

# Your visions for I-81

**REGIONAL VIEW**

**Your vision for the future of I-81**

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**Description of your idea:**  
 An economic destination area the Burrey square. Rail to Livingston, then several miles north to reach I-81.

**How does your idea benefit the region?**  
 Areas of development - economic.

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 A tunnel is what I think.

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 You don't need to worry about falling down.

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The viaduct is described as a road to be expanded to accommodate the north-south flow of traffic. It is shown as a road that runs from the south to the north, crossing the viaduct and becoming a street level road.

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Pink = reconnect city grids  
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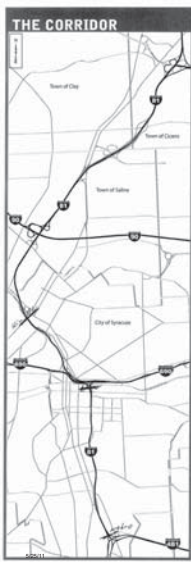
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Remove elevated part of I-81 from 690 to 451 S.

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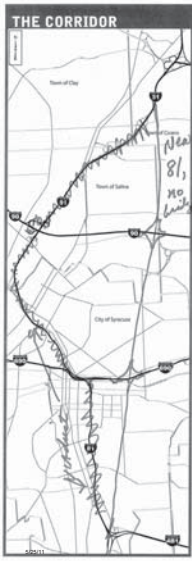
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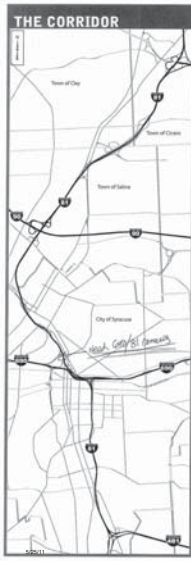
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Shorten I-81 thru Spyr interchange of 90, 481 and 690 and bridge to pass-over-like works in and out daily.

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Significantly, it reduces congestion, shortens I-81 and makes road easier to drive. Don't know what negative impacts are affected by the new route and it, necessary for a new, shorter bridge.



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- Eliminate the highway between Syracuse and Salt Spring and replace it with a road built along I-81 and another road built along I-81/I-190 that do not cross the main highway through the city (but not always) and through Salt Spring.
- Eliminate I-81 and build a road between Syracuse and Salt Spring that only goes into Syracuse by I-81.
- Eliminate other roads and build a road that goes into Syracuse and Salt Spring.

**How does your idea benefit the region?**

- The existing I-81 is a barrier to the city. If it were eliminated, it would be a barrier to the city. It would be a barrier to the city. It would be a barrier to the city.
- There are plenty of ways to get out of the city - we don't need the highway that is a barrier.
- A healthy city = a healthy region.

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*Handwritten notes: "Remove", "I-81 is the only way to get to Syracuse?!", "make it a rail"*

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- PLEASE BUILD SHORTER LONG TOLLIES OR PAIS!
- Low cost, fast to build, low to maintain.
- Shorter toll will provide more revenue.
- As tolls fall, low the toll to bring in more revenue.
- 1. No toll, no revenue.
- Encourage toll as before.

**How does your idea benefit the region?**

- People that live in the suburbs choose an alternative lifestyle. If there is less traffic, so we can help the city of Syracuse become walkable, bikeable and may get around via trolley (like Boston) soon.

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- Hanging Gardens of Syracuse - urban park w/ walking, biking, skating, skiing, snow-sledding paths, benches, food vendors, plants, and connections/bridges (elevators).

**How does your idea benefit the region?**

- essential to survive, we need to be DIFFERENT - this idea is a great start.

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- I-81 north of I-190 North of city becomes a road to I-81 - Clark, Franklin, and I-81.
- I-81 south of I-190 south of city becomes "exit" to Adams Street.

**How does your idea benefit the region?**

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# Your visions for I-81

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**Description of your idea (if drawn):**  
To provide the same underground walk ways that exist walking past the parking lot (multiple) - linking the regional city without taking traffic out of the city. This also means to connect traffic to the city center.

