

Tunnel/Depressed highway strategy: defined

A tunnel/depressed highway strategy would remove the viaduct and lower I-81 below grade in a tunnel and/or depressed right-of-way. This strategy would require the reconstruction of I-81 on either end of the tunnel/depressed highway.

WHY CONSIDER THIS STRATEGY?

- Significant public support
- Addresses long-term issues of I-81
- Meets regional transportation needs through 2040

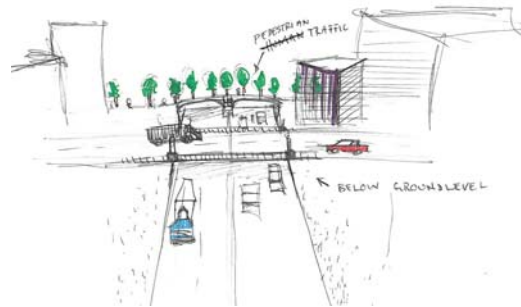
WHAT ISSUES WILL THIS STRATEGY ADDRESS?

- Long-term pavement and bridge conditions
- Accidents
- Non-standard features
- Aesthetic/built environment improvements in the current viaduct area

"I would put I-81 underground and design a tunnel to allow traffic to flow in and out of the city. A tunnel would improve traffic flow, reconnect the downtown area, and decrease accident rates on I-81."



"Create a tunnel for the highway. Then, above ground, use the open space for parks and paths for walking and biking. This strategy would create a unique space in the city and help Syracuse distinguish itself."



What we heard