



**Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council
Unified Planning Work Program Status Report
2022-2023 Program Year – 1st Half
June 2022**

General Administration (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

June: A UPWP Amendment is created to be presented to the SMTC Executive Committee that increases FTA Planning funds for the current FFY by approximately \$70,000. Additionally, both Planning and Policy Committee meetings are scheduled for August.

May: Scoping has begun on some new projects while efforts are continuing on wrapping up roll over projects. Planning for summer Planning and Policy Committee meetings is underway.

April: The new program year is underway, and projects are being wrapped up from the last cycle and preplanning has begun for the new program’s projects.

Public Participation & Website Update (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

June: The new TIP is being prepared for a 30-day public comment period as required. It will be posted to the SMTC website and appropriate notices sent out to interested parties.

May: Planning for a summer e-news letter is underway and this should be mailed in June. Additionally, public meetings are planned for the summer for the TIP and a few projects that are wrapping up.

April: Website maintenance has occurred posting completed projects and updating relevant pages.

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

June: No significant activity to report.

May: Staff continues to track federal transportation funding programs as they’re released by FHWA or FTA.

April: No significant activity to report.

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

June: Roll over projects are completed.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: Effort continues to wrap up carry over projects from the previous year.

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

June: A UPWP Amendment has been created increasing FTA funding availability for the current year.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.

2023 NYSAMPO Conference Hosting (Project Manager: James D’Agostino)

June: A NYSAMPO conference is planned for Syracuse in May of 2023.

May: Initial planning for a 2023 conference is underway.

April: Distribution of the new UPWP is underway.

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

June: Staff are producing a series of maps showing commonly requested characteristics of the SMTC MPA, based on the new 2016-2020 American Community Survey data.

May: Staff completed an analysis of Limited English Proficient populations in the metropolitan planning area. The 2020 Demographic Profile and Detailed Housing Characteristics files have been delayed by the U.S. Census Bureau until May 2023.

April: Staff attended webinars related to new urban area criteria put out by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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

June: Begun dozens of pedestrian counts downtown. Fulfilling count information request and completion of a traffic count for fellow co-worker's projects. Staff looks to file away internally the latest batch of tube counts provided by NYSDOT.

May: Reached out to member agency requesting pedestrian counts and have internally begun brainstorming data collection logistics. Fulfilled count information request for fellow co-worker's projects.

April: Staff has begun introducing new staff to the aspects of traffic counting and has fulfilled an inquiry for tube count information for a current project.

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

June: Interns continue to collect sidewalk condition data and pedestrian counts in the City of Syracuse. Additionally, work has begun on updating the sidewalk inventory and detectable warnings inventory in the suburbs using 2021 images from EagleView.

May: Summer interns started in late May and are being trained to collect various data in the field this year including sidewalk conditions and pedestrian counts.

April: The SMTC StreetLight Data subscription expired in early April. Analyst staff downloaded and organized data from the platform and is currently developing a methodology for processing the data in Access and mapping in ArcGIS for future needs. Staff is also coordinating with other NYS MPOs in regard to the next GIS Working Group meeting to discuss pavement rating methods and other asset management needs.

Geographic Information Systems – Member Agency Assistance (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

June: Staff fulfilled several GIS data requests from member agencies and replied to a request in regard to roadway functional classification. Staff continues to support the RPDB in regard to the stormwater features data collection effort.

May: Staff fulfilled several GIS data requests from member agencies. Additionally, staff helped review application material needed to re-certify the Geospatial Technology Career and Technical Education program, in the SCSD, with the NYS Education Department.

