January.

**November:** SMTC addressed NYSDOT's Synchro Assessment comments for intersections along Route 49 with NYSDOT. SMTC documented level of service for all affected intersections. SMTC is digitizing concept plans based on mitigation needs per the Synchro model. SMTC continues to draft the report. SMTC will draft the final two chapters in December.

**October:** SMTC reviewed its Synchro assessment for intersections along Route 49 with NYSDOT. NYSDOT provided comments and SMTC met with the state to confirm final edits to the model. SMTC is currently drafting the report and is digitizing recommendation maps. SMTC is approximately 50 percent complete with these tasks.

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

**February:** The application deadline closes at the end of February. Staff have been reviewing the applications that have already been submitted. Staff will notify the selected municipalities at the conclusion of the application window.

**January:** Staff extended the deadline for applications for planning assistance and sent out a reminder to municipalities to apply. Staff are working with municipalities who have shown interest in the project.

**December:** Staff set up an informational page on the SMTC website about the project. Staff sent a notice to municipal contacts about the availability of planning assistance. Staff will collect applications throughout January before selecting corridors for further analysis.

**November:** Staff have drafted a notice to be sent to municipalities alerting them to the planning opportunities related to this project and have been building out an informational page on the SMTC's website. The notice will be reviewed by key stakeholders and circulated shortly to municipalities in the region.

**October:** Staff continue to develop an outreach plan to municipalities. Staff continue to collect relevant information from Phase 1 of the project to inform them about the decision-making process of the Phase 2 project.

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

**February:** SMTC is continuing its assessment of built bikeways to determine where gaps exist. SMTC is also researching various state funding programs and local funding programs to better understand which ones could allow for bikeway improvements. SMTC is also researching the “3R” processes to better understand when improvements for bikeways are allowed.

**January:** SMTC is refining maps that show where portions of the bikeway have been implemented to determine where gaps exist. SMTC is also reviewing what bikeway projects are in the pipeline to construct. SMTC is preparing a draft presentation to review at the next Forum on Active Transportation Meeting.

**December:** SMTC is creating summary maps that show capital projects that include portions of the envisioned bike network to determine what (has been) implemented. SMTC is determining what corridors to prioritize. SMTC will summarize this information into a presentation to share with the SAC/FOAT.

**November:** SMTC continues to collect information on past and current capital projects to determine which portions of the envisioned bike network are (have been) implemented. SMTC will review these results and summarize findings in December. SMTC will then determine what corridors to prioritize for implementation.

**October:** SMTC held its first meeting to inform municipalities about the plan and how they can work together to implement it. This is the first meeting of what is anticipated to be a series of Forum on Active Transportation Planning (FOAT) meetings. Staff are now documenting which roads of the 100-mile network have incorporated recommended bikeways.

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

**February:** A draft memo was provided to the advisory group for their review and comment. Staff have addressed any incoming comments and have begun preparing a summary presentation.

**January:** Staff continue to assemble the draft technical memorandum, responding to comments and questions from the advisory group. The draft memo will be reviewed by the advisory group in the beginning of February.

**December:** Staff met with representatives from the Village and NYSDOT to discuss the collected data and analysis. Overall findings show that traffic volumes have remained steady over the last 15+ years, with slight declines along some portions of the corridor. Volumes have rebounded since the pandemic but remain on their pre-pandemic trajectory. Staff continues to write up the findings of the technical analysis and aim to have a draft memo available to the SAC by the end of January.

**November:** Staff have scheduled a meeting in early December with representatives from the Village and NYSDOT to discuss the data collection efforts and analysis. Staff continue to assemble the technical memo and materials for the upcoming meeting.

**October:** Staff continue to collect and analyze updated data for the technical memo. New turning movement counts were performed at two intersections along the corridor. A signal warrant analysis for the Rt 5/Duguid Rd intersection was performed as part of this analysis. Staff will begin summarizing initial conclusions to the existing conditions report.

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

**February:** Staff continues to work on the draft tech memo, analyzing and summarizing the crash information on the Henry Clay Boulevard Corridor and working on the operations analysis portion with the use of synchro as well.

**January:** Staff continues to analyze/review data compiled to date to summarize in draft tech memo and use in synchro mode.

