The I-81 Challenge
May 2011 Public Workshops Summary Report

Appendix B – Attendee “visions”

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Appendix B: Attendee “visions” for the future of I-81
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
The I-81 viaduct is demolished and to accommodate the major traffic flows of commuters I-81 north arriving @ Adams St. becomes a street level blvd. From the North the I-81 Hwy arrives a Burnet Ave & becomes a street level blvd.

The 690 elevated portion is demolished & to accommodate the major traffic flows of commuters. 690 east arrives @ University Ave & becomes a street level blvd. 690 west arrives @ the West St area & becomes a street level blvd.

How does your idea benefit the region?
All of the land under those elevated portions of I-81 and 690 are available for commercial & residential development. A re-creation of URBAN FABRIC that gives Syracuse a major economic boost and the region which depends heavily on the success of Syracuse...
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
1. Re-route I-81 around Syracuse on present I-84.
2. Present I-81 through city becomes a "boulevard" on same footprint as I-81 on city streets as practical. To help it straight and as wide as needed - 6-8 lanes connect to major city cross streets - streets and number to be determined by traffic flow study. Provide proper timed traffic control signals.
3. Southern portion of "boulevard" connect to I-690 at present I-690-I-81 interchange.
4. "Northern" portion of "boulevard" connects to I-690 to present West St. Exit. Eliminate portion of West St. Exit, as it is obsolet and the boulevard will make it obsolete.
5. I-690 remains as east-west artery.
6. Rebuild major city streets - Widening, add bicycle lanes, add boulevard standards, add bike lanes, medians, streamlining where practical.

How does your idea benefit the region?
1. Solves immediate problem of deteriorating bridges.
2. Allows E-W city streets to reconnect - major streets - To reduce illusion of "split city.
3. Encourages through traffic out of the city, "Put 81 down - ship by rail".
4. Boulevard idea encourages traffic to use alternate routes - distributing traffic more evenly over all available streets, reducing congestion on all arteries.
5. Toursists get better look at downtown and all it has to offer, instead of seeing it "City by" Seen above.
6. Boulevard should incorporate bicycle and pedestrian friendly features.
7. Planting, trees, and increase aesthetics and reduce environmental impact.
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Description of your idea:

The city has developed a symbiotic relationship w/ I-81, reaping benefits as well as disadvantages.

In order to compete and thrive, adequate & convenient highway access needs to be maintained to the university/medical/downtown area.

Therefore, I believe I-81 needs to remain in some form, where it is.

The "Boston" option for the viaduct area is appealing, but prob. NOT feasible. We don't have "tip of the tongue" to get needed federal $.

Either the "Milwaukee" or "Cincinnati" options look feasible.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

- **Road Diets/Greenway Development along Erie/Water Streets**
- **Ex. Erie Blvd (One-Way Westbound)**
- **Promote Redevelopment**
- **Explore Possibility of Connecting**

How does your idea benefit the region?

- **Reopen Historic Entrance to Oakwood Cemetery**
- **Greenway at Grade**
- **Transition from Interstate**
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Description of your idea:
The simplest option would be best. I would think raising the high portion of I-81 up to the I-690 and connecting it to a highway would best serve the travelers north-south bound. My suggestion to alleviate traffic tie-up during Carrier Dome events also is a simple new off-ramp for northbound traffic shown at Fenway Street. My major concern is for quick access of emergency vehicles and ambulances to the 3 hospitals (University, Crouse, and the VA) during the peak traffic congestion before and after mainly SU sports events. This would help greatly without a doubt.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Ease of access and safety speed to the hospitals while reducing traffic volume significantly through to the city core area. During Carrier Dome events since the majority of parking for the Dome is located in that area anyways, this is a short cut solution to something that is a safety problem for preventing the terrible back-ups at Adams Street exit while pouring down the main portion of I-81. Though slowing commuters into downtown would be aesthetically more pleasing than just demolishing & rebuilding I-81.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
I would replace I-81 with a grand blvd similar to the Embarcadero in SF. One big component is having light rail that generally (but not exactly) follows the route of I-81. Connect field because it went nowhere and runs too infrequently. Any successful light rail system must stop at neighborhoods and drop people off at the doorstep Closeness, they could walk (not at the foot of the lot or on the bottom of the hill).

How does your idea benefit the region?
Our downtown is currently embarking on a renaissance with new residential development quickly selling out. This allows more residents closer options to stop go to games, and go to the airport. Connecting the light rail system to the other city neighborhoods brings the benefits of downtown to a much larger area through easy of carless access.

The primary portion walk encourages development along the route and could become a place for people to walk, run, and bike.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
1. From I-481 to Downtown - convert corridor to a parkway that accommodates cars/traffic, includes bike lane, and provides access to downtown. Provide connection to Eden Park.
2. From closer to Downtown - same as #1, terminates at Sallie or Clinton intersection.
4. Re-route 81 to I-481 - move thru traffic (the current corridor currently on the corridor) to the outer ring.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Takes full advantage of underutilized I-481 for thru traffic.
- Connects city fabric, improves overall downtown hill's city appearance.
- Parkways become a regional attraction.
- Opportunities for land development from current corridor.
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Description of your idea:

Build back to street level; keep lanes; add sidewalks; central boulevard.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

I would put I-81 underground and design a tunnel to allow traffic to flow in and out of the city. This tunnel would be a two lane tunnel with stay-in-lane lanes to keep the traffic in order. Post tunnel signs directing traffic to merge into two lane traffic before approaching tunnel.

How does your idea benefit the region?

- Improve traffic flow on Highway & downtown
- Reconnect the downtown area.
- Decrease accident rates on I-81.
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Description of your idea:
- Brown = Removed areas of highway.
- Pink = Reconnect city grid.
- Blue = Disperse highways onto city grid.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Reconnects our city + encourages non-car transportation.
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Description of your idea:

- **NEW URBAN BLVDS**
  - Ground level; reconnect
  - Urban street grid
  - Leave enough R.O.W. for light rail/tramway system

- **TTTT = NYS&W/RR**

- **DDDD = TRAIN PLATFORMS**

How does your idea benefit the region?
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Description of your idea:

Re-Number I-481 as I-81

Convert existing I-81 to a street level Arterial Highway similar to the one in Utica, NY, but make it with a turn lane at major crossroads. Pedestrian bridges or crosswalks could be constructed at strategic points to allow access to both sides of the city. These would be cheaper to maintain than large overhead highway structures.

How does your idea benefit the region?