April: Staff fulfilled several GIS data results including requests from the City of Syracuse and the Town of Manlius. The Town of Manlius is working on a Comprehensive Plan update and requested all bike/ped related GIS data. Staff reviewed and prepared trails and sidewalk data for the town.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

June: SMTC staff have participated in a few bicycle/pedestrian related webinars over the past month related to the new transportation legislation as well as electric bicycles and designing roundabouts to promote walkability. Staff continues to participate in the MPO Bike/Ped Working Group Cost Estimating subcommittee that is connecting with Main Office NYSDOT to work on updates/new additions to the general cost estimating tools that NYSDOT has provided in the past for TAP applications. Staff is also in

the process of scheduling the next FOAT meeting as an in-person meeting in mid-August. We're planning to have a Veo demo of both the sit-down and stand-up scooters as part of that meeting as well as give attendees the opportunity to try them out.

May: On May 3, SMTC hosted the Complete Streets Workshop, presented by Urban Cycling Solutions, in lieu of our spring FOAT meeting. This virtual workshop was attended by 23 participants, including member agencies and the public. The Complete Streets Workshop covered specific techniques to improve intersection safety and creating spaces for all mobility options. The virtual "walk audit" reviewed several local intersections from across the SMTC's planning area and related to specific on-going studies. Due to the length of the presentation, participants were asked to submit written questions that will be answered in a follow-up email. We anticipate that our next FOAT meeting will be in August.

April: SMTC has partnered with Urban Cycling Solutions to offer a free virtual Complete Streets Workshop to our members and the public on May 3. SMTC staff have coordinated with staff from UCS to customize this workshop with local virtual "walk audits." We have over 30-member agency staff and members of the public registered. This is being held in lieu of a spring Forum on Active Transportation meeting.

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

June: Staff are preparing for summer data collection, which will begin in July. Last year's report is nearly complete and will be circulated to the appropriate member agencies for review.

May: Staff continues to wrap up last year's report and pavement rating for this season will be underway shortly.

April: Staff is wrapping up last year's report and posting 2021 pavement ratings on the online web mapping application.

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

June: The future construction phases of the project are entered into the new TIP that will be vetted by the public in the coming month.

May: After the I-81 TIP Amendments were adopted a record of decision was issued signifying the completion of the planning stages of this project and movement into the construction phases.

April: An April Policy meeting was held to adopt the I-81 TIP Amendments for the current FFY.

MPO Area and Regional Planning Assistance (Project Manager: James D'Agostino)

June: The EST Economic Opportunities Plan is out for printing. Staff is meeting with SOCPA to discuss possible grant applications for implementation of the EST Economic Opportunities Plan.

May: Staff assisted the completion of the EST Economic Opportunities plan for SOCPA. This item will be printed in June.

April: No significant activity to report.

Long Range Transportation Plan/Performance Based Planning (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

June: No significant activity to report.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: An amendment to the 2050 LRTP was adopted by the SMTC Policy Committee on their April 29 meeting. This amendment revised the costs associated with the I-81 Viaduct Project since the LRTP was last amended in February 2022.

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

June: Staff continued development of the Coordinated Plan. On June 14, staff facilitated the latest quarterly meeting of the NYSAMPO Transit Working Group. Regarding freight, staff participated in a multi-day discussion of truck parking along Interstate 81 with representatives from FHWA, the I-81 Corridor Coalition, MPOs, State Departments of Transportation, and the private sector.

May: Local Section 5310 evaluations were returned to NYSDOT Main Office. Funds will be added to the area's TIP should they be awarded in the next several weeks. In support of the Coordinated plan update, 75 questionnaires were returned

from the Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long-Term Care Services outreach assistance. Additionally, the consumers questionnaire was shared with ARISE and responses are requested in early June.

April: A transportation questionnaire was released, through assistance from the Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long-Term Care Services. Responses are requested from consumers the County department interacts with by May 13th. Staff initiated the Section 5310 evaluation process for the various applications requesting 5310 funds in our planning area. The local evaluations are due to Main Office NYSDOT by May 13th.

Traffic Safety (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

June: Staff from SMTC attended the Safety Working Group meeting held on June 22, 2022. Staff are available to participate on the 'Regional Safety Plans/Comprehensive Safety Action Plans' subcommittee as needed. Staff continue to attend various safety-related trainings and webinars. Staff are also attending webinars on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant.