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Bikes for walking, biking, strolling, snowshoeing, sitting, reading, planting, planted within local limits (not likely) small trees, shrubs, lawns, patios, vines, public art - they can also happen at grade.

**How does your idea benefit the region?**  
Makes an incredible unique space in the city for Syracuse. Could therefore, all of CIVIC to prosper, it has to do more to distinguish itself. The things that have made it more.

**REGIONAL VIEW**

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**Description of your idea:**  
"Having Gardens of Syracuse" - Green spaces in the heart of the city, making the city more attractive to visitors, businesses, and residents - but at what? Highline has done annually for area around it (not a lot of its attention, but for a few of its concept and economic impact).

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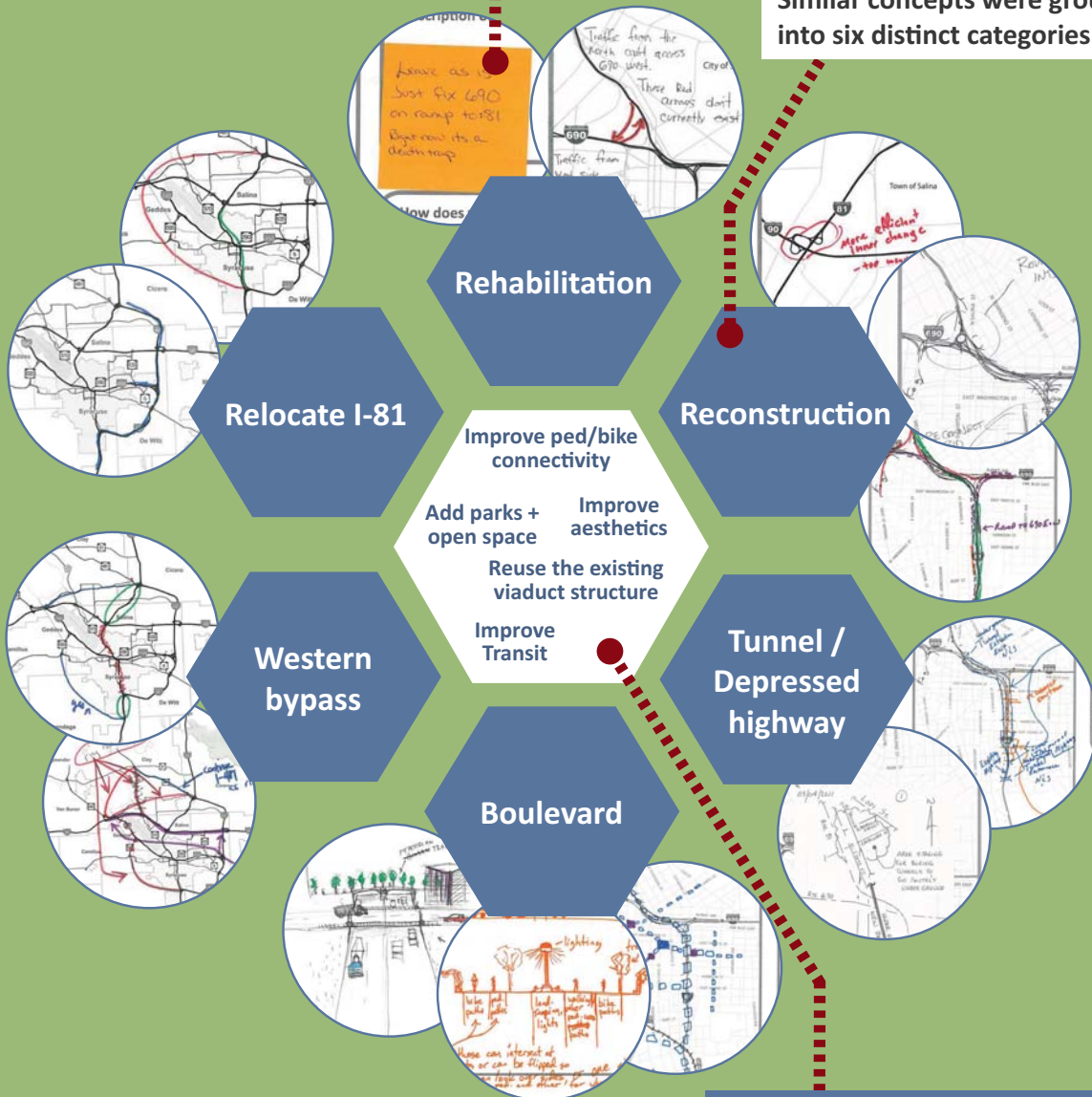
# Common categories of concepts

## PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Numerous ideas were shared at the May 2011 workshops ranging from spot-specific improvements to full reconstruction to transformation of the regional transportation system.

## CATEGORIES

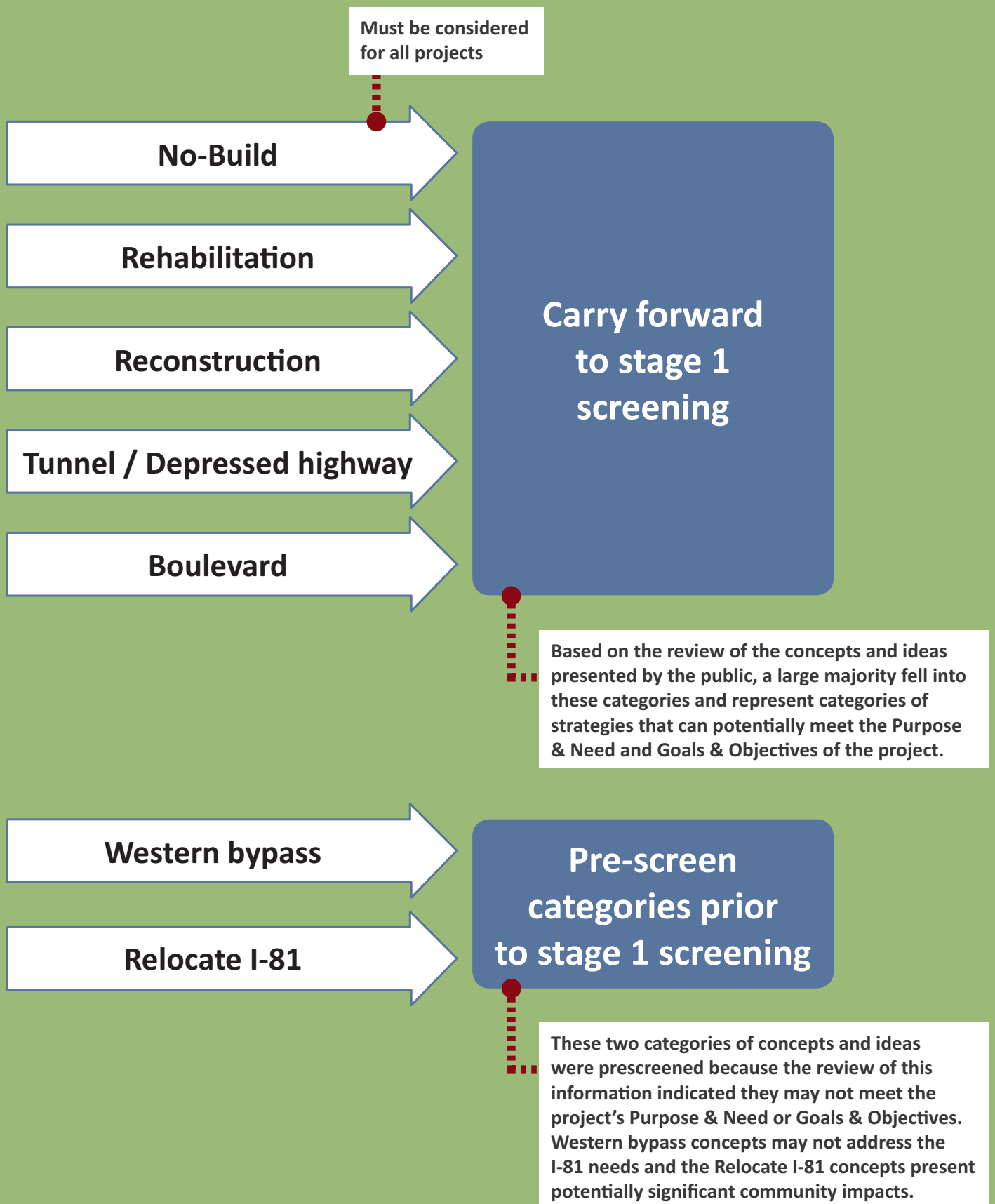
Similar concepts were grouped into six distinct categories.



