

**MINUTES** *Facilitator* Maren King

**Attendees:** Gary Crawford, Christine Slocum, Sgt. Collin Hillman, Meghan Vitale, Katelin Kingsley, Jane Rice, Mario Colone, Tina Zagya

**Presentation:** Mario Colone | Program Manager, Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council  
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Mr. Calon discussed the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes and requested feedback from the group about the Destiny-Syracuse University Route alternative through Franklin Square. A map was given to the group which indicated a few options: bus lane only (either in one direction or both) as well as a mixed-use lane. The Rapid Bus Transit would not replace any existing bus route, but rather be an additional route. The buses would utilize a Transit Signal Priority technology (the bus could change the signal light if it needs to)

**Q.** Would that signal change effect the overall system of flow, as the lights are currently on timers.

**A.** It might throw the signals out of whack for a couple cycles, but it would be back to the programmed timing.

**Q.** Can you describe the Southern pieces?

**A.** The stops indicated on the map are not set in stone yet.

**Q.** How often will the buses run?

**A.** BRT system will run every 12 minutes for most of the day.

A resident brought up the issue of the Syracuse First, City school bus location. The School buses could interfere with the Rapid buses down Solar Street.

**Q.** Would it be a dedicated bus lane on both sides?

**A.** What is realistic without major impact to the area, may just be one side or a widening of the road.

**Q.** What was the criteria to determine Solar st. for BRT?

**A.** Key driver for bus only lane on Solar is the development potential for Lakefront. The SMTC began identifying corridor for Destiny/OCC and the figured out options for the routes.

**Issue was brought to the groups attention of food traffic across Solar st, as this could impost future issues with bus lanes.**

**Q.** What is the purpose of BRT, where are people going?

**A.** Move people faster along the maps bus route, will not replace existing routes, only an addition.

**Q.** What is the timeframe for this project?

**A.** the study will be completed this calendar year, then working on design times and construction timeframe. The funding is available from the federal government, Small Starts Program. The total cost would range from 20 – 30 million in cost depending on which alternative is chosen. This may not come into fruition.

<http://www.smtcmpo.org/SMART/>

**Special Projects**

- 1) Gary Crawford discussed his proposal for a pilot program that will teach Syracuse youths how to build boats and sail them in the Inner Harbor. \$2,604

The group requested he speak with the board on his proposal, obtain letters of support from the organizations involved as well as the instructor from Nottingham who will be working with the students.

**Location of Meeting**

Lakefront TNT will continue to meet at the Aloft Hotel.