May: Staff from SMTC attended the Safety Working Group meeting held on May 25, 2022. Staff will continue to participate on the 'Regional Safety Plans/Comprehensive Safety Action Plans' subcommittee. Staff continue to attend various safety-related trainings and webinars.

April: The April Safety Working Group meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25th. At the February SWG meeting, SMTC staff offered to help on a committee to outline best practices for local and regional safety plans. Staff continue to attend various webinars and safety-related training sessions.

City & OCDOT Traffic Count Program (Project Manager: Kevin Kosakowski)

June: No significant activity to report. Staff looks to process batch of counts completed in 2021 and update internal database and electronic files.

May: Staff processing batch of counts completed in 2021, updating internal database and electronic files.

April: Staff is processing count information received, updating the internal database, and storing information in the appropriate electronic folders for future reference and retrieval.

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

June: Staff are currently completing the existing conditions Synchro assessment for the Brighton Ave/Seneca Turnpike and Seneca Turnpike/Lafayette Road intersections. That will be used as the base condition to examine some possible changes to intersection geometry and pedestrian accommodations in the area.

May: Staff completed field work in the Brighton Ave/Seneca Turnpike study area and are continuing to progress that safety/pedestrian mobility assessment. This will include a Synchro assessment of the two study area intersections. Staff also developed a method for prioritizing crosswalks near schools and reviewed that with DPW staff. Summer interns will be collecting data (desktop review) at these locations in the coming months.

April: SMTC staff have responded to a request from City of Syracuse DPW to examine pedestrian safety and mobility in the area around the intersection of Seneca Turnpike and Brighton Ave. Staff are currently reviewing past development proposals for the area and compiling existing conditions information. This will be a technical assessment only. Staff have also started to examine desktop data in preparation for an inventory of crosswalks near schools that will be conducted over the coming summer.

SOCPA/County Planning Assistance (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

June: No significant activity to report.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report

Joint TMC Co-Location – White Paper Evaluation (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

June: A draft White Paper was assembled and provided to the Working Group for review/reference. As schedules allow, a Working Group meeting may occur in July to finalize the draft document.

May: A full draft white paper is nearly complete. Staff will share the draft document and schedule a meeting with the Working Group in June.

April: Staff received cost related details from NYSDOT Main Office and continued updates to the project's draft document.

Dome Traffic Management & Events Strategic Plan (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

June: SMTC staff continue to coordinate with the consultant team on the Strategic Plan, with some outreach to stakeholders for additional data and updates on current planning activities. We are still aiming for a SAC meeting in September.

May: Project is moving forward again now that the I-81 TIP amendments have been approved. The Consultant team will be progressing the Strategic Plan over the summer (an outline of this document was presented to the SAC in March), and we anticipate a SAC meeting in September to review the full draft Strategic Plan and discuss how to move from that document to the Operations Plan.

April: Project still on hold.

US Route 11 Corridor Plan – Mattydale (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

June: Staff addressed all comments received by every SAC member in the draft report in early June. SMTC subsequently posted the draft report online for public review. SMTC posted the report on the study's webpage: <https://smtcmpo.org/mattydalestudy/> on June 15. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. June 30. SMTC will address all public comments that are received into the final draft report. No future SAC meetings are anticipated unless new issues or concerns arise. SMTC anticipates presenting the final draft report for acknowledgement of completion to its Policy Committee in August.

May: Staff completed the draft report and draft appendices on May 25, 2022. Staff disseminated the draft documents to the SAC for their review and comment. Comments are requested by Monday, June 6. After addressing any comments received, SMTC intends to post the draft report online for public review. No future SAC meetings are anticipated unless new issues or concerns arise.

April: Staff continue to draft the remaining report chapters. A new staff member has been brought onto the study's team and is being brought up to speed on the assessment. SMTC would like to hold the next SAC meeting soon to review the remaining draft chapters when they are available for review.