## COMMON CONCEPTS

Participants at the May 2011 workshops made many suggestions that could complement any of the six categories.

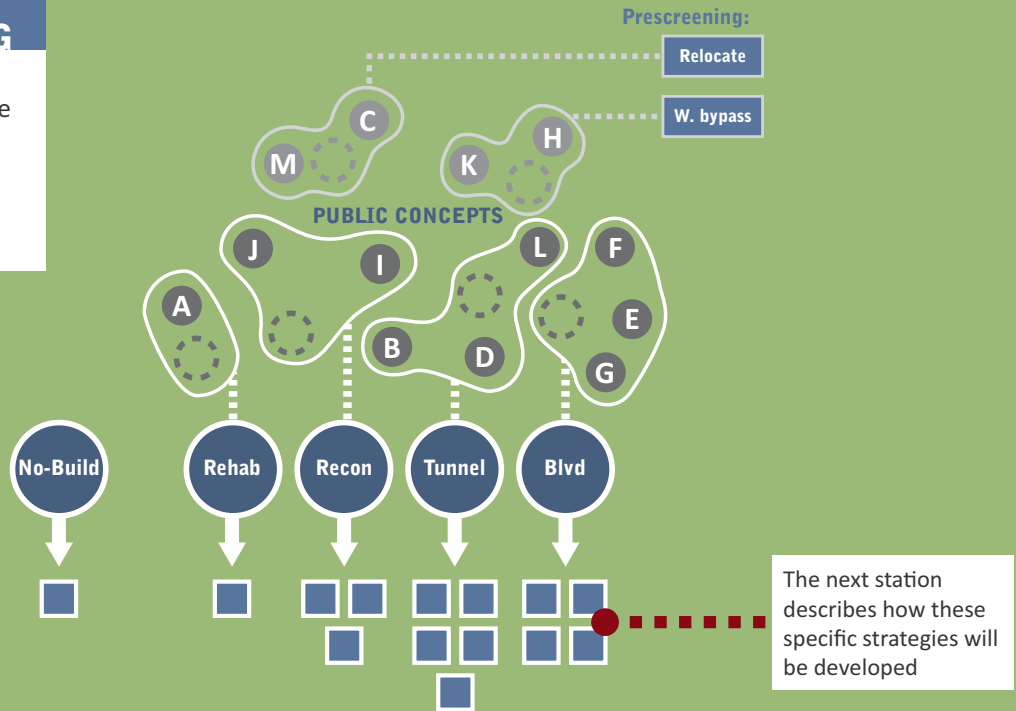
# Moving to Stage 1 screening



# The screening process

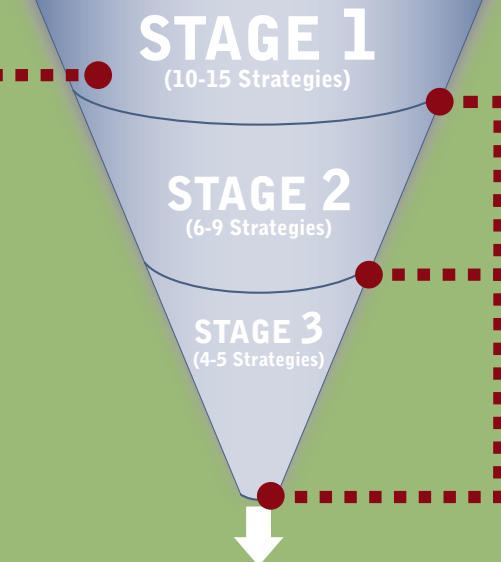
## 3 STAGES OF SCREENING

Three levels of screening/evaluation will be completed to narrow down the number of strategies. Each stage will increase the level of detail and refine each strategy in conformance with project needs and goals.



## STAGE 1 SCREENING:

- Develop a variety of strategies within each category (10-15 strategies total)
- Develop concept-level illustrations
- Review engineering considerations; social, economic, and environmental impacts; and traffic conditions
- Quantify impacts, benefits, and costs
- Compare to Purpose & Need and Goals & Objectives
- Recommend strategies to progress to Stage 2



Evaluation criteria will be applied, and the public will be involved at each stage

Strategies will be carried forward to preliminary engineering/  
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
(Conclusion of Corridor Study)

# Pre-screening: Relocate I-81 through downtown

## POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

### PROPERTY:

- Building to interstate highway standards requires 400' swath of land through the City plus property for interchanges
- Significant impacts to residential properties

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

- Significant impacts to businesses and cultural centers: Huntington Family Center, Hopps Memorial CME Church, Atlas Health Care, and other office/industrial buildings
- Significant impacts to Franklin Square

NYS&W right-of-way is not a viable option because it is an active freight line. Consider alignment immediately west of rail line.

Could complement a boulevard on existing I-81 alignment



## RECOMMENDATION:

- Consider a new arterial (non-interstate highway) along West St or adjacent to the NYS&W railroad alignment as part of a Boulevard Strategy [see more details in Station 4]

# Pre-screening: Relocate I-81 north of I-690

## POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

### PROPERTY:

- Building to interstate highway standards requires 250'-400' swath of land through city neighborhoods plus land for interchanges and new connections to Carousel Center, Regional Transit Center, and Onondaga Lake Parkway

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

- Impacts multiple neighborhoods and schools, Sisters of St. Francis Campus, and Cooper Crouse-Hinds complex

