

What is *The I-81 Challenge*?

The I-81 Challenge is the official decision-making process to determine the future of I-81 through the Syracuse region.



WHO IS INVOLVED?

- The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
- The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC)
- Agencies, organizations, and individuals from across the community who have a stake in I-81



Why is *The I-81 Challenge* needed?



AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Sections of I-81—particularly sections of the viaduct in downtown Syracuse—are nearing the end of their lifespan.



LOOKING FORWARD

Over the coming decades, portions of the highway will need to be replaced, reconstructed, removed, or otherwise changed.

What will *The I-81 Challenge* accomplish?



UNDERSTANDING

A clear understanding of our collective transportation needs and problems.



GOALS

A set of goals that identify what we want to accomplish with I-81 and the measures by which we will know we have succeeded.



OPTIONS

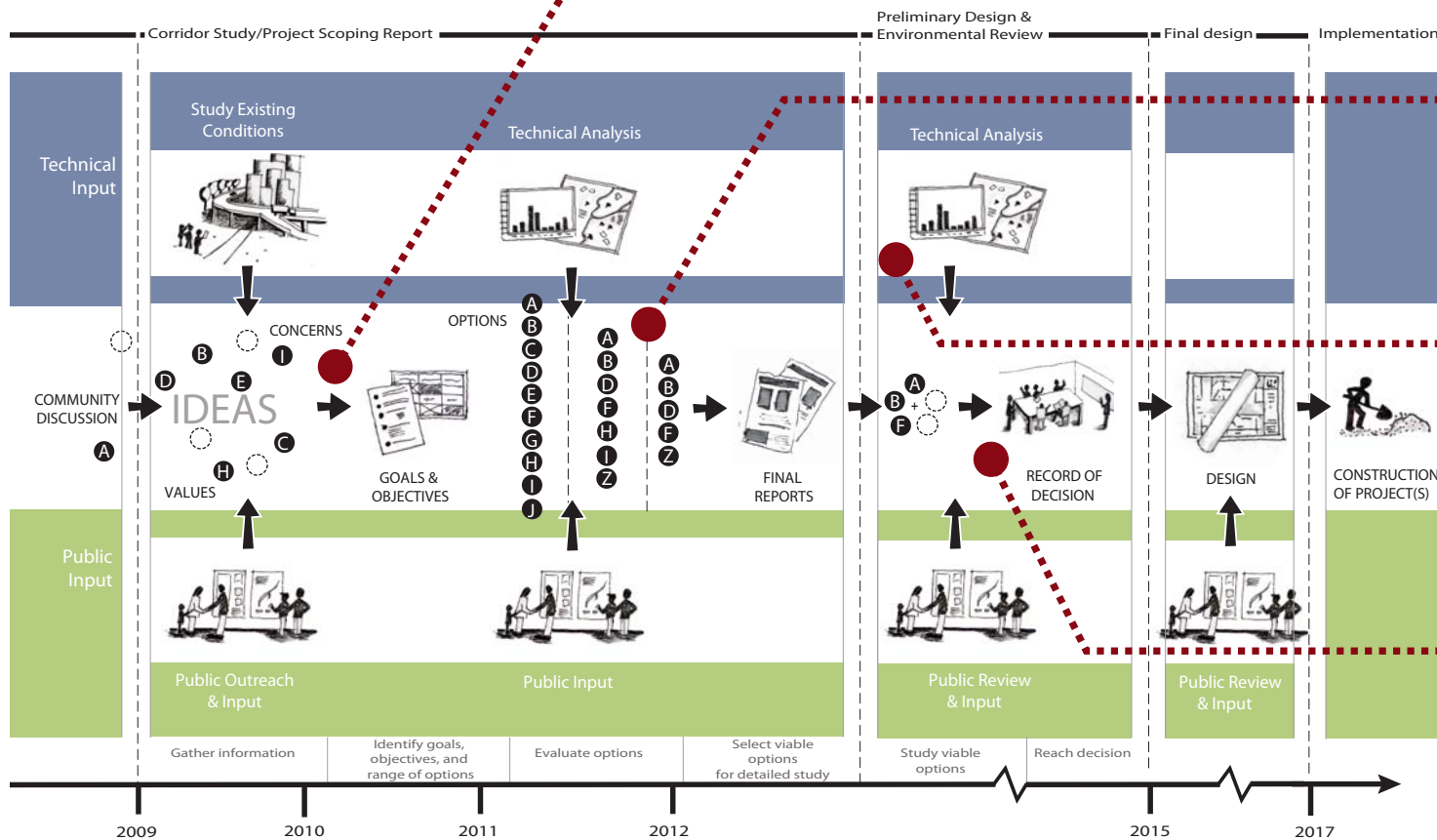
A short list of viable future options that will go through a formal environmental review.



SOLUTION(S)

A project or projects that can be implemented.

How will *The I-81 Challenge* lead to a decision?



* Note that these represent target dates only.

PUBLIC + TECHNICAL INPUT

Generate a wide range of options for the future of I-81 as well as a set of criteria to narrow down options based on broad public participation and technical analysis.

VIALE OPTIONS

Narrow the options through more public involvement and technical analysis.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Establish a set of viable options for formal environmental review required by federal and New York State law.

REFINING ALTERNATIVES

Further refine options through a formal environmental review process— ultimately leading to a decision and a project or projects that can be implemented.