**December:** Continued drafting of the technical memorandum for Henry Clay Boulevard. Reviewed recent turning movement counts completed along the corridor of interest and used these counts in the signal warrant analysis and synchro modeling. Extracted specific crash details to explore any possible trends.

**November:** At the request of the SAC, Safety Analysis was expanded to include an all-way stop warrant analysis. S. Bay portion of the study remains limited in progress due to the bridge over I-81 under construction. Manual counts were completed by the consultant at Norstar and Dey for use in both the signal warrant, and operations analysis portions of the study. Drafting of the Henry Clay technical memo is currently under way and in its infancy.

**October:** Completed preliminary macro and micro level crash analysis. Prepared for and held a SAC meeting where the analysis done to date was presented and open discussion about next steps was had. Working on developing a count list based on that discussion to complete in the near future.

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

**February:** Staff continue to meet with stakeholders on the project. Staff continue developing ZIP code profiles for use in the final report. Staff have begun drafting report elements.

**January:** Staff had the second SAC meeting for the project, where the quantitative analysis completed to date was presented. Staff mapped areas of low-income and low-access (LILA) to full-service grocers in the SMTC MPA. Staff met with three additional groups of stakeholders to discuss food accessibility and will continue to do so throughout the rest of the project.

**December:** Staff met with stakeholders to discuss the project efforts so far and to share information about similar efforts. Staff have scheduled focus groups for 2026 to meet with people and agencies who work directly with food accessibility issues. Staff continue to build a network of key project stakeholders in the region.

**November:** Staff have continued to gather data related to the community profiles currently under development. Staff have begun outreach for focus groups with people and agencies who work directly with food accessibility issues.

**October:** Staff held the kickoff SAC meeting where preliminary areas of Low Income and Low Access (LILA) were shared with SAC members for initial review. Staff also outlined draft community profiles by ZIP code. Staff continue to work on the quantitative efforts associated with this project while planning outreach for the qualitative focus groups to occur later this year.

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

**February:** Staff completed drafts of numerous photosims and planview maps of potential improvements to the study area. Outreach was also conducted with major stakeholders such as property owners and the EPA. The second focus group is scheduled for the first week of March.

**January:** Staff conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> SAC meeting, reviewing photosims and established short-and long-term concepts for the study area. Additional plan view concepts and photosims are being drafted and outreach for the second focus group meeting has begun.

**December:** Staff began drafting concepts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> SAC meeting, including photosims of the area around the southern trailhead of the existing Bear Trap Creek Bikeway as well as along Hiawatha Boulevard. Staff conducted additional fieldwork along the existing trail as well as along Hiawatha and 7<sup>th</sup> North Street. Staff are formatting the report for future SAC review. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SAC meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**November:** Staff conducted a focus group to gather feedback and establish buy-in from local leaders and stakeholders about potential connections between the existing Bear Trap Creek Bikeway and the Regional Farmer's Market. Staff are summarizing feedback to inform design concepts for the final product. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**October:** SMTC staff identified and contacted stakeholders to participate in a focus group scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Staff continues to develop the report as the project progresses.

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

**February:** Staff held a second SAC meeting at the beginning of February focused on a review of the public survey, the crash data analysis, and the initial identification of issues and opportunities. Staff

have begun developing initial concepts aimed at addressing the identified issues. Draft chapters for the final report continue to be crafted and will be shared with the SAC prior to the next SAC meeting.

**January:** Staff have completed an in-depth crash analysis of the corridor, with a focus on the Midler/James intersection. Initial issues and opportunities have been identified based on a review of collected data and the survey results and have completed a draft survey summary. A second SAC meeting is currently being scheduled for the beginning of February.

**December:** Staff have categorized survey responses for analysis and continue to work on a public survey summary to provide the SAC in January. Staff have begun looking closer at crash data for the James St/Midler Ave intersection due to its inclusion on the City's High Injury Network. Work continues on identifying issues and opportunities based on collected data and survey results.

**November:** The public survey closed on November 15<sup>th</sup> with 226 responses. Staff have begun categorizing and analyzing the responses. Staff have reviewed Replica data to better understand trip distributions in the study area, with a focus on trips under 2 miles which may be more likely to convert to walking or biking trips. Crash data has been collected and analyzed, identifying concerns around intersections along the study corridor. Staff are beginning to write an issues and opportunities report based on the survey and data collection results.

