

## SMTC's Forum on Active Transportation | September 29, 2021

### Additional questions/comments and post-meeting evaluation form results

Note: Most of the questions that were submitted prior to and during the meeting were answered live by SMTC and member agency staff. A recording of the meeting is available on our YouTube channel at [www.smtcmpo.org/watch](http://www.smtcmpo.org/watch). Some questions required additional follow-up information, and these questions are summarized here.

Participant comments/questions in *italics*, SMTC staff responses follow.

*What is SMTC doing to promote pedestrian transportation to bus stops?*

**SMTC staff response:** As part of many of the SMTC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) planning studies – namely corridor studies, bicycle/pedestrian related studies and similar-type projects - transit and access to transit are among many of the elements noted/examined along with recommendations for improvement(s) to these elements. One recent example is the SMTC's "[Erie Boulevard Transit Mobility Enhancement](#)" assessment.

*How can we develop safe, effective cycling options within suburbs? Especially areas like Cicero, North Syracuse, etc.*

**SMTC staff response:** Communities can work with their local governments on developing safe options on town/village owned roads, and can reach out to the NYSDOT and OCDOT for improvements on roads under these jurisdictions. Additionally, local municipalities can reach out to the SMTC for assistance in examining cycling options within their communities.

*Why is a contractor for the County installing pedestrian signals in front of Westhill High School on Onondaga Boulevard? There are no sidewalks anywhere near there.*

**SMTC staff response:** The Onondaga County Department of Transportation (OCDOT) has an upcoming paving project on Onondaga Boulevard from the City line to Fay Road (existing PIN 375675) where construction is tentatively scheduled in FFY 24/25.

Per OCDOT, PIN 375675 will address the multimodal transportation needs Onondaga Boulevard from Velasko Road to Taunton Corners both Bellevue and Wegmans intersections. When PSAP monies became available in PIN 375632 Pedestrian Safety Project, a crosswalk at West Hill High School was selected in order to provide safe crossing at the school based on observations of students crossing during the afternoon dismissal.

(The project description as written in the TIP: Two course overlay/inlay, pavement; improve traffic signal at the Western Lights entrance; improve drainage, roadside obstacles, guiderail, signage, and striping improvements; apply road diet; construct pedestrian and bicycle accommodations; replace drainage system; due to deterioration to bring to state of good repair; Onondaga Blvd (CR 240), City of Syracuse boundary to Fay Rd.; Towns of Onondaga & Geddes, Onondaga Co.)

*Also shouldn't there be a cross walk and pedestrian signals at the Onondaga Boulevard Wegmans parking lot entrance signal. There was a crosswalk there several years ago. The road got paved and the cross walk was*

never restored. You can see the remnants of it in the this 2009 Google Street view image below in the Wegmans's driveway entrance that did not get paved when Onondaga Boulevard got paved.

**SMTC staff response:** Per OCDOT, this signal is still owned and maintained by Wegmans and does not have push button actuation or pedestrian signal heads. This will be addressed in PIN 375675 when Onondaga County will replace the signal and install ADA compliant pedestrian facilities.

*I think it is a sin that the West Shore trail can't be used on days of and some times the day before an Amphitheatre event. Does the county have plans provide another trail around the amphitheatre? Als it would be great if people could ride their bikes from Liverpool using the West shore trail to get to Amphitheater events. There are facilities so people can get to Amphitheatre event by boat. Why not allow people on bikes to do this as well?*

**SMTC staff response:** Per Onondaga County, the County Parks Department has no plans to improve the existing trail system in this location.

*What pedestrian crossings are being improved and marked in Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse for pedestrian safety?*

**SMTC staff response:** We passed this question along to OCDOT, NYSDOT, and the City of Syracuse Engineering Department. We received the following information:

**From NYSDOT (these locations are in construction now, but could continue into next year due to the number of locations):**

County intersections:

1. Morgan Road at Grampian Road and Steelway Boulevard North
2. Caughdenoy Road at Lawton Road
3. East Molloy Road at Kinne Street and Northern Boulevard
4. Morgan Road at Liverpool Bypass.