It will still provide freeway access to the center of Syracuse. The increased number of access points (both stop lights and turn outs to local side streets) would allow people to reach their destinations in the city center. There would be access to both 690 East and 690 West from downtown Syracuse.
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Description of your idea:
- Eliminate existing elevated I-81 through Downtown
- Make I-81 the new routing for I-81
- Keep limited access connectors to downtown
  - From I-81 (Cicero) to Downtown, terminate at current Clinton/Salina St Exit
  - From I-81 @ Brighton, terminate at current E. Adams/Almora St.
- Maintain current I-690 through city
- Create connector ramp from downtown connector to I-690 using West St interchange ramps

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Allows easy/full access to downtown
- Eliminates maintenance burden and disruption of existing elevated Hwy. through downtown
- Takes advantage of existing highway infrastructure to carry interstate traffic
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

How does your idea benefit the region?

SEE OTHER SIDE
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Surfacing the highway.
Put light rail in middle -
Put park and ride at each end -
Keep traffic through-
All non-city thru traffic
To go faster on 480;

E-W

An extra crossing can be used
Add bike lanes, but have pedestrian/bike

How does your idea benefit the region?

Reduces city
does not impact
area for region

Light rail terminal

Light rail terminal

Designated bus stops
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

How does your idea benefit the region?

Replace ray street Fever blvd light rail
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Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Highway should be partially depressed, sidewalks and street level raised, to allow and encourage landscaping to be multi level - trees and gardens at the elevated level. Hoping roof decks connect across the highway.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Integrate the highway with the existing architecture and landscape in a way that creates a seamless aesthetic flow. Future building renovations would follow this plan.

Buildings could bridge the highway.
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Description of your idea:
Region/Spur swap 81<->481

690 -> Croutie to Reed Hill

Railroad on Water Street Route
 Return Rail to Binghamton

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Rail 4 multimode
- Swapping Route Designation
  81<->481 moves' long distance traffic letting a focus on local traffic and use
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Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Raw connector between Town of Clay and airport

690 EB to I-81 Bridge Across Lake

How does your idea benefit the region?
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Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
For downtown attractions use the Armory Square Rail for passengers.
Also expand west street 40 near I-81 N.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Sense of place
Tourism - economic
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Description of your idea (if drawn):
- Use round-abouts at mall area.
- This would solve problems on Rte 370.
- On U.S. Parkway.
- Use round-about at Buckley + Old Bronx Rd.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Less congestion to reach area attractions.
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**Boulevard Idea**

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Description of your idea:

*Taking down I-81 would improve the Quality of Life in Syracuse & Region:*

- Air Quality
- Connection to Town Neighborhoods
- Lower Gas Footprint
- Integrate Green in Area

For all major road actions, consider doing all you can at one time. Reduces overall costs and project impacts.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Reduce through traffic in Syracuse, especially people who are not stopping at all.

(See reverse side)

Potential Problem: Traffic re-direct would concentrate air pollution on Rock Cut Road, along with incinerator. Could possibly use this incinerator!
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Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Take down I-81 while providing enough throughput and access between neighborhoods.
Continue with public input gathering, involve all citizen groups.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Look at impact on Urban Heat Island effect:
In Syracuse = large UHI, feeds back to worsen local air quality.

Look at Air Quality - specific to valley - asthma rates are very high.
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Description of your idea:

See Other Side Also

How does your idea benefit the region?

Most traffic is to Downtown - make it easy to get to the edge of the Downtown Grid

Minimal break in I-80

Have I-81 carry long-distance 7/5 traffic
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Description of your idea:

Southbound entry to Syracuse:
Divert to West St.
(Already have exits
directly to Clinton
& Franklin & Salina?)
West Street to Harwood +
Adams — need a
current connection
Four lanes — north and
south, but not to Interstate
Standards

northbound entry +
southbound exit:
as present: Adams +
Harwood

How does your idea benefit the region?

Stop I-81 running through downtown

Simply connect with present city grid.

Redo Almond Street as an attractive boulevard

Almond 2 lanes one-
way
Townsend 2 lanes one-
way
So not to have 2 broad barriers between downtown & hospitals — S. U.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
I 81 was built for all the big trucks and all the deal that smell up the neighborhood.

If you want to do something good put Eric carline back in to help the city.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Close 81 at Pedro for 30 days and allow all off ramps to Himbehad to see how bad it gets.
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Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Remove Elevated part of I-81 from 690 to 481 S.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Reconnect Ed-Z-Med (1st Economic Engine) with Downtown.
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Description of your idea:
- Need western by pass/contractor of 481 on west side
- This will open economic development in western towns + jobs
- Reduce influx of traffic to the 81/690 interchange
- More efficient / plentiful mass transit from large suburban towns to downtown jobs.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Economic development & jobs in western towns.
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Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Shorten 81 thru Syr, interconnect w/ 90, 481 and 690. Expand 690 and bridge to accommodate workers in and out daily.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Hopefully, it reduces congestion, shortens 81 and makes travel cheaper. Don’t know what nearby hotels are affected by the new route and if necessary for a new shorter bridge.
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**Description of your idea:**
- Keeep efficient design
- Keep traffic moving at legal speeds
- Increase capacity
- Elevated stack or recessed highway

**How does your idea benefit the region?**
- Keeps commute times low
- Low commute times = quality of life
- Better for air pollun - you don't have cars stack in congestion & at lights
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

ALL THROUGH TRAFFIC USES 481 NORTH/SOUTH. NO THROUGH TRAFFIC ALLOWED WITHIN CITY. FORMER I-81 WITHIN CITY RECEIVES A SURFACE/LOWE SURFACE STREET SINCE MAJORITY OF TRAFFIC IS LOCAL ANYWAY. IMPROVE OTHER SURFACE STREETS AND COORDINATE TRAFFIC CONTROL TO URBAN PLAIN CREATE IMPROVED I-81 ACCESS DOWNTOWN TO ALLOW EASIER ON/OFF IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

How does your idea benefit the region?

REMOVES BARRIER ELEMENT OF URBAN I-81 – RELIEVES AND " unge-frees" traffic. CREATES FRIENDLIER CIRCUMSTANCES FOR PEDESTRIANS/BICYCLISTS. CREATE GROW SPACE, RECLAIMED ROUND CIRCLES, UNIVERSITY/HOSPITAL AREAS WITH DOWNTOWN, ALLOWS EASIER JOB TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE AREAS.
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Description of your idea:

- Go for it
- NO
- Trucks @ special permits only / local deliveries

How does your idea benefit the region?

makes the city "whole" by eliminating the "hole"
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Description of your idea (if drawn):

How does your idea benefit the region?

You don't need to worry about it falling because it is already down.
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Description of your idea (if drawn):

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How does your idea benefit the region?

