

Relocate the highway

THE “I-WAY”: I-195 PROVIDENCE, RI



Lessons learned

- Relocation allowed for existing road to remain operational, minimizing traffic disruptions
- Project benefited from extensive public outreach – media, websites and podcasts
- Focus on urban design, riverfront connections, and redevelopment opportunities fostered public support

SIMILARITIES TO I-81

- Designated as an interstate highway
- Carried through and local traffic
- Included an interchange with another interstate highway

DIFFERENCES FROM I-81

- Carried higher traffic volumes
- Did not include regional alternatives or bypasses
- Separated sections of city from a waterfront area

SO WHAT HAPPENED?

- The elevated I-195 highway was relocated from downtown Providence to a nearby industrial corridor
- The project opened up valuable redevelopment areas and allowed the city to reconnect parts of the downtown street grid