



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

General Administration (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

April: Activities related to the scoping of new projects and closing out the 2025-2025 UPWP and transitioning to the 2026-2027 UPWP were actively worked on and underway.

Two new staff were retained, the first starting May 1, 2026, and the second starting June 8, 2026.

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

April: The website required some significant updates and corrections. Additionally, work towards website ADA compliance is underway. Planning for the April 29th FOAT meeting occurred.

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

April: No significant activity to report.

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

April: All projects that are slated to be completed and do not have their own line item in the new UPWP were worked on over the past month and moved towards completion.

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

April: Initial staff assignments and scoping for the new UPWP are well underway. The program is very large and will be completed over a two-year cycle.

2027 NYSAMPO Conference (SCI Billing) – (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

April: Planning for the 2027 Conference is underway, and we are actively detailing the steps to get us on time and on budget.

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

April: Staff are working with new 2020-2024 American Community Survey estimates. No significant activity to report.

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

April: Completed necessary paperwork to extend the current count consultant contract another year. Staff have been working to find count information in the traffic data viewer (TDV) and then update the city/county count database with status info.

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

April: Analyst staff have been working closely with NYSDOT regarding downloading Geotab Altitude truck movement and stop event data and harsh braking events data. Several years of data are being downloaded for future reference. NYSDOT has also recently provided MPOs access to S&P Global forecast data, which is valuable for future year modeling. Additionally, to inform new planning projects, staff gathered various new and updated datasets such as the last Centro routes, draft future Centro routes, data axel business locations, and others.

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

April: SMTC staff continue working with City staff on using ArcGIS Online tools and the associated data. Staff continue to provide GIS data to member agencies upon request.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

April: Staff are holding the next virtual Forum on Active Transportation (FOAT) on April 29 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Staff will present updates on the following studies: Midler Avenue and New Court Avenue Multimodal Study, Bear Trap Creek Connector Study, Nottingham Road Multimodal Improvements Study, West Monroe Route 49 Corridor Study and will share brief updates on other ongoing and upcoming SMTC studies.

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

April: Staff continue work on the BPCMS report. Staff have begun synthesizing bridge data and compiling pavement information based on currently available data.

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

April: No significant activity to report

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: No significant activity to report

Bicycle Commuter Corridor Implementation (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

April: SMTC is meeting with NYSDOT, OCDOT and the City of Syracuse this month to discuss various state funding programs as well as potential implementation opportunities that may be available on their respective roads. Any update on this project will be shared during the 4/29/26 FOAT.

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

April: Staff continued refining the draft Freight Profile and added new information on the number of truck stop “events” in the planning area according to data from Geotab. Though not inclusive of every commercial vehicle, the truck data is 100% observed from fleets that use the company’s embedded hardware. Additionally, staff coordinated with the Port of New York & New Jersey for May’s upcoming site visit. Currently, 12 MPO of NYSDOT personnel have registered. Lastly, discussions on the area’s Coordinated Plan took place internally and at Centro’s Accessible Transportation Advisory Council quarterly meeting.

Traffic Safety (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

April: Staff brainstormed ways to use HSIP funds for a local safety project idea. Staff had a follow up discussion about the 3/24 Safety Working Group (SWG) meeting and coordinated about USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) webinar series. Staff attended the webinars about action plans and implementation grants.

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

April: No significant activity to report. The County scheduled the project's kick-off meeting with the consultant and SMTC for May.

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

April: No significant activity to report.

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

April: Staff met with the town of Clay and County Planning to discuss potential development and the implications on existing studies and efforts.

Community Streets Program (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: Staff met with City of Syracuse staff to discuss project proposals. Feedback and edits have been provided to project sponsors. Further coordination on a pre-development meeting is ongoing. Three projects are expected to be installed in 2026.

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

April: Staff held a study advisory committee meeting where SAC members were given an overview of the selected corridors and the work completed to date. Staff provided existing conditions mapping for the corridors. Staff have been scheduling meetings with the municipal partners, which will occur in May.

Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

April: The monthly NYSAMPO travel demand modeling working group meeting included a presentation and demo from StreetLight. They updated the group on their data and analytics offerings which included traffic and intersection movements, truck traffic, harsh braking events, and an active transportation snapshot application to name a few. Additionally, current and future volumes and percent change outputs were extracted from the SMTC regional model for the Midler Ave Multimodal Study.

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

April: Staff have been working toward finalization of the draft technical memorandum. The draft memo has received internal review while its synchro component is receiving review and assistance from our consultant.