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Description of your idea (if drawn):

How does your idea benefit the region?
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Description of your idea:
Terminate I-81 on the N side at Spencer St and on the S side at Van Buren St. Create transitional entrance/exit ramps for SB90 to SB410 and WB90 to WB410. Create bypass along railroad tracks from Van Buren to West Side for WB90 to WB410 and SB90 to SB410. Through traffic will transition onto a grade level boulevard where highway currently runs. Provide 4 way intersections at Adams, Harrison, Greene, Erie, and State, and bus stop. Provide bypass lanes alongside boulevard for side streets to terminate at.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Opens access to the city and university area in more places. Provides a "gateway" into the university hill area at Van Buren. Provides a "gateway" to city upstate at Adams. Beneficiates the urban area. Improves pedestrian and bicycle access.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
1. End I-81 S at a new exit that gives an option to directly get on 690 W
2. End I-81 N at Cham; new arterial that connects to 9th N.

How does your idea benefit the region?
1. Avoids cost of rebuilding existing I-81 bridge
2. Provides long overdue direct access from I-85 to 690 W
Your vision for the future of I-81

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From South

Description of your idea:
1. Deepens I-81 tunnel
   - Traffic to I-690, no exits in downtown.
2. Street level boulevard
   - Through downtown to existing level at Court St.
3. From North to I-81
   - Including exit to West St.
4. South from I-690, exit to Harrison St.
5. From center lane on I-81 South
6. Missing is an idea to go from I-690 East to I-81 North without using a third level.

How does your idea benefit the region?
1. Eliminate barrier of I-81 downtown.
2. Makes easy connector from I-690 West to I-81 West
3. Makes expressway connector for I-81 South to I-690 East + I-690 West to I-690 + I-90
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Description of your idea:

A. Eliminate existing infrastructure
B. Tunnel Interstate if you must—Bearing viable bypass ideas
C. URGENT! Integrate remodel of "Projects" to sustainable living areas for low-income i.e., energy efficiency, private spaces/public spaces
   Bicycle friendly – Urban forest, agriculture friendly
   Habitat, housing visions, SU
   SUNY Environmental CoE
   Design for us and sustainable landscape: smart for LEED standards and recycle from existing housing
   Find public/private funding for this essential consideration

How does your idea benefit the region?

The problematic aspect of the existing projects (housing) cannot and must not be divorced from the problematic aspects of the existing corridor. Please, let's see the forest and the trees for a change. This is a game-changing opportunity for Syracuse to lead in green urban design. This can also dovetail with "Save the Rain" initiative.
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Description of your idea:
- Blue Line - heavy rail rapid transit on grade - separated guideway in corridor I-81 ROW
- Green Line - light rail train - east/west corridor along Erie & Water St through downtown
- High-speed ramps for I-81 continuity through region - improve I-81 to handle traffic (rebuild Exits 3 & 4)

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Provides more options for commuting, free P&R parking and convenient access to downtown
- Intermodal access aboard between highway, airports, train stations, mall, residences, & downtown area
- Improves through traffic on bypass and eliminates Exit 3 & 4 w/ate situation
- Balances need between urban, transit users, pedestrians, long-distance regional & local travelers
- Makes downtown access 15% &
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Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Renovate system maintaining its extraordinary functionality while providing nice pedestrian infrastructure.

It will be a small component of the cost to add a lot of great walkways that would prove I-81 is not a barrier to

How does your idea benefit the region?

- Separate raised roads w/ nice sidewalks and plants, to keep bright & green
- Wider roads limit number of merge points like traffic sistems like the express lanes
- Eliminate BOTTLE-NECK
- Higher speed limit
- Wider speed limit

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Description of your idea:

- Remove the highway between Brighton Ave and 690 and replace it with a tree-lined boulevard along Almond St. and another tree-lined boulevard along West St./Midland Ave so there would be two major North/South faster ways through the city (but not 60 mph) Send through traffic around the city on 481.

- Reconnect Oakwood Ave. with historic Oakwood Cemetery as it once was through the entry gate now blocked by I-81.

- Reconnect other dead-end streets east of Salina and restore the gracious old homes here.

How does your idea benefit the region?

- By replacing I-81 with two beautiful tree-lined boulevards, Syracuse becomes a place where high-speed traffic dominates life — but a pleasant place where people walk across the city and find opportunities for new businesses and homes to be established — where east and west are not divided — and where history is rediscovered.

- There are plenty of ways in and out of the city — we don't need the highway for that.

- A healthy city = a healthy region
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Description of your idea:
Need to complete the ring road for western access to/around the City. People from the west that want to go on 81 N or S have to pass through downtown. A ring road, or toll-free section of I-90, would keep that traffic out of the City.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Faster and more direct travel for destinations to and from the west side of the city. Less traffic forced downtown. May alleviate 690 + I-90 traffic. Lower VMT for high volume but more direct routes.
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Description of your idea:
- **Passenger Intercity Rail Corridor**: (75 mph or higher)
- **Thruway Improvement Corridor**: (75 mph or higher)
- **New & Existing Alignment Bypassing Onondaga Nation Territory & Downtown Section with Intermodal Connections to Downtown**
- **Light or Heavy Rail Rapid Transit Lines Linking Syracuse to Highlands, Suburbs, Airport & Fairgrounds**
- **Former I-81 Alignment Converted to Trail, Park or Green Back to Nation**

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Improves intermodal connectivity & transportation options
- Removes sections of I-81 in downtown area
- Removes I-81 from Onondaga Nation Territory
- Benefits City residents, the Onondaga Nation, regional travelers & long-distance travelers
- Allows for more intercity passenger rail service
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**Description of your idea:**

Can we create better connections for state roads that would remove the need for I-81 through the city? I understand the need to get through the city quickly, but limited access state roads are also effective and provide aesthetic benefits and environmental buffers.

**How does your idea benefit the region?**
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Description of your idea:

How does your idea benefit the region?

- urban renewal
- biking
- pedestrian friendly
- parks
- central park
- green space
- city limits
- all underground
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Description of your idea:
- **Create a Western Loop of I-81**
- **Let 81 N dump into a Boulevard**: That runs North to RT 80
- **Let 81 S stop at the I-81 East/Western Loop**

How does your idea benefit the region?
- **Creates a loop around the city**
- A Boulevard to carry traffic into Syracuse
- **Eliminates bridges on Boulevard**
- Eliminates the feeling of separation in Eastern/Western parts of the city
- **Adds trees, flowers, grass to path through city**
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
- Re-route north/south through traffic around the city on Route 481.
- Remove the elevated portion of I-81 with a green boulevard and add an additional green boulevard at West St. These two boulevards can serve as the major access roads to/from city streets/highways.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Removal of the highway directly through the city of Syracuse will allow re-development opportunities for our growing commercial and industrial/educational uses. Boosts economic development.
- Syracuse is the heart of the region and it needs this opportunity to substantially re-invent itself as a "greener" safer, more inviting place - removal of the highway can allow that to begin.
- This option would be less costly to tax payers than many other options.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea: I-81 going thru city of Syracuse should be demolished. It is a killing city with a lot of “Hands” & “Haverno’s” skating houses on one side and greeneries, good houses on the other. Recent 481 from Exit 29 should become new I-81 to meet I-81 go thru nursing home. Through traffic & meet I-81 go thru nursing home. Through traffic & meet I-81. Multiple exits & entries. Recent 481 from exit 29 should become a local road & terminate in the city. Should not consider ever building “underground” I-81. It will be a disaster in future of city. See what happened to Battery!

