



Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

Unified Planning Work Program Status Report

2026-2027 Program Year – 1st Half

August 2026

General Administration (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

August: Special Planning and Policy meetings held for I-81 contract budget and schedule purposes. Four draft scopes of work approved, and existing conditions work is underway. Screening and follow-up interviews held with prospective applicants for the open Analyst position.

July: Scheduled special August Planning and Policy meetings to deal with I-81 budget and schedule. Posted job opening for replacement Analyst. NYSDOT SPR reporting completed. Worked with NYS Comptroller on SMTTC documents for the Comptrollers bridge Audit of NYSDOT.

June: Planning and Policy meetings held. Several projects accepted as complete.

May: June Planning and Policy Committee meetings were scheduled. Additionally, work continued on closing out all carryover projects and the scoping of new projects.

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)

August: Staff assembled comments submitted during the recent MTP and TIP amendment public comment period. Comments are documented in the revised MTP. Various website updates and social media postings occurred throughout the month.

July: Website maintenance occurred. Mailing to interested parties for the LRTP and TIP Amendments was sent out. Public Notice and review began for the LRTP and TIP Amendments.

June: Electronic newsletter created and distributed.

May: A new SMTTC Brochure was designed, printed and delivered for use at events and meetings etc.

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)

August: Per an AMPO update related to a surface transportation reauthorization “...activity continues to accelerate as committees refine draft language that shapes the next surface transportation bill.”

July: No significant activity to report.

June: No significant activity to report.

May: The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee released draft legislative text for the next surface transportation reauthorization. The Senate has not yet released their version.

April: No significant activity to report.

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

June: All carryover projects are complete. *No further updates on this item.*

May: Work continued on closing out all carryover projects.

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)

August: Four Scopes of Work were provided to the SMTC Planning Committee and discussed at their August 27 meeting. All scopes were approved.

July: Scopes of work continue to be developed with expected August scope approval.

June: Scopes of work continue to be developed and shared with relevant member agencies.

May: A UPWP Amendment was processed for adding \$100,000 in SPR funds for modeling related to Micron and I-81.

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)

August: Planning for the 2027 Conference continues.

July: Planning for the 2027 Conference continues.

June: Planning for the 2027 Conference continues, a deposit check was issued to the venue.

May: Planning for the 2027 Conference is underway.

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: Joey DiStefano)

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

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

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

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

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)

August: Assisting in fulfilling internal/external traffic count inquiries upon request. No significant activity to report.

July: Reviewed count information completed by consultant. No other significant activity to report.

June: Counts completed on South Bay Road by our consultant for the OCDOT Safety and Operations UPWP task.

May: Staff have participated in numerous hours of Synchro training.

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)

August: Several internal meetings were held to inform staff on various GIS and data related topics including cartographic standards, working with annotation, creating road shields, and legend creation tips and tricks.

July: Analyst staff have been presenting on various GIS and big data topics to all interested SMTC staff. The purpose of the meetings is to keep staff informed regarding available data, tools, and methodologies. The intention is to hold these meetings on a regular basis in the future. Additionally, several datasets such as sidewalks, trails and previous study recommendations are currently being updated for reference in current UPWP projects.

June: Staff prepared for and held a NYSAMPO GIS Working Group meeting. NYSDOT staff provided updates on the ESRI license agreement, updates on available data servers, MPO access to the Cyclomedia Street Smart online application, distributions of a secondary asset geodatabase, and other general GIS related updates. SMTC staff presented on the available tools and data that we currently have available and examples of how we are using them for our planning projects.

May: Past recommendations from SMTC planning studies are currently being digitized in GIS if the information doesn't already exist. Organizing the files into one Geodatabase is a more efficient way to review the data for new studies, as opposed to files stored in different locations and formats. Additionally, staff set up the next NYSAMPO GIS Working Group meeting and invited various staff from NYSDOT to provide status updates regarding their data that is used by MPOs.

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: Jason Deshaies)

August: As requested by the City, staff created a map highlighting the 2025 average 85th percentiles speeds on City roads to inform one of their projects. Additionally, staff met with several City of Syracuse GIS/data staff to discuss the status of ongoing projects and continued coordination.

July: Staff have worked with several member agencies to provide GIS datasets for their own projects.