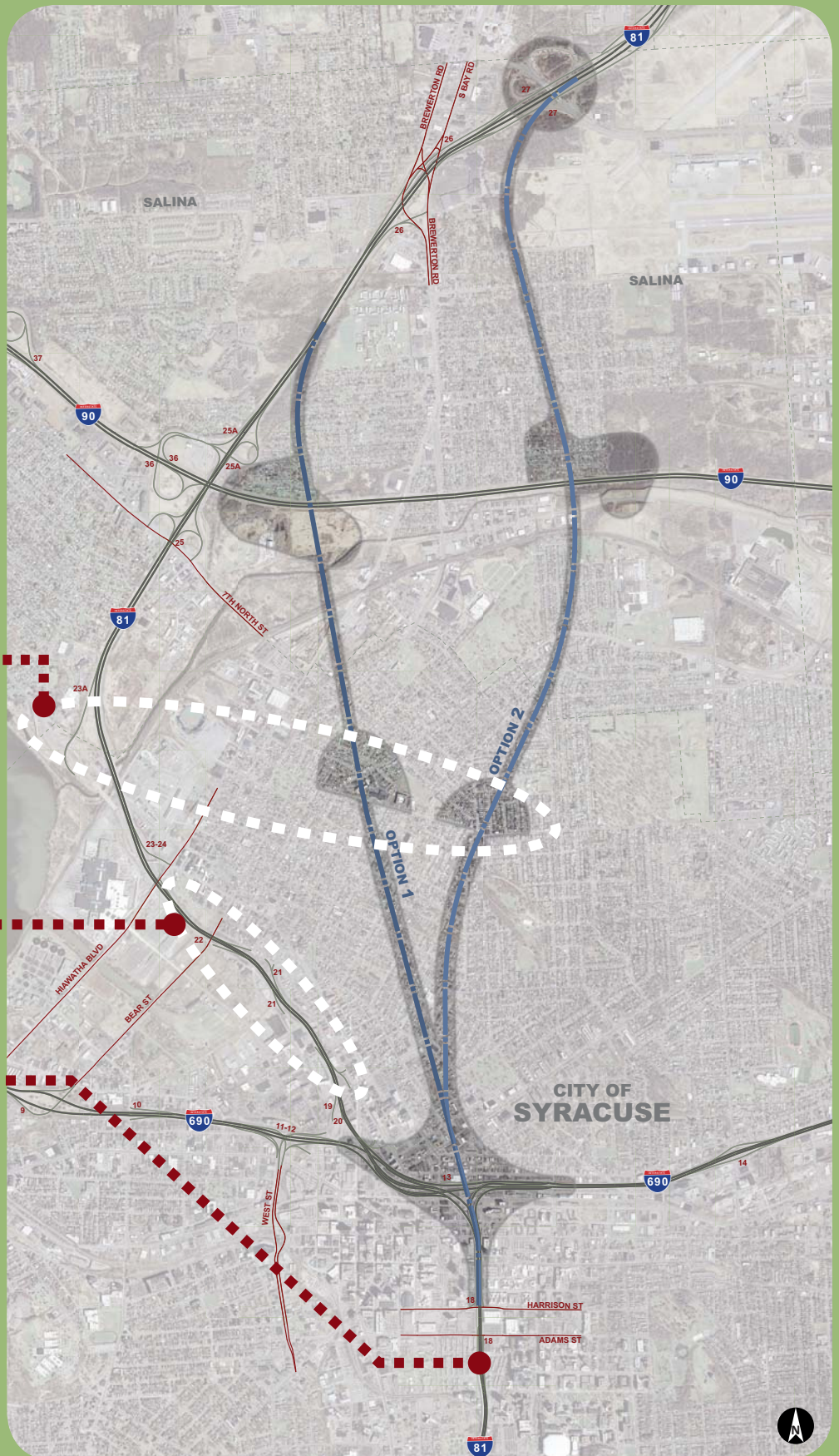
Connections would need to be re-established to Carousel Center, Regional Transit Center, and Onondaga Lake Parkway

It is unclear what might be done with existing I-81

Does not address issues in the viaduct area

## RECOMMENDATION:

- Eliminate both concepts from further consideration



# Pre-screening: Western bypass concepts

## POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

### PROPERTY:

- Building to interstate highway standards requires 250'-400' swath of land through established city and town neighborhoods plus land for interchanges

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

- Impacts various residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, and recreational facilities

