

SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the May 7, 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Marty Voss – *Vice Chairperson*
Mary Robison
Troy Waffner
David Bottar
Tara Spraker
David Roth

Organization

Onondaga County Department of Transportation
City of Syracuse
Onondaga County Department of Planning
CNY Regional Planning and Development Board
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
NYS Department of Transportation

Also Attending

Katrina Bergan

NYS Department of Transportation

SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone and Lori Irvine

BUSINESS MEETING

Vice Chairperson Voss called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the SMTC Lower-Level Conference Room.

1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Vice Chairperson Voss indicated there were no additions or changes to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Voss asked if there were any changes to the April 2, 2026, minutes.

Hearing none, Vice Chairperson Voss called for a motion for the Approval of the Minutes.

Mr. Waffner moved, and Mr. Roth seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the Financial Statements presented were through March 2026, which marks the completion of the SMTC program year (4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026).

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the SMTC finished in the black with approximately \$20,000.00 to spare. Mr. D'Agostino mentioned that he added 2 more staff to the SMTC team to fill vacancies and believes the current program year budget will be in line with very little left over.

Vice Chairperson Voss asked if there were any questions. There were none.

This was an informational item only.

B. UPWP STATUS REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino highlighted the following from the April 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Status Report:

Activities related to the scoping of new projects, closing out the 2025-2026 UPWP, and transitioning to the 2026-2027 UPWP were actively worked on and underway. Two new SMTC staff were retained. The first started May 1, 2026 (from Cayuga County Planning), and the second starting June 8, 2026 (a recent Cornell University graduate). Mr. D'Agostino mentioned that the next SMTC Planning and Policy Committee Meetings have been scheduled for June 11th and June 25th respectively.

The SMTC website required some significant updates and corrections. Work towards website Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance is underway, which is a federal requirement.

Projects such as the Bear Trap Creek Study and a few others that were slated for completion in the last UPWP and do not have their own line item in the new UPWP are being completed and will be presented at the next Planning and Policy Committee meetings in June. Initial staff assignments and scoping for the new UPWP are well underway. Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the program is very large and will be completed over a two-year cycle. He also indicated that a Call-Letter is uncertain for the end of this program year.

Planning for the 2027 NYSAMPO Conference scheduled for April 2027 is underway. SMTC opted to complete the necessary paperwork to extend the current data collection consultant contract for another year. SMTC Analyst staff have been working closely with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) regarding downloading Geotab Altitude for truck movement, stop event data, and harsh braking events data. NYSDOT has also recently provided MPOs access to S&P Global forecast data, which is valuable for future year modeling. Also, SMTC staff gathered various new and updated datasets such as the last Centro routes, draft future Centro routes, Data Axel business locations, and others.

SMTC staff held a Forum on Active Transportation (FOAT) meeting on April 29th and presented updates on the Midler Avenue and New Court Avenue Multimodal Study, Bear Trap Creek Connector Study, Nottingham Road Multimodal Improvement Study, West Monroe Route 49 Corridor Study and shared brief updates on other ongoing and upcoming SMTC studies. SMTC staff continue work on the Bridge and Pavement Condition Management System (BPCMS) report. SMTC staff have begun synthesizing bridge data and compiling pavement information based on currently available data.

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the SMTC is meeting with NYSDOT, Onondaga County Department of Transportation (OCDOT) and the City of Syracuse this month to discuss various state funding programs to help move the Bicycle Commuter Corridor Implementation project forward. SMTC staff continued refining the draft Freight Profile for the Rail, Truck & Transit Planning project which will be presented at the June Planning and Policy Committee meetings. Additionally, staff coordinated with the Port of New York & New Jersey for an upcoming site visit with other MPO personnel.

The Onondaga County Safe Streets for All Action Plan kick-off meeting has been scheduled with the consultant and the SMTC in May. SMTC staff met with City of Syracuse staff to discuss project proposals for the Community Streets Program. Three projects are expected to be installed in 2026. SMTC staff held a Study Advisory Committee meeting where members were given an overview of the selected corridors and the work completed to date on the Empire State Trail Economic Opportunities – Phase 2 project. SMTC staff provided existing conditions mapping for the corridors and have been scheduling meetings with the municipal partners, which will occur in May.

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.

SMTC staff have been working towards finalization of the draft technical memorandum for the OCDOT Operations and Safety Analysis project. The draft memo has received internal review while its Synchro component is receiving review and assistance from the consultant. A Study Advisory Committee meeting was held for the Intersecting Community Needs: Food Access and Transportation Study. SMTC staff have also scheduled an upcoming Saturday meeting with stakeholders on May 16th.

Draft concepts have been developed based on public survey responses, data analysis, and SAC feedback for the Midler Ave & New Court Ave Multimodal Study. SMTC staff presented the concepts to the SAC on April 27th. No significant issues were identified, and staff will refine the concepts and plan for a public meeting in June. The survey to obtain feedback from the public on Nottingham Road closed in mid-April with over 250 responses. SMTC staff will begin to summarize the findings and continue to update maps and draft sections of the report.

SMTC staff are preparing detailed gap maps to determine recommendation ideas for the Cicero Active Transportation Plan. The gap maps will show recommendations from existing plans and determine where gaps exist between larger neighborhoods and destinations of interest. SMTC staff participated in a virtual workshop with staff from the City of Syracuse, Centerstate CEO, and Centro for the City of Syracuse Thriving Communities Grant Coordination and Management Assistance project. The workshop focused on identifying specific focus areas based on existing conditions.