June: Staff have provided data to the City of Syracuse and a number of member agencies for use in projects. Staff continue to coordinate closely with these partners.

May: SMTC staff continue to coordinate data requests from the City of Syracuse and other member agencies.

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)

August: Staff have participated in various bicycle/pedestrian webinars/zoom calls over the past month, including an "Understanding Trail Costs" webinar and an AMPO Active Transportation webinar focused on trail funding in today's challenging environment. Staff will participate in the NYSMPO Bike/Ped Working Group quarterly meeting next month.

July: Staff are reviewing signage requirements for trailblazing and gathering recent cost estimates/cost estimating tools to utilize in a variety of current/on-going SMTC bicycle/pedestrian efforts.

June: Staff participated in the quarterly virtual meeting of the NYSAMPO Bike/Ped Working Group on June 12. The majority of the meeting was focused on a presentation and discussion from Parks & Trails NY on their report, "The Economic Impact of the Empire State Trail" (this can be found on the Parks & Trails NY website). The next meeting is scheduled for September. Staff are also fulfilling a recent request for bike maps.

May: Approximately 20-25 people attended the FOAT on April 29th where SMTC staff shared updates on several on-going and upcoming studies. This summer staff will develop a "living" map that includes existing and planned trails in the MPA, working with municipalities to gather the latest trail information, and digitizing trails as needed.

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: Kevin Kosakowski)

August: Staff continues to rate pavement in the city and will look to shift to county pavement rating soon.

July: Staff continue work on the report text, graphics, and maps. Pavement rating for this season is underway.

June: Staff have analyzed all available data and are currently working on maps and text for the report. Pavement rating for this season will begin shortly.

May: Work continues on the BPCMS report. Staff continue to compile bridge and pavement information based on currently available data.

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)

August: Staff participated in the recent Onondaga County Legislature Housing and Transportation meeting.

July: Staff participated in the Onondaga County legislature meetings for Housing and transportation.

June: No significant activity to report.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

August: Staff responded to three comments received for the draft MTP amendment. The comment period closed on August 15th. The draft amendment was presented to the SMTC Planning and Policy Committees for adoption on August 27th.

July: Staff posted the proposed MTP amendment on July 13th with public comment open until August 12th. The amendment adds Contract 6 from the I-81 Viaduct Project to the fiscally constrained portion of the plan.

June: Staff drafted a potential MTP amendment. Through discussions with NYSDOT, the amendment is currently postponed.

May: A MTP Amendment is being discussed and analyzed as possibly necessary in July for NYSDOT.

April: No significant activity to report.

Bicycle Commuter Corridor Implementation (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

August: Staff met with project sponsor Onondaga County Department of Planning last week in an effort to reframe a couple of tasks for this project. Staff's next step is to update GIS mapping in Onondaga County to reflect bicycle/pedestrian work that has been implemented, those projects that are forthcoming via the TIP, TAP, as well as to note previously suggested planning projects along the commuter spines.

July: Staff continue to work on determining specific routing and signage for implementation of the SMTC's Bike Commuter Corridor Study from 2013. Staff have received helpful cost estimate information and sign specifications from our member agencies that will be utilized as part of this effort.

June: We are in the process of bringing new staff up to speed with this project and will begin determining specific routes and signage for the spine of bike commuter routes in the County. A “package” will be shared with road owners that outlines the types of treatments and numbers of trailblazer signs needed for each route, along with a high-level cost estimate.

May: Staff have summarized meetings with NYSDOT, OCDOT and the City of Syracuse regarding potential implementation opportunities/strategies for this planning project. Staff will begin preparing a draft approach to tackling future implementation of a 4–5-pronged spine that can serve as a commuter bicycling network in the MPA.

April: SMTTC 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)

August: Staff are assisting the NYSAMPO Freight Working Group and Transit Working Group with working group chair transitions. For the freight group, the agenda for the next meeting is being created that includes discussions on the State’s Rail Plan, tour summary, and truck resource guide update. Staff for the Coordinated Plan have finalized surveys for transit providers and users of the transit system, finalized demographic maps, and established a meeting time for the first Steering Committee meeting. Surveys are expected to be distributed throughout September.

