## Public participation in The 1-81 Challenge

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Pieces of The I-81 Challenge

for its future.

Corridor Study, being led by

conditions, a study of the existing land use, economic,

is a technical project in which the SMTC is using compute

transportation network



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## Welcome (Back) to The I-81 Challenge!

You have probably read or heard that portions of I-81, particularly the elevated sections of the highway in downtown Syracuse, are nearing the end of their lifespan. Over the coming decades, nortions of the highway will need to be replaced, reconstructed, removed or otherwise changed

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) and a Study Advisory Committee (SAC) have begun a process to engage a broad cross-section of community members in identifying, developing and evaluating options for the future of this vital corridor Over the next several years, this process, known as The I-81 Challenge, will advance community discussions about the future of I-81.

Using the community's input along with information about the highway's existing conditions, a wide range of options for the future of I-81 and a set of goals and objectives will be generated. This broad range of options will be narrowed down to a small number of viable options through a combination of technical analysis and continued public involvement. The viable options will ultimately be refined and analyzed in further detail, and a formal environmental review process wil begin. That process will lead to a decision, and to a project or projects that can be implemented. It takes time to make a decision of this importance, and we need the public to stay involved every step of the way. Visit www.thel81challenge.org to find out how you can stay informed of project updates.