How does your idea benefit the region?

1. First of all less accidents and less congestion on recent I-81 going through city.
2. The ground level area can be converted into beautiful parks, walkways, bike routes and other projects. On the other side nice cafes where people can get together and sip coffee and other beverages.
3. Boutique shops like Armory SQ. Can be developed. This area can be beautiful place for city of Syracuse. These are simple ideas from my point of view.

Marsha Stahl, Livefoott, NY.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
81 moves to 481 - current sections of 81 between 481 N & 481 S rebranded as "spurs" - 81 N of 690 terminates at Salina, Franklin, Clinton streets, plus maintain connection to 690-east. 81 S of 690 becomes an "exit spur" from 481 south of city to just below Adams street where current exit 0 begins.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Maintains access to downtown destinations through existing highways - utilizes existing 481 corridor for through traffic.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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3. Priority Surface Street for Emergency Vehicles Only!

Description of your idea:
1. Cut out 81S from 81 connection thru downtown, re-routing traffic to 81N, then 81S.
2. Re-route all traffic not stopping in Syracuse to 81S, then back to 81S.
3. Retain 81S into downtown, but also add long overdue ramps from 81S to 690W, and from 690E to 81N.
4. SHUTTLE PLU & DROP-OFF POINTS. Strategically reduce traffic at Adams/Harrison & Almond S.

How does your idea benefit the region?
1. COST EFFECTIVE! USES EXISTING HIGHWAYS
2. CITY ACCESSIBLE! STILL ALLOWS ACCESS TO CITY FOR BUSINESS, WORK, ETC.
3. NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDLY! DOESN'T INVADE PRIVACY OF DOWNTOWN CITY RESIDENTS.

John Petrilli 422-4233
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea (if drawn):
I-81 should be semi-underground with wide tree-lined walking paths overpassing the interstate, thinking the intersected city without taking traffic outside of the city while also retaining the view of traffic to mimic passing bus, stop in cross streets go under RT 81.?

How does your idea benefit the region?
- improves areas directly adjacent to rt 81

VERY HIGH GREEN RETURN. THIS WILL ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO FREQUENT THE DOWNTOWN AREA!
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Light rail or trolley at street level.
Encourages small businesses.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Park & ride to bypass hospitals for S.U. hosp ees?
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

**PLEASE BUILD STREET LEVEL TROLLEY OR RAIL!!**

- Look at Portland, OR. Lt rail is free in downtown.
- Street level will promote small businesses.
- At street level have one lane for buses or ambulances? (only)
- I like the boulevard idea.
- Encourage 481 as bypass.

How does your idea benefit the region?

People that live in the suburbs choose an automobile lifestyle. If traffic increases, so be it. Help the city of Syracuse become walkable, bikeable, and easy to get around via trolley (like Boston's T) streetcar.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
- Greenway through downtown
- Utilize route 11, 690, 481
  - Promote other ways to access city and surrounding suburbs.
- Develop a regional train system connecting to Syracuse's transportation hub.
- Improve Amtrak

- Continue to make Syracuse a destination and most importantly somewhere to live

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Would improve "main streets" of Syracuse suburbs.
  - Much more sustainable and design-friendly.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
- Remove Viaduct and create a Central greenway connecting East + West.
  - Connector corridor
  - Bike lanes
  - Gathering space for hospitals + businesses
- Create an emergency lane directly connecting existing exits to hospitals
- Leave remnant of bridge for observation tower + elevated park
  (Highline WRC)

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Will stimulate Syracuse's economy
- Still provide emergency access
- Encourage more young and old alike to live in Syracuse
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

Switch 481 & 81. Let 3481
North of 690 remain.
Have a big roundabout at the stub of 481 & 690 intersection at Grace Boulevard South of 690 to allow cars more travel options. Let the grid absorb the traffic.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Improved commute. Allows for more development at Hill.
Pro... peak oil.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
"Hanging Gardens of Syracuse" - leave bridges up, put boulevard-style sized road underneath, turn elevated roadway into park with ped. connections all along it and safer ped. crossings underneath - would need better lighting - gut holes for light/water drainage

How does your idea benefit the region?
Creates unique space in the city which will spur redevelopment of a more urban character right around it - provides a shot in the arm for the most important part of the region
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

"Hanging Gardens of Syracuse" urban park w/ walking, biking, skating, skiing, snowshoeing paths, benches, food vendors, plants, ped. connections/bridges, elevators

How does your idea benefit the region?

Economically, as a city to survive, we need to be DIFFERENT - this idea is a great start
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea (if drawn):
Paths for walking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing, sitting, eating, reading, planted within load limits (most likely, small trees, shrubs, lowgrowing perennials, vines), public art—these can also happen at-grade!

How does your idea benefit the region?
Makes an incredibly unique space in the city—Syracuse (and therefore, all of CNY) to prosper, it has to do more to distinguish itself—this is 10x (or more!).
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
"Hanging Gardens of Syracuse" - put in boulevard-size road under current span and turn elevated portion into park.

MAKES THE CITY UNIQUE

How does your idea benefit the region?
Green space in the heart of the city, make the city more attractive to visitors, businesses, residents - look at what High Line has done economically for area around it. (not a fan of its aesthetics, but I'm a fan of its concept and economic impact)
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
I-81 South of 481 North of city becomes “exit spur” to I-690 - Clinton/ Franklin and Salina St. exits
I-81 North of 481 South of city becomes “exit spur” to Adams Street.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Maintains existing infrastructure while removing the impediment and connecting university hill to downtown Syracuse.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

How does your idea benefit the region?
future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Convert a section of I-81 that now runs through Syracuse into a highway it could become a park. This idea has already been created in NYC and is called "the High Line". There was an article about the High Line in the National Geographic magazine, April 2011.

How does your idea benefit the region?

This idea allows people to walk, exercise in a downtown setting that is also a park. It would create a green space that would also promote shops and cafes in ground level nearby.

*The High Line / New York City*

Visitors to Manhattan need only look up to discover a new trail meandering along the island's West Side. Ten years back, a section of the old Meatpacking District's elevated railway was converted to an above-ground level park, running from Gansevoort Street to West 30th Street, a distance that's just shy of 1.5 miles. Blooming in season with native flowers—such as jade orchids in summer and blazing star in fall—the High Line offers sweeping views of Hudson River ship traffic, New Jersey beyond, and the ever-trendier Chelsea district, with its art galleries, boutique, and cafes. Don't miss the plank walkways in a section of the park called Washington Grasslands—where firetall mountain firce and nier grass turn this delightfully unexpected enclave of Manhattan into a lazy meadow.