### ECONOMIC:

- Impacts various medical, office, retail, and industrial facilities

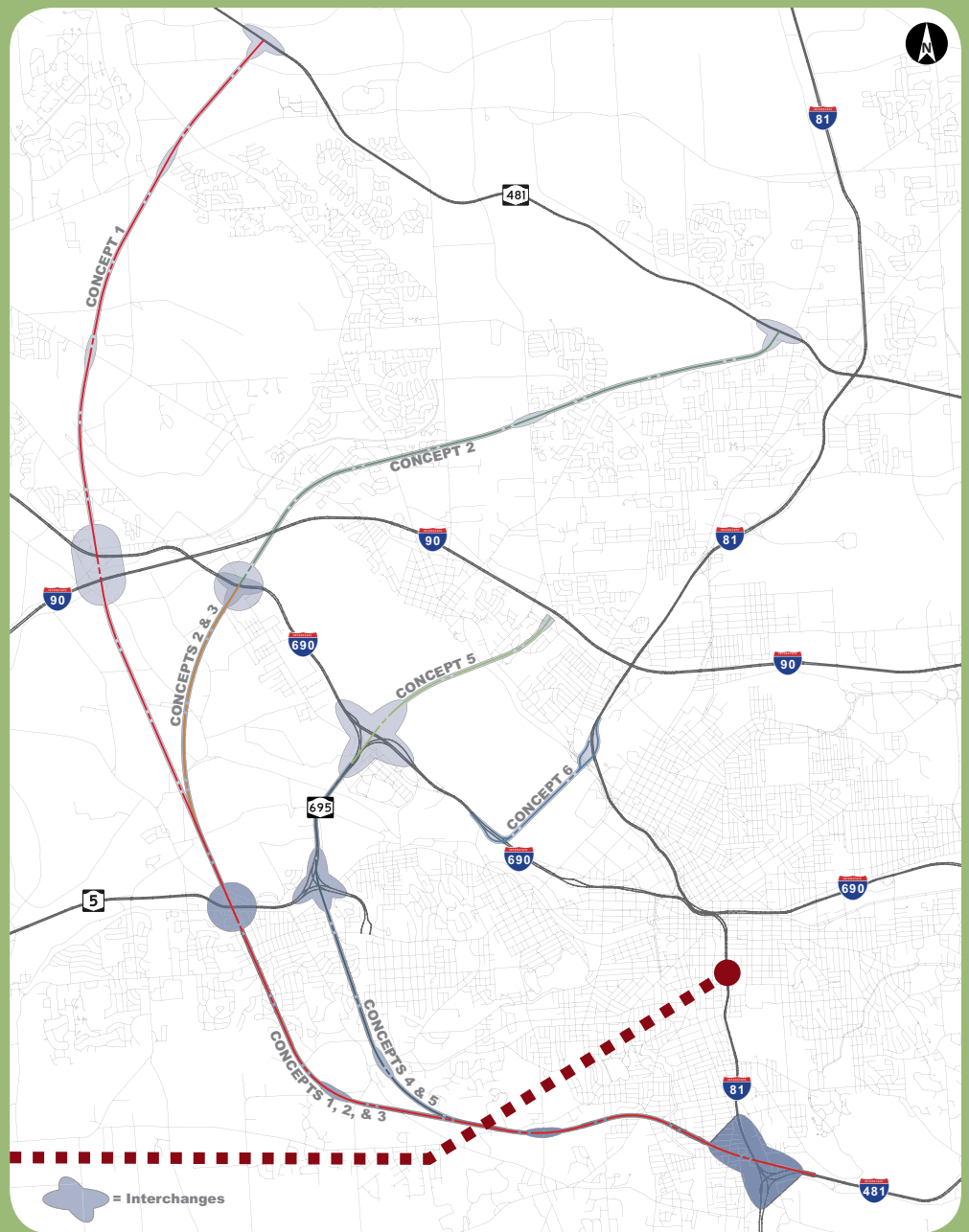
### ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Varying Impacts to: Onondaga Lakefront, Tailing Pond Wetland Area/Old Erie Canal, and the Clay Marsh lands

### TRAFFIC:

- Traffic volumes on any bypass concept are expected to be much too low to justify the anticipated cost to construct

The Western bypass concepts do not, by themselves, address the project needs for I-81 and the viaduct.



## RECOMMENDATION:

- Consider bypass concept 4 from southern I-81/I-481 interchange (Exit 16A) to NYS Rt 5/695 in Fairmount as an optional part of a Boulevard Strategy [see more details in Station 4]
- Eliminate all other Western bypass concepts

# Recommendations for Stage 1 screening

Based on the categorization of concepts and pre-screening, we recommend that five strategies progress to Stage 1 screening.

- **Boulevard**

Optional, as part of a Boulevard Strategy:

- Western bypass
- West Street/railroad arterial

- **No-Build**

- **Reconstruction**

- **Rehabilitation**

- **Tunnel/Depressed highway**



# Tell us what you think



**The board to the left summarizes our recommendations for the strategies that will progress to Stage 1 screening. Please provide your thoughts on these recommendations in the space below.**

*(You will have the opportunity to provide additional comments on each of the five proposed Stage 1 strategies in the next station)*