City and other intersections:

- 1) Route 11 North Syracuse near Bear Rd
- 2) NY290 at Basil Rowe
- 3) 81NB at Park St (in front of farmers market)
- 4) West st/erie blvd/plum st
- 5) NY175 at OCC entrance
- 6) Teall ave and Arterial Rd, Dewitt
- 7) US11 at Sand Rd
- 8) NY298 at New Venture Gear Drive
- 9) I-690 at Geddess/Marquette St
- 10) West St/Fabius St
- 11) I81 SB at NY298/Genant Dr
- 12) NY31 at Lakeshore Rd Spur
- 13) NY635 at Burnet Ave
- 14) I-81/Hiawatha Blvd/Salina St
- 15) US11 at Malden Rd
- 16) US11 at Taft Rd
- 17) South Bay Rd and Taft Rd
- 18) NY173 at West Genesee St

- 19) NY5 (Genesee St) Century Dr, Parsons Drive
- 20) NY635 at Exeter St
- 21) Adams St/Townsend St
- 22) NY31 at CNS highschool
- 23) NY5 and Terry Rd

**From OCDOT:**

10 County intersections where pedestrian countdown timers will be installed if they haven't been already:

- Old Liverpool Road & Beechwood Ave
- Old Liverpool Rd and Eynsford Drive
- Onondaga Blvd. & Terry Rd
- Onondaga Blvd & Bellevue Ave
- Northern Boulevard & E Taft Rd
- Kinne Rd & Franklin Park Drive
- Teall Avenue & Galster Rd
- Morgan Rd & Fairways Dr
- Old Rt. 57 & Wetzal Rd
- Old Rt. 57 & Glen Crossing Mall

**From City of Syracuse (programmed and on schedule for construction in 2022):**

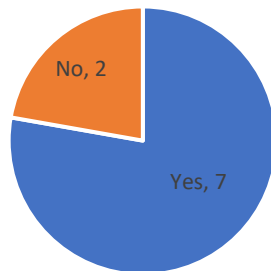
List of locations is at the end of this document

**Meeting evaluation results**

40 people registered for the meeting (excluding SMTC staff), and 24 people participated (excluding SMTC staff).

There were 9 responses to the post-meeting evaluation form.

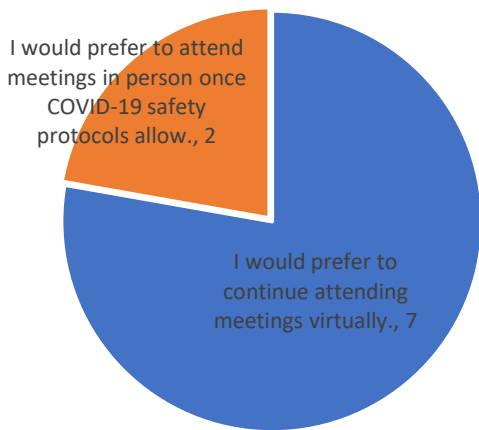
1. Does this meeting time (3:30 p.m. on a weekday) generally work for you?



2. If this meeting time does not work well for you, what time - on weekdays - would you prefer?

- Evening (6:00 p.m. or later): 3
- Midday/lunch time (around noon): 0
- Early morning (before 9:00 a.m.): 1

3. Please rate the ease of use for the Zoom meeting platform on a scale of 1 (difficult to use) to 5 (very easy to use)
  - Average rating: 4.89
  
4. Do you have a suggestion for a presentation topic or guest speaker for our next meeting?
  - The new bike/scooter share program people!
  - Neil Burke or the next City Transportation planner. The new bike Share program or plans to update the City's bike plan.
  - Someone from the county to discuss completion of Loop the Lake and for the MU trail to Murphy's island.
  - Someone from Centro to discuss plans for BRT assuming they have plans or plans they have to alter service to try to mitigate congestion due to the I-81 project.
  - Someone from DOT to talk about pedestrian that we can expect from the I-81 project. and bicycle facilities for
  
5. As COVID-19 safety protocols evolve, we anticipate that the SMTC will begin holding in-person meetings again at some point in the future. If in-person meetings are allowed, how would you prefer to attend future Forum on Active Transportation meetings?



