# Stay a part of The I-81 Challenge



### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

- Additional public meetings
- Additional questionnaires
- Increased web and social media presence
- Additional newsletters





### YOUR ROLE

The I-81 Challenge is about and for you:

- Tell others what you have learned
- Let them know how to take
   The I-81 Challenge
- And most of all stay involved!



## Public participation in The 1-81 Challenge

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Newsletters
- Fact sheets
- Educational videos
- Website
- Blog
- Facebook page
- Questionnaires
- Focus groups
- Project committees
- Public meetings

Find these resources and more information at:

www.thei81challenge.org
www.thei81challengeblog.org



#### SPRING 2011 **NEWSLETTER**





#### Welcome (Back) to The I-81 Challenge!

You have probably read or heard that portions of I-81, particularly the elevated sections of the highway in downtown Syracuse, are nearing the end of their lifespan. Over the coming decades, portions of the highway will need to be replaced, reconstructed, removed or otherwise changed.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) and a Study Advisory Committee (SAC) have begun a process to engage a broad cross-section of community members in identifying, developing and evaluating options for the future of this Valta Corridor. Over the next several years, this process, known as The I-81 Challenge, will advance community discussions about the future of 1811.

Using the community's input, along with information about the highways's existing conditions, a wide range of options for the future of 18.1 and a set of goals and objectives will be generated. This broad range of options will be narrowed down to a small number of viable options through a combination of technical analysis and continued public involvement. The viable options will ultimately be refined and analyzed in further detail, and a formal environmental review process will begin. That process will laded to a decision, and to a project or projects that can be implemented. It takes time to make a decision of this importance, and we need the public to stay involved every step of the way. Visit www.thel81challenge.org to find out how you can stay informed of project updated of project updated of project updated.





New York State Department of Transportation

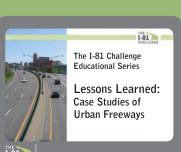
#### Pieces of The I-81 Challenge

The I-81 Challenge is made up of three separate but integrated efforts:

- Public Participation Program is the public involvement effort, led by the SMTC, to give the public opportunities to learn about 1-81 and play an active part in planning for the future.
- Corridor Study, being led by NYSDD, includes a review of the highway's existing physical conditions, a study of the existing land use, economic, and environmental context and an analysis of potential options (including those suggested by the public) for the corridor's future.
- Travel Demand Modeling Effort is a technical project in which the SMTC is using computer simulations to see how different future options for I-81 affect the transportation pathods.

















## Tell us what you think

## Take a minute to fill out a meeting evaluation

What did you think of your experience today?

What did you learn?

What could we do better next time?

Is there anything else you want us to know?



### Take 10 minutes to complete our questionnaire



How does I-81 impact your life?
How do you use I-81?
What are your transportation needs?