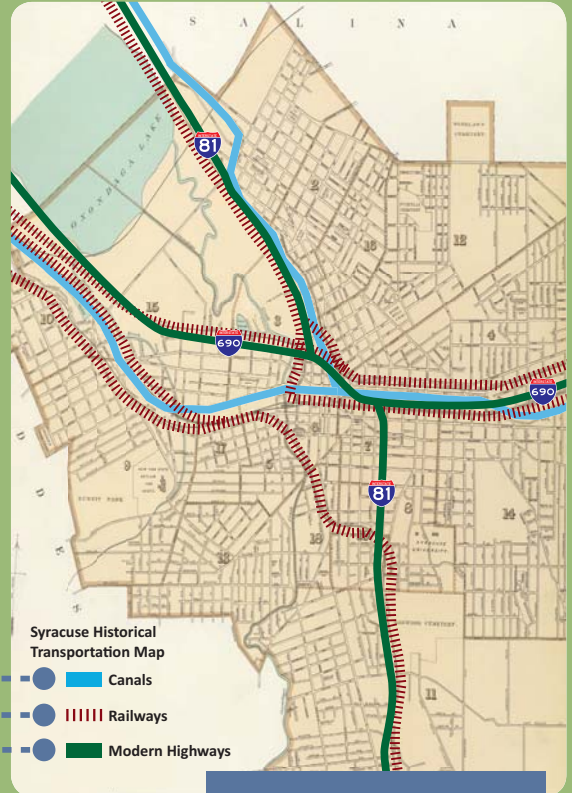


# Our early transportation system



Before canals were built, rough trails, roads and natural waterways were the only ways to travel



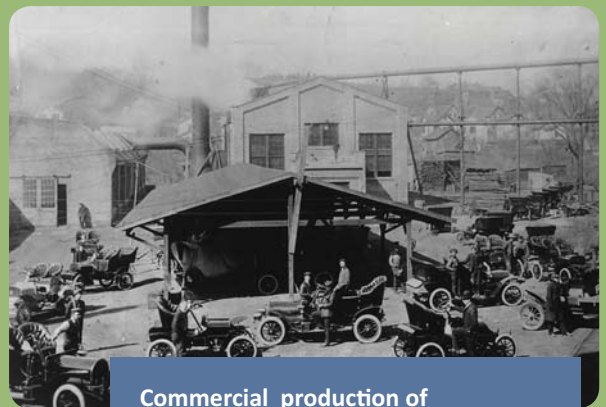
Today's transportation system was influenced by the location of the canals and railways of the past



The Erie Canal, completed in 1825, ran through Syracuse and spurred economic development in the region



By the late 1830s, steam powered railroads had come to Syracuse



Commercial production of automobiles began in the early 1900s