Also, see April, 2011 National Geographic story
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

- New "Inner Loop" optimized for traffic flow.
  - Improve access from Townsend to 690E will eliminate a lot of traffic from 81N evening commute. 690W to Townsend works well in morning, but is not designed for high pm drive time. All downtown 690E traffic is currently funneled through 81 on-ramp.

- Street level intersections to un throttle inbound traffic from north 81 should be street level downtown, as Almond St. Park like well lit median with sidewalk and bike way.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Downtown, do not think of "81 problem", think of whole downtown traffic design and flow to eliminate much of the core need for a high volume viaduct.

Current 81 design makes us think 81 centric, which is the wrong way to look at the big picture.
establish Mission Bay as a modern day urban community that has embraced new state of the art technologies promoting an enhanced visual environment.

The Esplanade

While the Mission Bay light pole provided a consistent, uniform and rhythmic expression of light along the esplanade, we designed a more subtle and low level expression at the pedestrian overlooks.

Working closely with Cole Lighting, the light fixture manufacturer, and MFLA, the landscape architects, we developed a custom compact fluorescent linear spotlight integrated within the esplanade rail system. The fixture was designed around a 40 watt compact fluorescent biax lamp, which we determined via our in-house lighting calculations to be the lamping required to provide appropriate light levels within pedestrian areas.

With the park being so close to a marine environment, a stainless steel fixture housing was designed for this application. A louvered faceplate limits light spill toward the sky and provides

only the necessary illumination on the ground below to allow pedestrians a glare-free viewing experience of the city at each overlook. During the submittal process, prototype samples of the custom Cole Lighting fixture were provided to the project team. This allowed the design team to review the final product from an aesthetic standpoint while providing the contractor with real-time coordination of the installation prior to construction.

Located along the building side of the esplanade, small louvered BEGA steplights recessed in the low walls at each bench seating niche provide a small accent of light to identify these resting spots at night. Compact fluorescent sources were also chosen here for energy efficiency and long lamp life.

5th Street Overlook

The 5th Street overlook presented a few small challenges. The unusually large area of the overlook left areas needing more illumination than the perimeter steplights along the railing could provide. Conceptually, the design team also desired to have a clear view thru to the overlook from the streetscape side without the visual obstruction of light poles. However, poles provided a clear cost savings to a typical bollard solution. By optimizing the bollard performance and limiting other landscape lighting design features proposed, overall budgets and design concepts were maintained.

Careful selection of landscape fixtures were also required to address the issue of rainwater that is designed to flow thru to this outfall structure. Hydrel in-grade fixtures designed for underwater and dry conditions were specified.

Phase Two

The second phase for Mission Creek Park North involved designing and developing the remaining parcels, NP3, NP4 and NP5. This portion is the terminus of the park which spans a total of three city blocks. With sport courts, a kayak storage building plus human-powered boat dock, a beautiful landscape planted in dynamic, water-like patterns, the west end celebrates the park's adjacent water setting and the active lifestyle of so many in San Francisco.

LEFT: Sport court lighting fixture locations were carefully designed and coordinated with the many site limitations such as freeway maintenance access routes for vehicles and underground foundational structures. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARCIA LIEBERMAN
the standard Mission Bay pedestrian light pole to help establish a visual connection to the new park and to promote simplified maintenance for the city. The standard Mission Bay pedestrian light pole is a semi-custom pole fixture manufactured by Louis Poulsen and used throughout Mission Bay's sidewalk streetscapes. To coordinate the specific electrical project requirements for Mission Creek Park, drawings were exchanged with the manufacturer throughout the design process. This process also helped ensure the use of the latest lighting technologies available.

The pole fixture utilizes a 70 watt ED17 ceramic metal halide lamp with a warm 3000 Kelvin color temperature and color rendering index (CRI) rating of 82 for excellent color rendering.

ABOVE: Strangely akin to a forest of large sequoia trees, these large concrete supports (called bents) and their accompanying freeway ramps create a unique spatial environment for pedestrians in this active sports park. Reflected light from the indirectly illuminated freeway canopy helps to softly illuminate large areas of the park that otherwise do not have any specific pole lighting nearby.

LEFT: Fully shielded metal halide uprights strap-mounted to freeway support columns enliven these massive structures at night and help render the sculptural quality of these otherwise utilitarian concrete structures.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DOUGLAS FU

In this public nighttime environment, visual identification of pedestrians and objects is important to providing a safe and friendly atmosphere. To provide improved color temperature stability for the ceramic metal halide lamps, the pole fixtures were specified with electronic ballasts rather than the typical magnetic. Electronic ballasts also offer increased energy efficiency compared to magnetic ballasts. To achieve appropriate pedestrian path illumination, fixtures were spaced approximately 70 feet on center and are approximately 14 feet tall including the fixture head. Each fixture head is outfitted with an integral photocell to automatically turn the lamp on at sunset and off at sunrise.

Mission Bay and Ceramic Metal Halide

Thanks to one of our previous research and development projects for Catellus Development Corporation, ceramic metal halide sources are the approved light source standard for all of Mission Bay rather than the city-wide San Francisco standard of high pressure sodium for streets and roadways. This helped
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Mission Creek Park North is a unique public park located in the Mission Bay district of San Francisco. The park is one of the first developed by Calentus Development Corporation (now Mission Bay Development Group LLC) as part of the Mission Bay master plan; a visionary mixed-use development adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1998. Horton Lees Brogden was responsible for creating the lighting standards used in the entire development, and applying them to this park as well.

Many years in the making and successfully realized over the years, Mission Bay has truly become a remarkable development for San Francisco. Located alongside Mission Creek, an estuary wetland and wildlife habitat, Mission Creek Park North provides many amenities to the public, nearby residents and adjacent houseboat community.

In terms of park amenities, these include: a linear waterfront esplanade with a series of celebrated overlooks; a kayak and boat launch; a dog park; basketball courts; volleyball court; tennis court; restroom and maintenance facilities. With the park being approximately three city blocks long, design and construction was divided into two phases. Notably, the most unique aspect of the park is the site at the west end, slated for the sports park component and described here as part of Phase Two.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this space to draw or write your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea (if drawn):

Leave as is. Just fix 690 on ramp to I-81. Right now it's a death trap.