Manlius Village Center Pedestrian Safety & Mobility Study (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

June: Staff continue to work on draft report sections. Staff conducted a site visit to help inform the development of future options/recommendations. Staff met virtually with the Mayor of Manlius on 6/20 to learn more about the final items included in NYSDOT's design project and to confirm which ideas to advance in the report as recommendations. SMTC will develop concepts and illustrations of recommendations to share with the Study Advisory Committee.

May: Staff completed several narrative summaries for inclusion within the report. Staff are also preparing a speed assessment based on concerns brought forth by the community. SMTC is in the process of outlining future options/recommendations. SMTC continues to coordinate with NYSDOT, and the Village as needed regarding NYSDOT's design project.

April: SMTC completed a Synchro assessment that reviewed three scenarios. SMTC determined the operational impacts at six signalized intersections and concluded that two of the three scenarios operate within sufficient limits. SMTC reviewed the findings with the representatives from the NYSDOT who are developing design plans to repave the area. SMTC also reviewed

the findings with representatives from the Village of Manlius. SMTC continues to coordinate with NYSDOT and is in the process of outlining the next SAC meeting to be scheduled soon.

Syracuse Sidewalk Planning Study (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

June: SMTC staff and interns are continuing data collection.

May: Staff have initiated sidewalk data collection for the summer.

April: Staff are preparing for data collection efforts to resume this summer.

Syracuse School Loading Zone Study (Project Manager: TBD)

June: No significant activity to report.

May: Project is on-hold since school district arrival/dismissal patterns are still in flux due to COVID.

April: No significant activity to report

Syracuse Residential Parking Permits Study - Phase 1 (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

June: The Draft Final Report has been sent to the SAC for review. The document will be discussed at a SAC meeting scheduled for the end of June.

May: Staff continues to work on the Draft Final Report for the project and will schedule a June SAC meeting to review the draft document.

April: Staff presented fieldwork findings and research to the Park Ave. Neighborhood Watch and concluded its public survey across the study area. Results were analyzed and included within the draft report.

Syracuse Safe Routes to School Manual (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

June: The SAC met on June 8 to discuss the application study at Grant Middle school and how outreach should be conducted (via focus group, survey, etc.) and to whom (parents, staff, students, etc.). The SAC decided that the first step is to develop a survey for parents, students, and staff to help us focus on what the school community sees as most valuable in creating a safe route(s) to school.

May: SMTC staff met with staff from the SCSD Office of Family Engagement (OFE) to discuss an “application study” at Grant Middle School. OFE staff from Grant have agreed to participate. We will be organizing a SAC meeting, hopefully in June, to discuss details of stakeholder engagement in this process.

April: No significant activity to report. Staff are separately progressing an inventory of school crosswalks (see City On-Call Planning Support).

Centro Survey (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

June: No significant activity to report.

May: No significant activity to report.

April: No significant activity to report.

CNYRTA Public Outreach (Project Manager: Meghan Vitale)

June: Final draft Scope of Work was emailed to Planning Committee members on June 17, and ballots are due June 28. SMTC staff are starting to assemble existing ridership data.

May: SMTC staff created a draft scope of work for this study and shared with Centro staff. We are awaiting feedback from Centro and will work with them to finalize the scope.

April: SMTC staff have met with CNYRTA staff to discuss the objectives of this effort. SMTC staff are beginning to scope the tasks.

Downtown Intersection Safety (Project Manager: Andrew Frasier)

June: The project is currently being scoped.

May: No significant activity to report. Scoping will be underway shortly.

April: No significant activity to report.

Westvale Plaza Revitalization (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

June: No significant activity to report.

May: This is a new study – nothing to report.

April: This is a new study – nothing to report.

Coldbrook Creek Trail City of Syracuse (Project Manager: Tom Bardenett)

June: Staff met with a representative from the City of Syracuse to discuss the Scope of Work outline and determined the boundaries of the study area. Initial site visits and data collection have begun to assist in the development of the Scope. Staff has begun outreach to potential SAC members based on the conversation with the City. A completed draft Scope is expected next month.