July: Efforts are in progress for this year’s update to the Coordinated Plan. Staff have drafted separate surveys for transit providers and users of the transit system, updated demographic mapping and analysis, and initiated conversations with member agencies and other organizations. Surveys should be released in the coming weeks. SMTTC provided the New York State Department of Transportation assistance disseminating truck bridge strike safety materials to nine local truck rental locations. SMTTC also posted social media messages to help promote the Bridge Strike Safety PSA campaign. The campaign, which seeks to reduce bridge strikes, ran from 7/27 to 7/31. SMTTC staff are also reviewing a draft truck route resource guide that was developed by Cambridge Systematics on behalf of the NYSAMPO Freight Working Group. The next NYSAMPO Freight Working Group meeting is anticipated for mid-August. Staff are coordinating to identify a presenter, discussion topics, and an agenda for that meeting.

June: Staff presented the latest Freight Profile to the SMTTC Planning and Policy Committees and the documentation was acknowledged as complete. Under transit, staff facilitated the latest quarterly meeting of the NYSAMPO Transit Working Group and presented the New York State Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment to the group. Additionally, the Route 31 transit corridor planning effort was presented at the CNY RPDB’s June meeting.

May: Staff are working on developing a communications outreach plan for the Coordinated Plan update. Under relevant freight items, the Freight Profile draft final report has been prepared and will be presented at the upcoming SMTTC Planning and Policy Committee meetings in June. Additionally, staff attended the May 19th Port of New York & New Jersey tour, which was well received by attendees.

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)

August: SMTTC staff attended a City of Syracuse Post-Crash Committee meeting on 8/25. Staff also participated in several meetings with Onondaga County to help develop its Safe Streets and Roads for All plan. Staff continue to engage weekly with OCDOP on SS4A planning efforts. Staff finalized its in-house reference guide that documents traffic safety investigation procedures. Staff are investigating CLEAR

training needs and will coordinate with NYSDOT to set up training at a future Safety Working Group meeting.

July: Staff set and attended an agenda meeting on 7/16 to prep for the NYSAMPO Safety Working Group call on 7/22. Presentation and discussion items include NYDOT's CLEAR2, new DMV crash forms (MV104), HSIP and a variety of other topics. SMTC staff also attended a Post-Crash Committee meeting on 7/28, which was held by the City of Syracuse Vision Zero coordinator. Staff have also attended and participated in the first stakeholder meeting and stakeholder interview for the Onondaga County Safe Streets and Roads for All campaign. Staff continue to engage weekly with OCDOP on SS4A planning efforts. SMTC is also providing NYSDOT assistance disseminating truck bridge strike safety materials to nine local truck rental locations and participated in posting social media messages to help promote the Bridge Strike Safety PSA campaign. The campaign, which seeks to reduce bridge strikes, ran from 7/27 to 7/31. Staff also attended an opening ceremony for a "Traffic Garden" in Santero Park on 7/29. The Traffic Garden targets kids and young adults to teach them about topics such as how to safely ride bikes, e-bikes, etc.

June: Staff attended the City of Syracuse Vision Zero Action Plan Committee Meeting to help the City of Syracuse's new Vision Zero Program Director's efforts. SMTC staff also attended the first Post-Crash Committee meeting with the city. Staff have also coordinated with Onondaga County regarding tasks for its Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) plan.

May: Staff held an agenda meeting, prepared for, and facilitated a Safety Working Group call on 5/20. Staff also reviewed basic GIS techniques that could be used for safety planning assessments as well as inquiring about how CLEAR has been used to develop SS4A plans.

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)

August: Throughout the month, staff participated and provided comments in applicable SS4A Action Plan meetings such as a mid-month progress meeting and a discussion on safety data analysis & methodology. In the near future, staff will help publicize the Plan's website, survey, and public meeting(s) through the SMTC's Facebook page.

July: Staff participated in a variety of planning activities for the County's Safety Action Plan throughout the month; notably, stakeholder discussions. The Onondaga County Department of Planning is working with a team of consultants to identify gateway and wayfinding sign locations to direct vehicular and pedestrian movements to various destinations in Downtown Syracuse. OCDOP also seeks to brand and establish a Convention District. OCDOP requested SMTC staff participate in these planning activities. On 7/8, staff attended a half-day walking tour with OCDOP staff and its consultants. Staff also attended meetings to discuss destinations and priority routes to sign. Staff provided OCDOP with a variety of SMTC studies to reference, which included the City of Syracuse Wayfinding Study (Phase II Study), the Downtown Parking Wayfinding Study, etc.