How does your idea benefit the region:

Choice: Tunnel + Boulevard Above + Overcross Bridges over Boulevard, easy walk to cut steps at intersections along Almond St + X-trm shuttles (Amtrak) to bring Upside workers to work a percent ride away from city to help reduce overcrowding. Total Crspt: Depressed 81 & Amtrak at same (as above 089)
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
The I-81 viaduct is demolished and to accommodate the major traffic flow of commuters I-81 north arrivals @ Adams St. becomes a street level blvd.
From the North the I-81 they arrive a Butternut & becomes a street level blvd.
The 690 elevated portion is demolished & to accommodate the major traffic flow of commuters 690 east arrives @ University Ave & becomes a street level blvd.
690 west arrives @ the West St. overpass & becomes a street level blvd.

How does your idea benefit the region?
All of the land under those elevated portions of I-81 and 690 are available for commercial & residential development. A re-creation of urban fabric that gives Syracuse a major economic boost and the region which depends heavily on the success of Syracuse.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
1. Re-route I-81 around existing CBD on present I-490.
2. Present I-81 through city would become a "boulevard" on some footprint as I-81 on city streets as practical. To keep it straight and as wide as needed - 6-8 lanes = connect to major city cross streets - streets and number to be determined by traffic flow study. Provide proper time traffic control signals.
3. South of S. Portion of "boulevard" connect to I-490 at present I-490-I-81 interchange.
4. "Northern" portion of "boulevard" connect to I-81 to present West St Exit. Eliminate portion of West St Exit, as it is dangerous and the boulevard will make it obsolete.
5. I-490 remaining on east-west agency.
6. Rebuild major city streets - W. Genesee, S. Burrage Et al. to boulevard standards, adding lanes, medians, streamlining when practical.

How does your idea benefit the region?
1. Solves immediate problem of deteriorating bridges.
2. Allows E-W city streets to reconnect - major streets - to reduce illusion of "spur city).
4. Boulevard idea encourages traffic to use alternate routes - distributing traffic more evenly over all available streets, reducing congestion on all arteries.
5. Tourists get better look at downtown and all it has to offer, instead of seeing it "fly by" from above.
6. Boulevard should incorporate bicycle and pedestrian friendly features.
7. Planting, trees, etc. increase aesthetics and reduce environmental impact.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

The city has developed a symbiotic relationship with I-81, reaping benefits as well as disadvantages.

In order to compete and thrive, adequate & convenient highway access needs to be maintained to the University/Medical/Downtown area.

Therefore, I believe I-81 needs to remain in some form where it is.

The "Boston" option for the Viaduct area is appealing but prob. not feasible. We don't have a Tip "C" to get needed federal $$.

Either the "Milwaukee" or "Cincinnati" options look feasible.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

- **Road Diets/Greenway Development Along Erie/Water Streets**
- Ex. Erie Blvd (One-Way West Bound)
- Water St. (One Way East Bound)
- Explore possibility of connecting
- Reopen historic entrance to Oakwood Cem.
- **Greenway**

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
The simplest option would be best. I would think raising the high portion of I-81 up to the I-690 and connecting it to a boulevard would best serve the travelers north and south bound. My suggestion to alleviate traffic tie-up during Carrier Dome events is also a simple new off-ramp for northbound traffic shown at Genesee Street. My major concern is for the quick access of emergency vehicles and ambulances to the 3 hospitals (University, Crouse, and the VA) during the peak traffic congestion before and after Carrier Dome events. This would help greatly, I think.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Ease of access and safety speed to the hospitals while reducing traffic volume significantly through to the city core area during Carrier Dome events. Since the majority of parking for the Dome is located in that area anyways, this is a low cost solution to something that is a safety problem for preventing the terrible back-ups at Adams Street exit while tearing down the main portion of I-81 through downtown would be aesthetically more pleasing than just demolishing and rebuilding I-81.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
Utilize the existing and under- (or non-utilized) arterial or non-arterial routes. Expand the I-81 exit, to connect I-81 to I-690, either using West Street Arterial, or better yet, extend westward along RR ROW to connect with 690 out near Bear St or the State Fair Grounds/Onondaga Steel facility area.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Takes through traffic off I-81 for I-90-West.
- Allows for easy access to exits to service Armory-Square area of Downtown Syracuse.
- Takes thru traffic coming East from I-90/690/695 to connect to I-81 South, thus elevating the current very bad interchange at 690 east / I-81 South.
- Allows East bound traffic on 690 easy access Armory Sq./Downtown Syracuse.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
I would replace I-81 with a green belt similar to the Embarcadero in SF. One big component is tying light rail that generally (but not exactly) follows the Route of I-81. Connect fields because it went nowhere and ran too infrequently. Any successful light rail system must stop at neighborhoods and drop people off at the doorstep. I do not like the best spots for stations, they should include, 5th, among sea, the airport, and the mall.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Our downtown is currently undergoing a renaissance with new residential development quickly selling out. This affords more residentsCarlos options to shop, go to games, and go to the airport. Connecting the light rail system to other city neighborhoods brings the benefits of downtown to a much larger area through ease of getting around.

The primary portion walk encourages development along the route and could become a place for people to walk, run, and bike.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
1. From I-481 & Merchants to Downtown — convert corridor to a pathway that accommodates cars/truck, includes incorporation of bike/pedestrian trail. Allowing entry into elephant city streets — provide connection to Elmore Bridge.
2. From Marathon (or further north) to Downtown — same as #1 terminus at Salina or Clinton Sq area.
3. Maintain elevation I-690 — keep��式 entry to I-481 (or improve) — can improve I-680 entry @ west side of downtown.
4. Revolve I-81 to 481 — move thru traffic (the flow currently on the corridor) to the outer ring.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Takes full advantage of an underutilized I-481 for thru N-S traffic
- Drumlinizes city fabric & improves overall downtown Hill's eyes appearance & image, which are at the core of region.
- Provides great economic development opportunities in land redevelopment from current void.
- Parkway becomes a regional attraction in terms of improved access/circulation; recreation/environmental/green destination; experience.
- Improve environmental conditions for disenfranchised urban neighborhoods.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
I would put I-81 underground and design a Tunnel to allow traffic to flow in and out of the city. This tunnel would be a two line tunnel with stay-in-lane lanes to keep high traffic in order. I would post tunnel signs letting traffic know to prepare traffic to merge into two lanes before approaching tunnel. The tunnel idea would reconnect the city allowing city drivers to get to destination quicker.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- improve traffic flow on Highway 81 downtown
- reconnect the downtown area.
- decrease accident rates on I-81.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
- Brown = removed areas of highway.
- Pink = reconnect city grid.
- Blue = Disperse highways onto city grid.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Reconnects our city and encourages non-car transportation.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

= NEW URBAN BLUDD
GROUND LEVEL; RECONNECT
URBAN STREET & I-81;
LEAVE ENOUGH R.O.W.
FOR LIGHT RAIL/TRANSPORT SYSTEM

= NYS&W/RR

= TRAIN PLATFORM

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Re-Number I-481 as I-81

Convert existing I-81 to a Street level Arterial Highway. Similar to the one in Utica, N.Y., but make it with a turning lane at major crossroads. Pedestrian bridges or crosswalks could be constructed at strategic points to allow access to both sides of the city. There would be cheaper to maintain than large overhead highway structures.

