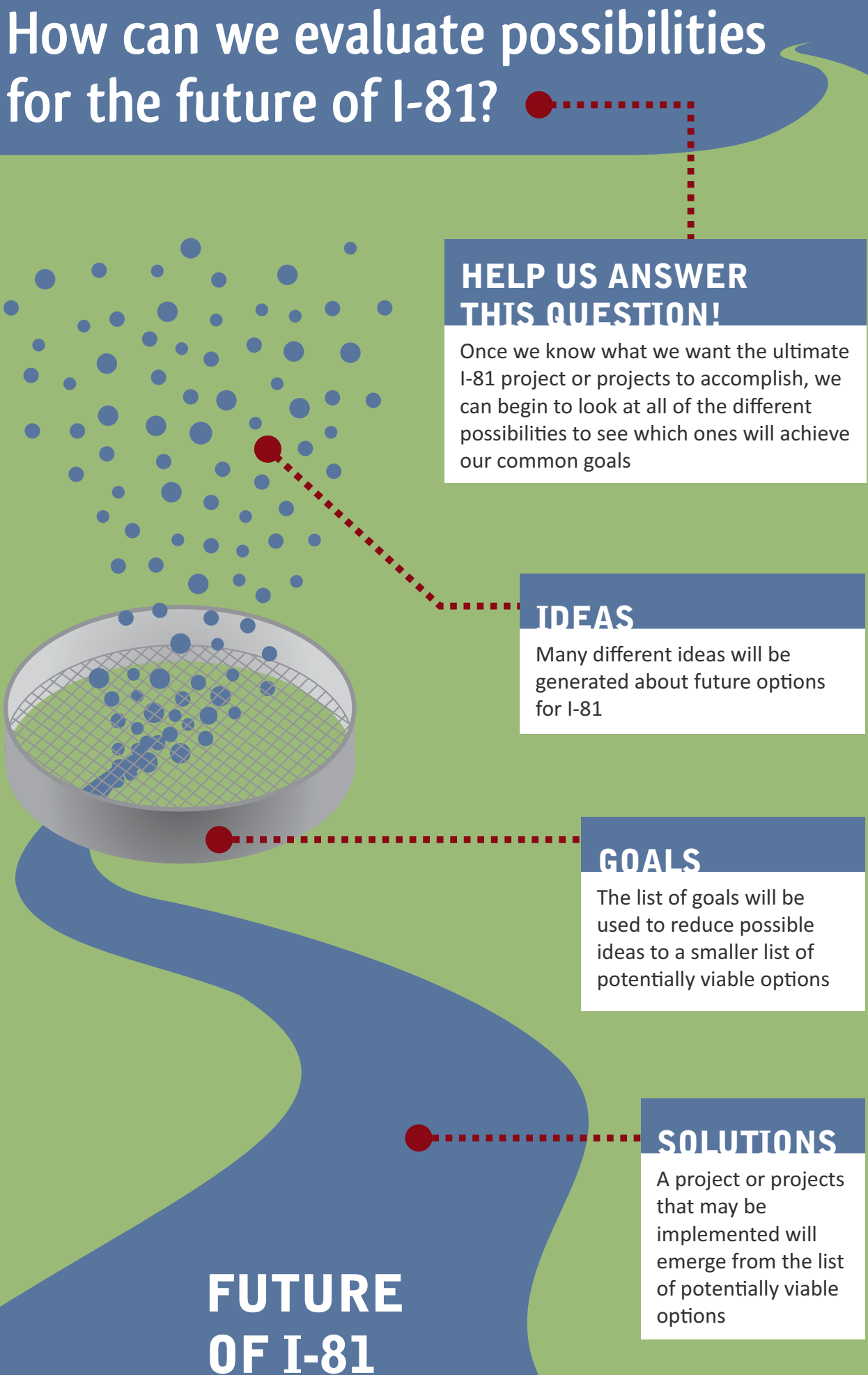


# How can we evaluate possibilities for the future of I-81?



## HELP US ANSWER THIS QUESTION!

Once we know what we want the ultimate I-81 project or projects to accomplish, we can begin to look at all of the different possibilities to see which ones will achieve our common goals

## IDEAS

Many different ideas will be generated about future options for I-81

## GOALS

The list of goals will be used to reduce possible ideas to a smaller list of potentially viable options

## SOLUTIONS

A project or projects that may be implemented will emerge from the list of potentially viable options

# FUTURE OF I-81

# What should the solution for I-81 accomplish?

The first step in identifying what should ultimately happen with I-81 is determining what is important for us as a region and the role we want I-81 to play in our future.

In the many conversations we have had with communities, elected officials, and other stakeholders, certain key goals have emerged.



## The study goals that we have heard so far include:

- Improve public safety
- Enhance the transportation network
- Enhance region-wide mobility
- Maintain or improve economic opportunities
- Support community quality of life
- Preserve or enhance environmental health
- Exercise fiscal responsibility
- Share the burdens and benefits of any solution equitably

# What do these goals really mean?

Here are some initial thoughts, but we need your input, too!

## IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

- Reduce accident occurrences to at or below the statewide average for similar facilities
- Improve the safety of alternative modes of transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, transit)

## SUPPORT COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE

- Encourage sustainable land use patterns within the city and county
- Enhance local connectivity (such as linking University Hill with downtown)
- Encourage smart growth: sustainable regional land use patterns that minimize suburban sprawl which increases demand for infrastructure and services
- Improve the visual built environment through context sensitive design that contributes to roadside/street ambiance, community character and public safety
- Promote other planning and development visions and initiatives (county, city, and region)

## ENHANCE THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

- Eliminate structural deficiencies
- Improve existing geometric design
- Identify alternative mode improvement in the vicinity of I-81

## PRESERVE OR ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Support local, regional and state environmental initiatives
- Maintain or improve air quality (overall emissions and odor)
- Minimize air quality and noise impacts on adjacent neighbors
- Minimize impacts on designated community landmarks and historic resources
- Minimize storm water impacts and improve water quality

## ENHANCE REGION-WIDE MOBILITY

- Improve peak period mobility and reduce delay on the highway system (primary, secondary and city streets)
- Preserve regional mobility by maintaining travel times
- Improve access to key destinations (i.e. the airport, hospitals, and downtown businesses)
- Improve connectivity of alternative modes of transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, transit)

## EXERCISE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Minimize capital costs by ensuring that transportation system investments are cost effective
- Minimize long-term operation and maintenance costs

## MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Maintain or improve economic opportunities by addressing multi-modal access
- Improve transportation system efficiency, reliability and reduce travel costs

## SHARE THE BURDENS AND BENEFITS OF ANY SOLUTION EQUITABLY

- Share the burdens of impacts during construction and long-term across stakeholders (e.g. suburbs, adjacent neighborhoods, low-income communities, Onondaga Nation)
- Share the benefits across stakeholders (e.g. suburbs, adjacent neighborhoods, low-income communities, Onondaga Nation)



# What do these goals mean to you?

You've just read some ideas of what these goals mean. Do you have anything to add?



Answer these questions for as many goals as you would like:

- Do you have other ideas about what the goals mean?
- What specific measurements could we use to know we've met the goal?

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# Help us determine the “right” thing to do

How important are these study goals to you?

● Place your green dots next to the goals that are most important to you:

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# Are any goals missing? Add them!

Are there any study goals you think are missing?



Write your ideas on a post-it note and add them to this board.