June: Project coordination efforts occurred throughout the month mainly focused on community engagement preparation activities.

May: Staff attended the kick-off meeting and are coordinating with Onondaga County and the project's consultant as needed.

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)

August: No significant activity to report.

July: No significant activity to report.

June: No significant activity to report.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.

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

August: Staff provided comments on a preliminary County Downtown Convention District wayfinding project survey.

July: Staff participated in the County wayfinding project and provided the material from completed SMTC wayfinding initiatives.

June: Staff continue to coordinate with County Planning on a variety of projects.

May: Staff continues to coordinate with County Planning on a variety of projects.

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)

August: Staff coordinated with Alchemical Nursery and the Syracuse Urbanism Collective on their upcoming installations scheduled for September. Alchemical Nursery's event is tied to an annual block party. Staff coordinated with the City to determine the best course of action in terms of submitting the required liability waivers. Staff also assisted SyrUC in drafting the temporary traffic control plans for their second installation of the year.

July: The Syracuse Urbanism Collective installed their Hawley-Green project on the weekend of July 24th. Three intersections were completed over the course of three days. Project volunteers and staff have discussed some potential improvements for future program years aimed at better communication during the permit process and improved guidelines for installation days.

June: The Syracuse Urbanism Collective project installation was postponed due to weather conditions. A new installation date has been identified in July. The Ed Smith PTO project was installed on June 21st. The initial feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from the neighborhood. The Alchemical Nursery project has received approval for the street mural component and intends to install around Labor Day. A second Urbanism Collective project, in partnership with the Downtown Committee, has been received and will be reviewed in more detail.

May: A pre-development meeting with relevant city agencies held to discuss the upcoming projects. The Syracuse Urbanism Collective aims to install their project over Memorial Day Weekend but the weather may delay the installation until June. Ed Smith PTO looks to install their project at the end of June. Alchemical Nursery is actively working with an artist to design their intersection mural with plans to install around Labor Day.

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: Danielle Krol)

August: Staff are reaching out to Canal Corp and National Grid to see if a field visit in the DeWitt area can be arranged. Staff are also scheduling meetings with the two municipalities to share draft potential alignments and receive feedback in advance of the planned late September SAC meeting.

July: Staff continue work on draft potential trail alignments to share with municipal partners. Staff have drafted text to accompany these concepts to share with both the partners and the SAC. Other preparations in advance of the September SAC meeting are underway.

June: Staff are building initial project ideas based on feedback from municipal partners. Staff will share these concepts with both the SAC and the municipal partners for the project. Other existing conditions fieldwork is underway.

May: Staff met with project partners to outline the vision and goals of each corridor. Staff conducted fieldwork and observations of each area and conducted an existing conditions assessment of the study areas. Staff are developing potential trail concepts for review.

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)

August: As needed, staff continue to meet with the NYSDOT teams for the CNY Forward and I-81 reevaluation efforts. Additionally, staff provided NYSDOT with modeled growth rates for a section of I-81 in northern Onondaga County.

July: A draft memo was written for the I-81 reevaluation task requested by NYSDOT. The memo highlighted the methodology and assumptions for the modeling tasks and provided a summary of the results. Regional performance measures including VMT, VHT, and average speeds were provided for the AM and PM peak hours as well as the daily conditions. Maps showing volumes, volume-to-capacity ratios, and speed ratios were also provided. The memo is currently being reviewed by NYSDOT.

June: Work continues on the I-81 reevaluation tasks requested by NYSDOT. The regional model network is being updated to include all the latest design changes for the I-81 community grid project. Additionally, a future land use scenario that excludes Micron and its anticipated associated growth is being developed. The Micron build and no-build scenarios will be run in the model and compared to assess the future anticipated impacts on the local highway system post I-81 project construction.

May: NYSDOT has requested SMTC's assistance with a request from FHWA to model and analyze the potential transportation related impacts of Micron and its associated developments on the I-81 Viaduct Project that is currently under construction. Staff are currently compiling the data and assumptions needed to update the regional travel demand model for the several model runs that are anticipated for this analysis.