SMTC staff met to review the project submission and began drafting a scope of work for the LaFayette Road Corridor Study and will coordinate with the City of Syracuse on a scoping meeting later this spring. Scoping will commence in second quarter of the program year on the Meadowbrook Drive Corridor Study.

The City of Syracuse has asked the SMTC 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. The first SAC meeting was held on April 17th, where known constraints were identified and potential areas of analysis were discussed. SMTC staff met with representatives from LAZ and SPS, two parking facility operators, to

identify existing excess capacity. A total of approximately 3,000 spots were identified around the downtown area. SMTC staff will also be participating in a walk-time study and will report back with their findings.

SMTC staff has scheduled a preliminary scoping discussion with the Town of Clay for the Town of Clay Hamlet/Village Concept Refinement and Multimodal Access Study. SMTC staff is collecting contact information for community leaders and stakeholders from the towns and villages of Marcellus and Camillus for the Martisco to Otisco Lake Trail Evaluation. SMTC is also researching road and land ownership along the former Martisco Railroad corridor. SMTC 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.

A scoping meeting will take place soon for the NYS Route 31 Corridor Planning – Next Steps study. SMTC staff are meeting with the Greater Baldwinsville Pedestrian/Bike Connective Corridor project sponsors (Village of Baldwinsville, Towns of Lysander and Van Buren) to discuss the project scope. The municipalities want to examine bicycle and pedestrian connections between their parks and amenities. SMTC 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.

The Baldwinsville Bypass – Phase II project has not yet begun. The project sponsors will be contacted in the upcoming weeks to develop and finalize the scope. The Southern Oswego County Regional Interceptor Sewer Corridor Study (SOCRIS) is a new study. The study area extends 25 miles between the City of Fulton and the Village of Cleveland. Information is being collected to prepare for a scoping meeting. Mr. D'Agostino believes this will be a high-level study.

SMTC staff have begun review of the Shop City Mobility Study project proposals and will begin initial scope of work discussions soon. Initial research into ITS Architecture development has started on the ITS Strategic Plan: Review and Scope for New Plan project.

Lastly, adjustments to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) occurred throughout the month as necessary. SMTC staff, in coordination with NYSDOT Main Office personnel and other interested MPOs throughout the state have opened dialog into the new online capital program software.

Vice Chairperson Voss asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

This was an informational item only.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **UPWP Amendment**

Mr. D'Agostino explained that it had been found necessary to adjust the previously adopted 2026-2027 UPWP budget to account for work requested by NYSDOT related to Travel Demand Modeling for the Micron Area Development secondary EIS CNY-Forward being led by NYSDOT.

The NYSDOT has allotted SMTC \$100,000 in State Planning and Research Funds to complete this work on behalf of NYSDOT.

Vice Chairperson Voss asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

Vice Chairperson Voss called for a motion that the Executive Committee approve the UPWP Amendment.

Ms. Robison moved, and Mr. Roth seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. **TIP Amendments**

Mr. D'Agostino explained that there are 3 TIP Amendments for consideration:

Addition of project:

1) Following the 2025/2026 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 solicitation administered by the New York State Department of Transportation, 5 applicants in Onondaga County are recommended for receipt of funding. The applicants and funding amounts are listed below. All funding will be programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025/2026.

i) PIN 382048: Onondaga County Adult and Long-Term Care Services – Operational assistance to support and expand available transportation options for older adults and people with disabilities • \$501,814 total (\$250,907 Sect 5310, \$250,907 match)

ii) PIN 382049: St. Camillus Residential Health Care Facility – Operational assistance for continuation of services • \$456,806 total (\$228,403 Sect 5310, \$228,403 match)

iii) PIN 382050: Loretto Independent Living Services – purchase 5 accessible vehicles • \$550,350 total (\$440,280 Sect 5310, \$110,070 match)

iv) PIN 382051: St. Camillus Residential Health Care Facility – purchase 1 accessible vehicle • \$113,341 total (\$90,673 Sect 5310, \$22,668 match)

v) PIN 382052: Visiting Nurse Association of Central New York – purchase 1 accessible vehicle • \$88,844 total (\$71,075 Sect 5310, \$17,769 match)

Change in cost and/or schedule:

2) PIN 304364 (SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, RT 11 @ RT 49 INTERSECTION, VIL OF CENTRAL SQ, OSWEGO CO). Sponsor New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). NYSDOT is proposing to increase the Right of Way Acquisition phase in FFY 26/27 by \$354,000 HSIP federal funds. Compensating offset provided by available planning target funds.

3) PIN 307629 (BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RT 20 OVER LIMESTONE CRK, POMPEY, ONONDAGA CO). Sponsor NYSDOT. NYSDOT is proposing to increase the Detailed Design phase in FFY 25/26 by \$240,000 NHPP federal funds. Compensating offset provided by available planning target funds.

Vice Chairperson Voss asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Vice Chairperson Voss called for a motion that the Executive Committee approve the TIP Amendments.

Mr. Waffner moved, and Mr. Roth seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

7. **ADJOURN**

Mr. D'Agostino reminded committee attendees of the upcoming Planning and Policy Committee meetings scheduled for June.

With no further business to be addressed, Vice Chairperson Voss adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.