

Public involvement for *The I-81 Challenge*

Input directly from the public has also been critical for the progress of *The I-81 Challenge*. More than 2,000 people have directly participated through the various public participation activities. To date, our work has included:



PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

- In May 2011, the SMTC and NYSDOT hosted the first series of public workshops
- More than 700 people participated in person, and more than 250 participated in the “virtual” workshop on the project website
- The workshop summary is available on the project website: <http://www.thei81challenge.org/>

FOCUS GROUPS

- The SMTC and the NYSDOT convened 23 focus groups throughout our region
- A total of 176 stakeholders participated

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The SMTC and the NYSDOT have presented or distributed project information at community events throughout the region

SMALL GROUPS, COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- 21 organizations accepted the SMTC’s offer to discuss *The I-81 Challenge* at community meetings



QUESTIONNAIRES

- Two questionnaires allowed more than 1,000 people to answer questions about numerous topics, including their use of I-81 and desired goals for the future of the highway
- The questionnaire summary is available on the project website: <http://www.thei81challenge.org/>