6. Any other feedback you would like to offer about the meeting?
  - Really informative speakers. I felt that the question about the Onondaga trails inaccessibility during concert season was interesting, and I wish we could see the answers to these questions after the meeting was over. (Given that you weren't in the position to answer that specific question during the Zoom meeting). Thanks for your time!
  - Thanks for the updates and for an informative presentation.
  - There was a lot of overview about projects in this meeting. I am interested in hearing more specifics.
  - Obviously this meeting was designed to provide an overview of the larger planning process. As was indicated by the type of comments and questions offered, it appears that most non-planner

attendees tend to focus in on particular issues we have experienced ourselves and are hoping to address. Perhaps a mix of both would be a good way to address both of those purposes. Regarding this evaluation form, the questions are too binary. For example, re: questions 1 & 2, I can attend at 3pm, but prefer evenings because more people who work during the day can attend. And re: #5, I would like the option of attending virtually, because of convenience, but I also find that in-person meetings are better at developing working relationships. Thanks.

- It lost momentum in the beginning with the reading of answers to questions posed previously. Would you consider an agenda of: 1) Asking people to rename themselves with their organization, so we know who else is on the call? 2) Starting with the Keynote speaker? 3) Having Q&A for the speaker 4) Having general Q&A on local transportation initiatives? Thank you!
- The meeting was informative and enjoyable Thank you..

Signalized Intersections					
Street	Street	Arch Sensitive	Historic District	Building Status	None
S Salina St	E Fayette St & W Fayette St		X	NRL	
S Salina St	E Washington St & W Washington St			NRL	X
S Salina St	E Water St & W Water St	X			
N Salina St	E Willow St	X			
N Salina St	Herald Pl				X
S Salina St	W Jefferson St & E Jefferson St		X		
S Salina St	Onondaga County Public Library		X	NRL	
S Salina St	E Onondaga St & Harrison St	X	X	NRL	
S Clinton St	W Onondaga St & Gifford St	X			X
S Clinton St	Clinton Plaza Apartments				X
S Clinton St	W Jefferson St				X
S Clinton St	W Fayette St			NRL	
S Clinton St	W Washington St				X
S Clinton St	W Water St	X			
N Clinton St	W Genesee St (Route 5)	X			
N Salina St	James St & W Genesee St (Route 5)	X			
N Clinton St	Herald Pl				X
S Franklin St	W Fayette St	X			
S Franklin St	W Washington St	X			
Erie Blvd W	N Franklin St & S Franklin St	X			
W Genesee St (Route 5)	N Franklin St	X		NRE	
W Willow St	N Franklin St	X			
N Franklin St	Herald Pl			NRE	
Wallace St	W Genesee St (Route 5)	X			
James St	N Warren St	X			
Erie Blvd E	N Warren St & S Warren St				X
E Water St	S Warren St	X	X		
E Washington St	S Warren St		X	NRL	
S Warren St	E Fayette St		X		
S Warren St	E Jefferson St		X		
S Warren St	Madison St & E Onondaga St				X
S Warren St	Harrison St				X
Harrison St	Montgomery St				X
Madison St	Montgomery St				X
E Jefferson St	E Onondaga St & Montgomery St	X	X		

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Street	Street	Arch Sensitive	Historic District	Building Status	None
E Fayette St	Montgomery St	X	X		
E Washington St	Montgomery St				X
E Water St	Montgomery St		X	NRE	
Erie Blvd E (Route 5)	Oswego Blvd & Montgomery St			NRE	
Oswego Blvd	James St				X
Erie Blvd E (Route 5)	N State St (Route 11) & S State St (Route 11)				X
S State St (Route 11)	E Water St				X
S State St (Route 11)	E Washington St				X
S State St (Route 11)	E Fayette St	X		NRE	
S State St (Route 11)	E Genesee St (Route 92) & E Onondaga St	X			
S State St (Route 11)	E Jefferson St	X			
S State St (Route 11)	Madison St				X
S State St (Route 11)	Harrison St				X
Harrison St	S Townsend St				X
S Townsend St	E Genesee St (Route 92)		X		
E Fayette St	S Townsend St				X
S Townsend St	E Washington St			NRE	
E Water St	S Townsend St			NRE	
Erie Blvd E (Route 5)	N Townsend St & S Townsend St				X
Erie Blvd E (Route 5)	S McBride St				X
E Water St	S McBride St				X
E Washington St	S McBride St				X
E Fayette St	S McBride St			NRE	
E Genesee St (Route 92)	S McBride St				X
E Genesee St (Route 92)	Almond St				X