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)

August: Staff received positive feedback to date from OCDOT staff on the Henry Clay draft memo. Staff will welcome additional review from others if so desired and look to wrap up that memo soon to shift focus entirely to South Bay.

July: Provided draft tech memo for Henry Clay Boulevard to OCDOT for their initial review.

June: Staff are in the midst of wrapping up completion of the Henry Clay Blvd. tech memo and updating it with internal review revisions.

May: Staff are revisiting the Operations analysis portion of the tech memo, particularly the synchro modeling analysis. Will be attempting to wrap up the Henry Clay Boulevard analysis soon and moving toward the South Bay Road analysis.

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: Mario Colone)

August: Staff are finalizing draft report for internal review before requesting SAC input ahead of final SAC meeting on September 23rd.

July: Staff are drafting the final report to share with the SAC in advance of the September SAC meeting. Work continues on maps and graphics to accompany the final report.

June: Staff are organizing all information from previous focus groups and compiling relevant points for the draft final report. Staff are working on maps and graphics and updating based on feedback from the SAC.

May: Staff continue working on the draft report. Staff held two focus groups in coordination with Food Access and Healthy Neighborhoods Now. Staff have been compiling qualitative information for summaries in the final product.

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)

August: The 4th SAC meeting was held on August 5th, which discussed the public meeting and comment period, how SMTC staff would respond to the feedback, and identified a schedule for completion. Staff continued to clean up mapping and draft text report. A completed draft document will be ready for the SAC to review in early September.

July: Staff responded to comments received by public meeting attendees and have had internal discussions about how best to incorporate the feedback. An intersection capacity analysis for the N Midler Ave/New Court Ave intersection is underway. A SAC meeting will be held in early August to discuss the public feedback and lay out the timeline for study completion.

June: A public meeting was held on June 16th and was attended by 15 people. A recorded version of the presentation and the meeting boards have been made available online. The recording has been viewed 24 times. A summary of the meeting will be sent to the SAC for their review, and a follow-up discussion will be scheduled.

May: SMTC staff reviewed draft concepts with the City of Syracuse, determining that additional bike treatments along Midler Ave are desirable. Staff have worked to refine the draft concepts and develop materials for a public meeting scheduled for June 16th at Lyncourt School. The meeting will be held in the auditorium and include a short presentation along with concept boards. Virtual engagement materials will be provided on the study's webpage.

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)

August: A SAC meeting will be held in mid-September to share survey results/mapping, review issues and opportunities, and discuss and review high-level draft mapped concepts for making bicycle/pedestrian improvements in the Nottingham corridor area.

July: Staff have finished summarizing survey responses and creating associated tables and maps for the draft document. We are in the process of developing draft improvement ideas that will be shared with the SAC in August.

June: Staff are in the process of summarizing and categorizing the open-ended responses to the Nottingham Road Study survey (close to 500 comments were received). Suggestions for improvements are being developed this month and next and are anticipated to be shared with the SAC in August.

May: Staff are in the process of developing an approach to summarize the Nottingham Rd Study survey (extended through May 8) which yielded 292 responses. Staff continue to work on drafting sections of the document. Development of suggested future treatments will begin in the coming month.

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)

August: SMTC staff have finalized draft bicycle and pedestrian route recommendation maps. Staff will prepare materials for a study advisory committee meeting to be held in September. SMTC will review the gap maps and the recommendation maps with the SAC.

July: SMTC staff continue to digitize potential bicycle and pedestrian routes this remains an ongoing process as potential routes continue to be analyzed.

June: SMTC staff completed the gap maps and have identified potential bicycle and pedestrian routes. Staff inventoried road widths and right-of-way widths (planning-level measurements) along the potential bike/walking routes. Staff are in the process of identifying what facility improvements may be appropriate for all the identified routes.

May: SMTC is reviewing the gap maps it created to identify where to suggest active transportation improvements. Identified roadways are currently being measured to determine lane, shoulder, median and right-of-way widths. Other information such as AADT, posted speed limits, etc. are also being collected. This information will help SMTC determine what types of facilities may be appropriate for each identified road.