**October:** The public survey was released on October 15<sup>th</sup> and will close on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff attended the Northside and Eastwood TNT meetings to encourage residents to take the survey. Staff have begun reaching out to community groups and organizations along the corridor to promote the survey and engage residents in discussions on the needs of the community. Existing conditions and previous study reviews are continuing, including reviewing the new draft Town of Salina comprehensive plan.

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

**February:** Staff continue to prepare a public outreach website for the Nottingham Rd Multimodal Improvement Study. The website, along with a draft survey (which will ask questions about how people interact with Nottingham Road) will be shared with the SAC for approval prior to going live in March.

**January:** Staff are in the process of creating content for a project website, along with public outreach materials to be shared with the public virtually in February. SMTC will be looking for feedback on how people use the Nottingham Rd corridor through an on-line survey.

**December:** The first SAC meeting for the Nottingham Road Multimodal Improvements Study was held on December 17, 2025. Staff reviewed the project purpose/study area, initial data collection (review of existing studies, demographics, Replica findings, existing traffic data, transit data, etc.), and potential issues/opportunities. Public outreach is the next step in the project and is anticipated to take place virtually in February once the SAC reviews the public outreach materials.

**November:** Staff continue to review and analyze existing conditions information for the project. A Study Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled for mid-December to review existing conditions details, examine corridor issues and discuss public outreach opportunities.

**October:** Staff conducted fieldwork in mid-October, taking photos and measurements along key points of the Nottingham Road corridor. Staff are reviewing the City of Syracuse's final design plans for the East Colvin Street project (between Comstock Ave and Julian Place) and will incorporate appropriate information into the SMTC project. Staff have begun to analyze crash data and Replica data for the study area.

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

**February:** SMTC sent a letter to the new Town of Cicero supervisor to confirm the Town's continued interest in having SMTC conduct the study. The supervisor responded by email confirming the Town's interest in continuing. SMTC is reviewing assessment tasks to date and is performing QA/QC on task projects.

**January:** SMTC continues to summarize existing conditions to develop a traffic profile that will summarize crashes, transit, and other travel-related demographics.

**December:** SMTC continues to summarize existing conditions, including crash patterns, transit, and other travel-related demographics.

**November:** SMTC summarized transit service information including route and ridership statistics. SMTC is also developing a crash assessment for the entire town. Travel demographics are also being developed.

**October:** SMTC is beginning existing conditions assessment to prepare a community transportation profile that will inform recommendations for active transportation improvements. The project manager also attended a Greenways Conference to learn more about developing trails along utility corridors, which may be a strategy considered to link neighborhoods.

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

**February:** In preparation for the next Executive Committee meeting in March, staff put together several administrative modifications for Centro projects and other capital project-related amendments for Centro and the New York State Department of Transportation. Additionally, the 2026-2029 STIP was provisionally adopted earlier in February. Staff have begun the process of entering “back-log” actions in the current eSTIP.

**January:** Various amendments occurred to the TIP earlier in the month. Staff have been informed that the new statewide TIP (STIP) should be adopted soon, at which point, backlog capital program changes will need to be re-entered (i.e., MPO actions approved before new STIP).

**December:** Routine maintenance and administration of the area’s TIP occurred throughout the month. The TIP was highlighted during the recent Federal Certification. For capital project administrative purposes, staff, along with everyone else in New York State, will soon transition to a new online project management software.

**November:** The FFY 24/25 end-of-year summary was discussed at November’s Executive Committee meeting and is available on the SMTC’s TIP webpage. Regarding funding opportunities, member agencies and municipalities were informed of the latest statewide Transportation Alternatives Program solicitation. Applications are due to NYSDOT by March 12, 2026. Lastly, staff put together a TIP overview presentation for the certification review and also participated in an eSTIP replacement webinar to learn more about the new online platform’s functionality.

**October:** At the close of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023/2024, capital project sponsors obligated 99% of the programmed federal dollars. The required annual list of obligations was generated and posted on the SMTC’s TIP webpage. Additionally, staff created our annual “end-of-FFY” TIP summary document that synthesizes a variety of capital program criteria.

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

**February:** No significant SMTC activity to report.

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