Building Legend:  
 NRE - Eligible for Listing  
 NRL - Currently Listed  
 NRL/NRE - Multiple Buildings

Not to Scale

**Syracuse Pedestrian Safety Action Plan**  
**(PIN 3756.49)**  
 City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York  
 C&S Project: 119.421.001

**SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS**  
**SITE LISTING**

Uncontrolled Crosswalks					
Street	Street	Arch Sensitive	Historic District	Building Status	None
W Fayette St	Onondaga Creekwalk	X			
W Washington St	Onondaga Creekwalk	X			
Walton St	Onondaga Creekwalk	X			
S Clinton St	Walton St		X	NRL	
E Adams St	Elizabeth Blackwell St				X
Glenwood Ave	Robineau Rd		X	NRL/NRE	
S Geddes St	Bellevue Ave			NRL/NRE	
Midland Ave	W Lafayette Ave				X
W Newell St	McKinley-Brighton Elementary School			NRE	X
Oswego St	Blodgett School			NRE	
Michaels Ave	Kirkpatrick St				X
W Kirkpatrick St	Syracuse Inner Harbor Creekwalk	X			
W Kirkpatrick St	Onondaga Creekwalk	X			
W Kirkpatrick St	Syracuse Inner Harbor	X			
W Kirkpatrick St	Aloft Syracuse Inner Harbor	X			
Solar St	Destiny USA (parking lot)	X			
Gray Ave	Dorchester Ave				X
Salt Springs Rd	Le Moyne College	X			
Salt Springs Rd	Elmcrest Child Centr Rd				X
East Ave	Hillside Work Scholarship				X
Plum St	Onondaga Creekwalk	X			
Solar St	Plum St & Dupi Park Dr	X	X	NRL	
Solar St	W Division St	X		NRE	
N Franklin St	Genant Dr	X			
N Franklin St	Evans St			NRE	
Union Ave	Prospect Ave				X
E Willow St	Villa Scalabrini Apartments				X
Midland Ave	W Florence Ave	X			
Ostrom Ave	Marshall St		X		
Broad St	Kensington Pl				X
Lancaster Ave	Andover Rd				X

Uncontrolled Crosswalks					
Street	Street	Arch Sensitive	Historic District	Building Status	None
E Colvin St	Buckingham Ave				X
Euclid Ave	Euclid Terrace & Roosevelt Ave		X	NRE	
Euclid Ave	Strong Ave		X	NRE	
Euclid Ave	Allen St		X	NRE	
Euclid Ave	Fellows Ave		X	NRE	
Euclid Ave	Westmoreland Ave		X		
Euclid Ave	Cumberland Ave				X
Euclid Ave	Houston Ave				X
Euclid Ave	Meadowbrook Dr				X
Comstock Ave	Islamic Society of CNY		X		
N Geddes St	Wilkinson St	X			
Spencer St	N Geddes St	X			
Tompkins St	S Wilbur Ave	X		NRE	
W Marcellus St	S Wilbur Ave				X
W Jefferson St	The M.O.S.T	X	X	NRE	
Gifford St	Westside Learning Center			NRE	
Roberts Ave	Will Ave			NRE	
Summit Ave	Bellevue Ave		X		
South Ave	Southwest Community Center Library				X
W Onondaga St	Kandace St			NRE	
Westmoreland Ave	Westmoreland Park	X			
W Court St	N Clinton St	X			
W Court St	Genant Dr	X			
7th North St	Eaton Crouse Hinds	X			

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