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)

August: Staff continue to review draft report text as it is completed, including a funding strategies memo. A full draft of the final report is expected by early September. Additional consultant time has been provided to the City of Syracuse to discuss potential EDA grant opportunities related to a planned investment within the study area.

July: Staff continue to review draft report text and provide feedback as needed. Grant application discussions with City and CenterState CEO staff have continued, focusing on the potential development of a modular housing manufacturing site within the small area plan's geographic boundaries.

June: Staff participated in several meetings aimed at finalizing the existing conditions report and identifying some of the overall recommendations for the small area plan. Topics included finding opportunities to streamline development processes, further enhancing the zoning code to encourage denser development, and emphasizing walkability. Staff have also participated in calls with a grant writer provided by the program to discuss potential grant applications the city is considering.

May: Staff continue to meet with the TCTA team to identify issues and opportunities for the team to address. Staff reviewed the first draft chapters and provided public engagement summaries for recent efforts within the study area. Work sessions with city agencies and Centro are scheduled for the beginning of June.

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)

August: A proposal review committee was convened to discuss the seven proposals received. A short list of consultants was selected and staff reached out to references for feedback. A consultant selection is expected imminently.

July: Seven proposals were received by the July 16th deadline. Staff have begun assembling a consultant selection committee and continue to review the proposals.

June: The scope of work for the study was approved by the Planning Committee on June 11th. A request for proposals was published on June 17th.

May: A scoping meeting with City staff was held to review an initial draft scope. Additional edits have been made and SMTC staff have begun preparing an RFP.

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: Joey DiStefano)

August: The scope has been sent to the Planning Committee for approval. Staff is working on the existing conditions of the corridor and planning fieldwork.

July: Staff met with project sponsors to discuss the draft scope of work. The scope will be sent to the Planning Committee for approval and work will commence on the existing conditions portions of the report shortly.

June: Staff have sent a draft scope to project sponsors for review.

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

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)

August: A draft of the tech memo was sent to the SAC at the beginning of August and was discussed at an August 7th SAC meeting. Staff followed up on a few missing pieces of information and have finalized maps and graphics for the memo. Staff met with the Downtown Austin Alliance to discuss their Uber voucher program that was a basis of one of the memo's recommendations. A full draft of the memo will be sent to the SAC at the beginning of September.

July: Staff presented preliminary recommendations for the short-term action plan to the SAC. Based on the SAC feedback, staff met with parking facility operators to discuss potential prioritization of the recommendations based on their experience with customers. A draft tech memo is underway and will be sent to the SAC by the beginning of August.

June: Staff have conducted dozens of walk audits to document the time it takes to walk between key destinations and parking facilities with available spaces. Walk audits also aim to inform the existing conditions and comfortability experienced by pedestrians. An initial list of recommendations has been developed, tied to specific areas of concern documented during previous SAC meetings.

May: Two SAC meetings were held in May. Discussions around specific issues and concerns highlighted demand for parking on the eastern side of Downtown. SMTC staff held meetings with parking facility operators, identifying available parking spaces, primarily on the western and southern ends of Downtown. NYS has provided some information on the parking movements of their employees during the I-81 construction phases. The efforts have identified enough parking within Downtown to accommodate any temporary displacement and is now focusing on short-term efforts to improve mobility around the district to help connect businesses to the available parking.

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)

August: May fold effort together with “Route 31 Next Steps” as a larger activity. SMTC staff were approached by Empire State Development for a potential larger transportation and land use planning effort with participation from northern Onondaga County towns and likely a few from southern Oswego County. Discussions with member agencies will occur if this concept advances.

July: Following an additional meeting with the Town of Clay near the end of June, staff continued work on a draft scope of work. The planning effort is intended to focus on applicable development guidelines for the Town to consider when developments are proposed/brought forward.

June: Scoping efforts continued and staff anticipate a draft scope for approval in the coming weeks.

May: An initial scoping discussion was held with the Town of Clay and representatives from Onondaga County Department of Planning. Staff have begun preparing a scope of work that will be shared with the Town and County for review prior to approval.

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

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

August: SMTC presented the draft scope to the Planning Committee on August 27. The Planning Committee approved the scope of work. SMTC has undertaken initial data collection, fieldwork, and research activities. The project will officially kick-off in September.