Intersecting Community Needs: Food Access and Transportation (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

April: Staff held a study advisory committee meeting that provided updates on the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the project. Staff have been working closely with Food Access and Healthy Neighborhoods Now to schedule additional focus groups for the study. Staff have begun writing the draft report.

Midler Ave & New Court Ave Multimodal Study (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: Draft concepts have been developed based on public survey responses, data analysis, and SAC feedback. Staff presented the concepts to the SAC on April 27th. No significant issues have been identified. Staff will refine the concepts and plan for a public meeting in June.

Nottingham Rd Multimodal Improvements (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

April: The survey for obtaining feedback from the public on Nottingham Road closed in mid-April with over 250 responses. Staff will begin to summarize the findings and continue to update maps and draft sections of the report. An update on this project will be shared during the 4/29/26 FOAT.

Cicero Active Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

April: Staff are preparing detailed gap maps to determine recommendation ideas. The gap maps will show recommendations from existing plans – such as the NYSDOT Bicycle Commuter Corridor Study. SMTC use these maps to determine where gaps exist between larger neighborhoods and destinations of interest such as business corridors/districts, parks, schools, etc. SMTC will prepare idea/recommended option maps that show where it may be feasible to connect areas with on-road and off-road bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

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

April: Staff participated in a virtual workshop with staff from the City of Syracuse, Centerstate CEO, and Centro. The workshop focused on identifying specific focus areas based on existing conditions. Staff continue to assist with draft report writing and coordination.

LaFayette Road Corridor Study (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: Staff met to review the project submission and began drafting a scope of work. Staff will coordinate with the City of Syracuse on a scoping meeting later this spring.

Meadowbrook Drive Corridor Study (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

April: This is a new project. Scoping will commence in Q2 of this program year.

Center City Parking and Mobility Study (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: The City of Syracuse has asked for a short-term action plan to be fast-tracked to address existing and upcoming parking constraints as it relates to facilities going offline and the I-81 Viaduct Project. A scope of work for the short-term action plan has been agreed to by the assembled SAC. A first SAC meeting was held on April 17, where known constraints were identified and potential areas of analysis were discussed. Staff met with representatives from LAZ and SPS, two parking facility operators, to identify existing excess capacity.

Town of Clay Hamlet/Village Concept Refinement and Multimodal Access (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

April: Staff anticipate scheduling a preliminary scoping discussion with the Town in early May.

Martisco to Otisco Lake Trail Evaluation (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

April: This is a new study. SMTC is collecting contact information for community leaders and stakeholders from the towns and villages of Marcellus and Camillus. SMTC is also researching road ownership and land ownership along the former Martisco Railroad corridor (e.g., OCWA, private owners, etc.). Staff are collecting this information to prepare for discussions with each municipality and road owner. SMTC will document issues and concerns prior to holding a scoping meeting.

NYS Route 31 Corridor Planning – Next Steps (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

April: A scoping discussion will take place in May pending County staff availability.

Greater Baldwinsville Pedestrian/Bike Connective Corridor (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

April: Staff are meeting with project sponsors (Village of Baldwinsville, Towns of Lysander and Van Buren) in late April to discuss the project scope. The municipalities want to examine bicycle and pedestrian connections between their parks and amenities (restaurants, retail, commercial). Staff will draft a Scope of Work in May and share with key member agencies for review and input prior to sending to the Planning Committee for a vote. This will be a consultant-based study, with an RFP to be developed following the approval of the Scope.

Baldwinsville Bypass – Phase II: Technical Modeling Analysis (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

April: Staff have begun internal discussions about the scoping of this project. The project sponsors will be contacted in the upcoming weeks to develop and finalize the scope.

SOCRIS (Southern Oswego County Regional Interceptor Sewer) Corridor Study (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

April: This is a new study. SMTC is collecting contact information for community leaders and stakeholders for the Route 49 corridor study area. The study area extends 25 miles between the City of Fulton and the Village of Cleveland. This information is being collected to prepare for a scoping meeting.

Shop City Mobility Study (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

April: Staff have begun review of the project proposal and will begin initial scope of work discussions later this spring.

ITS Strategic Plan Update: Review and Scope for New Plan (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

April: Initial research into ITS Architecture development has started.

TIP Development & Maintenance (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

April: Adjustments to the TIP occurred throughout the month as necessary. Staff, in coordination with NYSDOT Main Office personnel and other interested MPOs throughout the state have opened dialog into the new online capital program.

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

April: No significant activity to report