May: SMTC staff are beginning to draft a scope outline and will be in contact with the City of Syracuse to begin full discussions on objectives of this effort.

April: No significant activity to report.

Westside Trail City of Syracuse (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

June: Staff met with the City of Syracuse in mid-June to discuss the tasks to be included in the Scope of Work, which will be developed in the coming month. This project is an outcome of the South Geddes and West Fayette Streets Complete Streets Review.

May: Staff will begin developing the Scope of Work for this project in June.

April: No significant activity to report.

Community Streets Program (Project Manager: Danielle Krol)

June: Staff will work with the City of Syracuse to discuss how a funding process can be set up for this project.

May: Staff will build off the SMTC's Community Streets Guide to begin the development of a Scope of Work for this project in June.

April: No significant activity to report.

Nedrow Route 11 Corridor Study (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

June: As part of the ongoing scoping process, staff met virtually with SOCPA and met virtually with NYSDOT to discuss the need/desire to extend the study area to the south to I-81. Discussions are ongoing and will help identify interested and involved stakeholders, including the Town of Onondaga and the Onondaga Nation, to involve in the scoping process.

May: In late May, staff began to review study needs and is in the process of reaching out to the study sponsor and local community.

April: This is a new study – nothing to report.

Martisco Rail to Trail Evaluation (Project Manager: Michael Alexander)

June: This is a new study – nothing to report.

May: This is a new study – nothing to report.

April: This is a new study – nothing to report.

Travel Demand Modeling (Project Manager: Jason Deshaies)

June: Analyst staff gave a presentation to the Modeling Working Group on the various ways the agency utilizes the regional travel demand model. The presentation was well received and sparked several conversations about best practices and future working group topics. Additionally, a list of available data that could be used to update the model is being compiled. The list will help determine how to proceed with updating the base year model (2017) to a more current year (i.e., 2020).

May: This month, the Modeling Working Group discussed the impacts of cashless tolls on the Thruway. The AVAIL team reviewed the NPMRDS speed and travel time data for several ramps off the NYS Thruway and presented their findings. Staff coordinated with RSG in regard to modeling tasks for the year. The focus this year will be on updating the model to 2020 base year conditions.

April: In April, the NPMRDS tools were used to analyze speeds and travel times through the Village of Manlius. Various graphs were created to show average speeds and travel times by month, day of the week, and 5-minute resolutions for NY173 and NY92 in the Village. Additionally, staff provided the NYSDOT with the results of a select link analysis for a proposed development in Cicero.

TIP Development & Maintenance (Project Manager: Mario Colone)

June: Staff continued development of the complete draft 2023-2027 TIP report. Additionally, the Capital Projects Committee was informed of 2 new funding opportunities from the USDOT: the Bridge Investment Program and the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program. The Bridge Investment Program focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition, while the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Lastly, on June 23, Governor Hochul announced the latest TAP & CMAQ awards. Six projects totaling approximately \$13.4M were selected from the SMTC Metropolitan Planning Area: 1 Onondaga County, 2 City of Syracuse, 1 Village of North Syracuse, 1 Village of Solvay, 1 Village of Phoenix.

May: Two Capital Projects Committee meetings were held in May (May 5th & 12th) in support of developing a draft 2023-2027 TIP program of projects. Costs and schedules for several recommended new projects have been prepared. The entire Federal Highway and Federal Transit project listings, along with associated document narratives will be assembled in a draft report and released for a 30-day public comment period in mid-June.

April: A capital Projects Committee meeting occurred April 27th where staff presented initial project evaluations. Another CPC meeting may be held in early May to continue discussions and develop a draft program of projects. At their April 29th meeting, the SMTC Policy Committee approved six I-81 Viaduct Project related amendments totaling nearly \$1 billion dollars.

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

June: No significant activity to report.

May: Assistance was provided to member agencies for some minor requests for assistance.

April: No significant activity to report.