

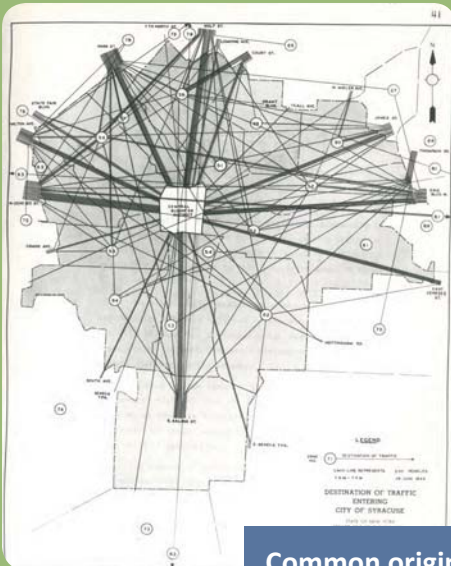
Highway routing

While the federal government laid out general locations of highways, it was up to state and local officials to determine the exact alignment of the new highways.

Key factors that influenced the routes of our current highways:



Location of existing transportation rights of way



Common origins and destinations



Location of areas identified for urban renewal

WHAT IS URBAN RENEWAL?

Urban renewal refers to efforts to revitalize what were considered blighted city areas during the 1940s-1970s.

Urban renewal usually included:

- Relocation of businesses
- Demolition of buildings
- Displacement of people



I-81 was aligned along Almond Street. This alignment allowed for an elevated structure and coincided with the location of the Near East Side Urban Renewal Area.