July: SMTC drafted a scope and incorporated comments from Onondaga County Department of Planning and New York State Department of Transportation. Staff also submitted the draft scope to representatives from the Onondaga Nation but did not receive any comments. The draft scope and related reference maps are prepped and ready to submit for approval. The trail study will focus on a 5-mile off-road segment along former Martisco Railroad land that extends between Otisco Lake and Marcellus Park. Other trail sections to the north and to the south would occur as separate studies with separate scopes. Staff from SMTC and OCDOP met in the field on July 13 to review trail sections at roadway crossings. Staff took field notes and photos. Staff also used ortho imagery to document various railroad bridges across Ninemile Creek along the corridor.

June: SMTC met with representatives from the Onondaga County Department of Planning to review a proposed phased approach for the 10+ mile trail project. County staff agreed with the suggested approach to phase a series of technical assessments as individual study efforts, starting with a 5-mile corridor between Otisco Lake and the Village of Marcellus. Staff held a scoping meeting on Monday June 8, with representatives from Onondaga County and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). The project manager is currently drafting a scope. To guide discussions and scoping efforts, SMTC staff also prepared trail alignment maps for a potential off-road corridor between the Village of Camillus and Otisco Lake.

May: SMTC spoke with a reporter from Syracuse.com who inquired about the study. SMTC informed the reporter that the study has not officially started and that a scoping meeting has not yet occurred. Staff also had a brief discussion with the Onondaga County Director of Planning and determined that the current priority is to focus on southern section of the trail from Otisco Lake to the Village of Marcellus. Staff outlined a project scope that will take a phased approach for the 10+ mile trail. Staff anticipate holding a scoping meeting in June.

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 landownership 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)

August: May combine effort with “Town of Clay Hamlet.” SMTC staff were approached by Empire State Development for a potential larger transportation and land use planning effort with participation from northern Onondaga County towns and likely a few from southern Oswego County. Discussions with member agencies will occur if this concept advances.

July: Like the Town of Clay planning task, staff met with County Planning and began drafting a scope of work.

June: Staff held an additional meeting with the Onondaga County Department of Planning to discuss proposed outcomes of the “next steps” project. Dialog with various municipalities and agencies about a future vision and desires of the Route 31 corridor will be the primary effort. Like other scoping efforts, a draft scope should be available in July.

May: An initial scoping discussion was held with the Onondaga County Department of Planning and SMTC staff started preparing a scope of work for County review.

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

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

August: Staff have reviewed the proposals for this project and discussed them with interested member agencies. A recommended consultant team will be forwarded to the SMTC Executive Committee for their final determination of which team to engage in a contract with.

July: We have received six proposals for this study and are in the process of creating a review team of interested member agencies to assist in choosing a consultant for this study. At least one meeting will be held to discuss the proposals received. A September project start date is anticipated.

June: The Scope of Work was approved by the SMTC Planning Committee on June 11, 2026. The RFP for this project was released on June 17 with consultant submittals due by 4:00 PM on July 16, 2026.

May: Staff met with the project sponsors to develop a plan for the project scope of work. The scope was drafted in early May with comments received from sponsors and member agencies in mid-May. The draft scope of work will be voted on at the upcoming June SMTC Planning Committee meeting. Once approved, an RFP will be drafted to seek a consultant.

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 them 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)

August: No significant activity to report. This project has been delayed and will resume in the fall.

July: Work continued on the draft scope of work but the schedule for its review and approval was pushed back a couple of weeks. Staff intend on moving forward with the scope of work in August.

June: Staff met with the project sponsors to discuss the general goals and tasks for the project that will be included in the scope of work. A draft is near completion and will be provided to the project sponsors for review and comment soon.

May: Components of previous SMTC project scopes have been referenced to begin a draft scope for this technical analysis. Staff will discuss the draft document with project sponsors in early June for feedback prior to finalizing the scope.

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)

August: SMTC presented the draft scope to the Planning Committee on August 27. The Planning Committee approved the scope of work. SMTC has undertaken initial data collection and research activities. The project will officially kick-off in September.

