

# Boulevard strategy: defined

A boulevard strategy would require major modification to the regional highway system. The I-81 viaduct would be removed and replaced by a non-interstate boulevard. I-481 would be redesignated as I-81. This strategy would include reconstruction of I-81 on either end of the boulevard and significant changes to the I-81/I-481 interchanges.

## WHY CONSIDER THIS STRATEGY?

- Significant public support
- Addresses structural issues of the I-81 viaduct
- Regional transportation needs

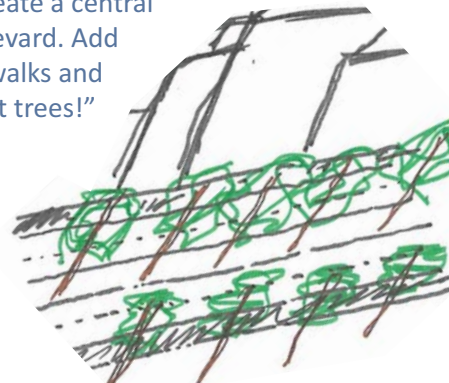
## WHAT ISSUES WILL THIS STRATEGY ADDRESS?

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

"Convert I-81 to a street-level arterial highway, similar to the one in Utica, NY. The highway should have turn lanes for major crossroads, and crosswalks or pedestrian bridges at strategic points. This option would be cheaper to maintain and would create more access points for travelers."

"A boulevard would eliminate the viaduct, which is an eyesore and physical barrier in central Syracuse. It would also calm traffic and reduce noise and pollution."

"Bring I-81 to street level to create a central boulevard. Add sidewalks and street trees!"



**What we heard**