

Rehabilitation strategy: defined

A rehabilitation strategy for I-81 would restore the current bridges and pavement to a “state of good repair” that would last for the next 30-40 years. Some parts of the I-81 viaduct might be widened or changed to improve safety. Some improvements to exit/entrance ramps to downtown and University Hill might be made.

WHY CONSIDER THIS STRATEGY?

- Supported by public input
- Can be used along with No-Build as a benchmark for other strategies
- Addresses some issues with I-81

WHAT ISSUES WILL THIS STRATEGY ADDRESS?

- Long-term pavement and bridge conditions
- Some of the worst accident, safety, and congestion areas in the corridor
- Extension of the viaduct service life

“One of the positives of living in Central New York is the ease of automobile travel in the region...it would not be a bad thing to keep I-81 exactly as it is now.”

“We must maintain convenient highway access to downtown and to key University and Medical Center destinations. I believe I-81 needs to remain, in some form, where it is.”

“I-81 makes traveling to work a breeze! I have lived in the University area for over 50 years and 81 has been a blessing to go from one side of the city to the other in little to no time.”

“81 is completely essential to maintaining a working city. Loss of quick travel from north to south Syracuse will drastically increase commute times and destroy what I love most - ease of navigation.”

What we heard