

Reconstruction strategy: defined

A reconstruction strategy for I-81 would remove the existing viaduct structure and build a new I-81 viaduct within the general vicinity of the current highway. The I-81/I-690 interchange would be rebuilt. Some highway curves would be straightened.

WHY CONSIDER THIS STRATEGY?

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

WHAT ISSUES WILL THIS STRATEGY ADDRESS?

- Long-term pavement and bridge conditions
- High accident locations
- Congestion at I-690 interchange
- Most or all non-standard features
- Aesthetic/built environment improvements in the current viaduct area

“Keep the current I-81 right-of-way through Syracuse, but make major improvements to the infrastructure (i.e additional lanes, carpool (HOV) lanes, fewer exits and entrance ramps, less curves, etc.). Improve signage, lighting, and safety, too.”

“The bridge works, so keep it. Improve the design, widen the highway, and address the design deficiencies of the on ramps and interchanges.”

“Renovate the existing system, maintaining its extraordinary functionality. Improve the interchanges, and enhance the pedestrian environment around the interstate. Eliminate bottlenecks by widening the roadway and lengthening merge lanes.”



What we heard