

Public involvement for *The I-81 Challenge*

Input directly from the public has been critical for the progress of *The I-81 Challenge* since its inception in 2009. More than 2,000 people have participated through their comments and involvement. To date, our work has included:



PUBLIC MEETINGS

- In May 2011 and 2012, the SMTC and NYSDOT hosted a series of public events
- Nearly 1,200 people participated in person, and more than 450 participated in the “virtual” meetings on the project website
- The meeting summaries are available on the project website: <http://www.thei81challenge.org>

FOCUS GROUPS

- The SMTC and the NYSDOT convened 23 focus groups throughout our region
- A total of 176 stakeholders participated

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The SMTC and the NYSDOT have presented or distributed project information at community events throughout the region

SMALL GROUPS, COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- 21 organizations accepted the SMTC’s and NYSDOT’s offer to discuss *The I-81 Challenge* at community meetings



QUESTIONNAIRES

- Two questionnaires gathered information from more than 1,000 people about numerous topics, including their use of I-81 and desired goals for the future of the highway
- The questionnaire summary is available on the project website: <http://www.thei81challenge.org>