July: SMTC staff drafted a scope and reference maps. Staff distributed them to the Oswego County Department of Planning and Office of Mobility Management for comment. Staff also sent the scope to NYSDOT, NYSDEC, NYSDOS, ESD, and the Onondaga Nation. Staff heard back from most agencies that they had no comments or changes on the draft scope. Staff met virtually with the NYSDEC on 6/30 to discuss their interest and the interest of other state agencies in being involved with this project. The draft scope and related reference maps are prepped and ready to submit for approval. Staff are currently documenting existing traffic count data across the 25-mile region along Southern Oswego County.

June: SMTC staff prepared detailed maps for the 25-mile long SOCRIS corridor to guide scoping discussions. SMTC met with the New York State Department of Transportation and the Oswego County Department of Planning on Monday, June 8, 2026, to discuss scope elements for this study. Representatives agreed to develop this as a technical assessment. The focus of the assessment is to use SMTC's Travel Demand Model to determine the amount of traffic generated (out to 2050) for 11 development nodes identified as part of the County's current comprehensive planning efforts. SMTC will use this information to determine any potential impacts to north-south roadways between the 11 identified development nodes and Onondaga County to the south and Route 11 to the north. SMTC will use this information to identify potential facility improvement needs to accommodate the anticipated growth. SMTC will need to calculate the anticipated growth for each node by referencing various engineering study outputs provided by Oswego County.

May: The study area is 25 miles in length from the City of Fulton to the Village of Cleveland. In preparation for a scoping meeting, SMTC met with the Oswego County Director of Planning as well as the lead planning consultant who is developing the county's comprehensive plan. SMTC seeks background information about preferred development nodes to help inform what SMTC's project scope should include. Staff are outlining potential scope items and anticipate holding a scoping meeting in June.

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)

August: The scope of work was approved by the Planning Committee on August 27th. Staff have compiled existing conditions data and have reviewed relevant local plans. Discussions on public engagement methods have been held internally to begin developing the public involvement plan for the study, which will be presented at the first SAC meeting.

July: A draft scope of work has been prepared to send to the Planning Committee for approval. Staff have begun initial data collection efforts including demographics, crash analysis, and review of existing plans.

June: Staff held a scoping meeting for the study with the County, City, and Town of Salina. Further follow-up with Centro will be taking place. Initial data collection efforts have begun as the scope of work is prepared for the Planning Committee.

May: Staff have begun drafting a scope outline and will coordinate with Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse on a scoping meeting in early June.

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)

August: General research into an ITS Strategic Plan development/scope of activities took place. Outreach occurred to NYS MPO's that may have undertaken a plan's creation to gain a sense of the level of effort involved.

July: No significant activity to report.

June: Per communication with FHWA, scoping for a new plan will focus on developing an ITS Strategic Plan first, followed by an ITS Architecture update at a later time. Therefore, a work plan will be established that highlights an approach in creating the next ITS Strategic Plan (ITS Strategic Plan scope of work, engagement opportunities with member agencies and other stakeholders).

May: Research continued into ITS Architectures and related Strategic Plans.

April: Initial research into ITS Architecture development has started.

TIP Development & Maintenance (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

August: Various amendments and administrative modifications occurred throughout the month. The Capital Projects Committee met August 6th to continue conversations on 3 City of Syracuse capital projects programmed on/along Erie Boulevard. No conclusion was reached during the meeting regarding scheduled adjustments.

July: On July 8, a Capital Projects Committee meeting was held to discuss Federal Fiscal Year 25/26 project costs, schedules, and fund obligations. Numerous actions were identified at that meeting that necessitate SMTC committee action. Eighteen amendments were created for SMTC Executive Committee action during their August meeting. Also, a 30-day public comment period was initiated for NYSDOT's I-81 Viaduct Contract. The cost increase will be brought forward to the SMTC Planning and Policy Committee August meetings for approval.

June: One administrative modification was prepared for NYSDOT Region 3, and staff began preparations for a July Capital Projects Committee meeting. Additionally, internal review of TIP/STIP information in the statewide ProjectTracker management system occurred and staff also facilitated the latest meeting of the NYSANMPO TIP ProjectTracker Working Group.

May: Various administrative modifications and amendments took place to the capital program over the month. TIP approved information was then entered into the new statewide capital program management software for addition to the Statewide TIP.

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)

August: No significant activity to report.

July: No significant activity to report.

June: No significant activity to report.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.