How does your idea benefit the region?

It will still provide freeway access to the center of Syracuse. The increased number of access points (both, stop lights and turn outs to lesser side streets) will allow people to reach their destinations in the city center. There would be access to both, 690 East and 690 West from downtown Syracuse.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea: Make the stretch of I-81 between the I-481 interchanges a street level arterial highway and re-number I-481 as I-81. The arterial highway would have red lights, cushions and pedestrian bridges. Also, incorporate an expanded version of the On Track system along the routes shown.

How does your idea benefit the region?

The surface level arterial highway would still provide freeway access to the city while removing most through traffic. Increased access to side streets would eliminate bottlenecks at exit ramps and reduce overall congestion.

An expanded light rail network would allow for more choices for coming and going from the city, reduce traffic congestion, and take cars off the streets. It will also be more energy efficient and improve city air quality.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
- Main thru traffic bypasses Sgw.
- Commuter traffic brought into downtown but then highway becomes street-level blvd.
- Commuter traffic brought into downtown but then highway becomes street-level blvd.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
Whatever the solution for I-81 may be, reduction of both local and thru traffic should be a co-objective. Therefore:
(1) Re-introduce On-Track light rail to run between Jamesville and the Airport (and points north) to run frequently, especially at commuter hours M-F.
(2) Strictly enforce speed limits on I-81 within the City.

How does your idea benefit the region?
(1) Most cities have public transport to their airport. At present I-81 is the only way to get there.
(2) Much weird and fear of I-81 is caused by heavy truck traffic (just look at all those Canadian registrations!). Enforcement of speed limits would force this truck traffic onto I-481.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

- Boulevards w beautiful landscaping (can plant)
- Drop highway down to street level and build a park over it in the area from Town Pond to N. Salisbury/460 area

How does your idea benefit the region?

481 - Alternative to more traffic rapidly north & south
690 - left as highway to라면
Move traffic east & west
Community benefit: Large park in city
Roos to Arundel - as Roos Boulevard.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

Transform public transportation in Syracuse metro area by redeveloping I-81 corridor with light rail that serves as the missing link to connect and activate existing rail lines.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Promote transformational redevelopment of Syracuse urban core and towns and villages throughout region.

Growth population in region by 50,000 by 2050:

+25,000 in City of Syracuse
+25,000 in rest of metro area
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
In short even though I know the current system is unpopular, would be to tear down the current viaduct & interchange. Then rebuild the viaduct with a major change. I think a double deck viaduct with 4 lanes on a lower deck going Southbound & 4 lanes on a upper deck going Northbound. This increase in lanes would allow traffic to flow through with less or no congestion also would create safer interchanges with 690 east & west. Hopefully this interchange will include connections from 690 west to 81 north which currently doesn't exist or 81 south connecting to 690 westbound which doesn't exist. This is a major fix.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Simple. It will help move traffic faster and provide more option that currently don't exist. Plus I'm not a material engineer but I'm sure a raised highway is less expensive than a tunnel. The big dig in Boston was a disaster. Over budget and took longer to finish.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
1. Install express lanes in I-81 to allow for 70 mph travel around the center city.
3. Remove viaduct and replace with interseeded tunnels and depressed highway, with exit and on ramps at adjacent arterials at street level (30 mph).

How does your idea benefit the region?
Removes truck traffic and high speed then traffic from city.
Allows for city to improve aesthetics and continuity of city environment.
Self limits travelers to downtown (no thru traffic) and necessity for unsafe high speeds.
Promotes return to downtown development.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Tunnels with exits and on ramps in high volume areas.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Increases land use a more defined separation away less accidents.
Any idea should not reduced transit time for emergency vehicles to or from any point not even 1 second beyond what it truly now
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Change I-81 between 951's to "Business 81" and re-sign I-481 as I-81. Expand to 6 lanes to allow traffic capacity. Relocate Business 81 along Townsend with better north-to-south flow. Cut back over failed dome, leaving at ground level. Expand 690/Jubst St. interchange to allow for Business 81 access. Utilize concrete noise barriers near residences.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Arterial will remove limited access requirement and "open" city. Through traffic re-routed. Easier city access for northern residents (Liverpool, N Syracuse, Brewerton). Ability to get to west side from the north. Less bridge maintenance cost.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Make I-81 a Street level Arterial Highway similar to the one that currently exists in Utica N.Y.
Place stop lights, cross walks and pedestrian bridges at strategic points along the road with simple turn offs for lesser side streets.
Re-number I-481 as I-81, but leave exits to the Arterial at the north and south ends.
Put in access ramps to I-690 East and west at the interchange.

How does your idea benefit the region?
It will maintain freeway access to Syracuse from the North and South. Eliminate bottlenecks at the few exits in the city by providing more options to turn off or get on, allow for more points of crossing for pedestrians, and a street level arterial will have cheaper long-term maintenance costs.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
I-71 is removed between East Castle and Webster’s Landing. I-471 receives I-71 designation. A street grid - city streets, not boulevards or arterials - is restored. (Alwood, Madison, McBride) NYSDOT and SUITC seek USDOT support for rail transit to make up for capacity lost. A traffic circle at Van Buren Street - where I-71 meets Alwood (eliminates problem of cars backed up at traffic lights.

How does your idea benefit the region?
The hill and Webster were sensitively into downtown. Valuable real estate along Alwood is freed up. Automobile trips into and within the city are reduced.

To compete for young transplants.
Specify what you want to build.

There is a reason why most successful American cities are heavily invested in good rail mass transit and treat the automobile as a secondary or tertiary mode of transportation. We cannot ignore the fact that the car is the least efficient mode of transportation.

If we don't embrace this opportunity to invest in rail and pedestrian infrastructure, a huge portion of the region will fall through this song: "what did we do wrong?"

Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Ten down the Viaduct, formally re-route I-81 thru the present I-81. Turn almost into a tunnel, that is not designated a highway. From the South, end I-81 between 5-81 between Cham and Adams, from 5-81, end I-81 by Brittney

How does your idea benefit the region?
It removes the barrier and permits the CBD to develop, and it’s already in place on one end and Coluschs and at the other. This will provide increased city market and revitalize the entire city.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Eliminate viaduct - put in ground-level boulevard. Leave other roadways as is.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Less noise, congestion, pollution in downtown Syracuse. Would benefit downtown more attractive place to visit and shop.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
1. ENVISION A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN 2050
   (I-81 removal is starts in 2017... end in 2035? +25 years)
2. TAKE A REGIONAL/METRO AREA VIEW
3. TRANSFORM PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
   → USE I-81 CORRIDOR FOR LIGHT RAIL THAT CONNECTS
     AIRPORT, WILSFU CENTER, DOWNTOWN AND EXISTING RAIL LINES THROUGHOUT BROADER REGION

How does your idea benefit the region?
- PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE, ATTRACTIVE, CONVENIENT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- THE PROMOTE REDEVELOPMENT OF URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS
- ATTRACT NEW CITIZENS TO THE REGION:
  + 25,000 IN CITY OF SYRACUSE BY 2050
  + 50,000 IN ONONDAGA COUNTY
  → "500,000 IN 2050"
Your vision for the future of I-81

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How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
- Make all the highways have many on/off ramps to disperse traffic into the city grid.
- Pink represents removed areas of highways.
- Brown = New city limits with expanded connectivity and areas for redevelopment.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- It makes the city a destination and eventually a highly developed city center in the region vs. a city you travel through to get anywhere.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
- Remove viaduct
  Need a way for people coming from the SE to access the W of the state.
  Better public transportation that is efficient and could move people into and out of the city.
- Remove

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Would make the city a far more accessible area for all populations. Right now the city really is divided by race, class, and
  People need to be more willing to CHANGE.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
We need to support bicyclists and walking commuters to and from downtown. Totally design and build designated roads as bike/walking trails only. Re-educate drivers to cooperate w/bike users. Old RR rights-of-way can be used for this. Add a rail line, or the 2 lanes of which, to the land. The Syracuse Union Station can be refurbished and beautified. Re-route thru traffic to I-81 north and improve I-81 as needed. Build a surface level bus stop with emergency level(s) for I-81 SB through the city to open up space. 690 needs to become a ring road around the city w/bike space for city trips.

How does your idea benefit the region?
Cities need to build around home, what a complete shame the 15th Ward was destroyed. Syracuse will become a destination city, without the blight of bridges throughout the town. SU needs to have the appropriate corridor, and that will be part of it. As a destination city, a service economy may be able to grow.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

New rights of way will have to be bought. And people displaced once again. But downtown neighborhoods can be planned and built - with proper drainage - unlike “Flick City,” how unfortunate that gas companies put the electric railway (which used clean water-generated electricity) out of business, and now, centers can’t stay in business. Many rights of way still exist - the streams are still there - has anyone looked at that? Our multi-story, hotel building need to have grocery stores built into them and business buildings need to have apartments and homes in them. And maintain streets.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Increased bicycle use will require servicing. Die hard cyclists will go late in fall and early in the spring. Should something be allowed to use bike trails in winter and park in the bike lane? Putting people back in the downtown will increase the tax base and increase tax revenue.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Make a complete 481 loop.
(Allows easy access to highway west.)

How does your idea benefit the region?
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:
1. There is an existing interchange that was never used to extend I-690 east to Chittenango.
2. The New York State Bridge Department uses this space and can be moved to a more appropriate place.
3. This interchange could be opened to cars and small trucks only. (Post Signs No Trucks.” “Keep Large Trucks Out.”)
4. All traffic would use Butternut Drive to enter or exit I-690.

How does your idea benefit the region?
1. This gives more option to get on or off I-690/I-81.
2. People could shorten travel times and distances.
3. Town of DeWitt offices, Pelion, Ryder Park, and area businesses would be easier to reach.
4. The cost would be small because much of the work was paid for by taxpayers in the past and they never got to use this interchange.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea:

Bring I-81 to ground level just north of the RR tracks, and just south of I-690. Create a 6-lane "Almond Blvd," tree lined, ped friendly, aesthetically pleasing. Rename the portions of I-81 between I-690 to I-381 as "L580" or "Lucky 78." Expand I-481 to Glens, with full interchanges that do not lower the operating speed. Rename I-481 to I-81.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Remove the visual barrier of the Viaduct, lower the ambient noise of high speed traffic carrying over downtown, and re-connects downtown with S U, the Medical Centers, and E. Genesee St. Minimal increase in time spent getting into and out of, downtown Syracuse. The central city will become more cohesive, and prime real estate will be more easily developed by not having the I-81 "Wall" in place.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
DEVELOP A USEFUL MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM WITH SATELLITE PARKING.
IMPROVE CITY ROUTES FOR TRAFFIC.
INNER AND OUTER LOOPS WITH CONNECTING POINTS TO DISTRIBUTE TRAFFIC.
CHECK WITH DISNEY - THEY MOVE 2 MILLION PEOPLE/YEAR WITHIN A 42 SQUARE MILE AREA.

How does your idea benefit the region?
LESS CITY TRAFFIC
MORE EFFICIENT TRAFFIC FLOW
SERVE THE OUTER REACHES OF THE COUNTY.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea (if drawn):

Use West St. arterial & old on track for new way to re route a better 690 route.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Opportunities for better grades, less divisive highway & better ramp locations — & better curves.

Use West St. arterial & old on track for new way to re route a better 690 route.
Your vision for the future of I-81

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Description of your idea (if drawn):

**SKY SHARKS**

How does your idea benefit the region?

LESS PIGEONS AS SKY-SHARKS WILL EAT THEM ALL WHILE FLYING AROUND.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:

Relay stop the 690 interchange to send traffic from the west on the arterial. Use rail right of way for minor/side spread. This would take the highway out of downtown allowing it to open up for redevelopment.

A parkway when 81 is not would allow access to SU and the medical center.

How does your idea benefit the region?

Gets main traffic flow out of downtown.

Brings SU back together with downtown.

Opens key land for redevelopment.

Minimizes impact on residential neighbors.

Is new land that is already vacant or industrial oriented.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
- Remove I-81 from 481s to 690.
- Replace it with Comm, Urban, Agriculture.
- Develop a boulevard down the middle of the urban farms.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Food
- Activity
- Community connections
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
- More capacity on & off ramps.
- T-20 on/off ramps.
- More flyways/less mixing.
- Elevate on/off ramps section along Chestnut.
- Widen median between decks to allow more light in.

How does your idea benefit the region?
- Focus on downtown for easy access.
- Focus on thru traffic.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
- To prevent having to fix a future elevated structure (so was planned), we should:
  - back fill under-structure and build pavement foundation (8000 CUBIC YARDS) + build tunnel cut through 9th St., Estinon Avenue Train (NYC)

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How does your idea benefit the region?
- Under ground is too expensive
- Land trip by bus/other
- Destroy other communities (neighborhoods)
- African American community was displaced, businesses destroyed, family disrupted, destroyed city as well, Feeding institutions for jobs = more welfare.
Your vision for the future of I-81

Please use this map to draw your ideas. You can be as detailed as you would like, but please try to tell us how your idea will benefit the region.

Description of your idea:
Viaduct down from Adams to Erie.
Double lane East and West with land in middle for development or Park.

How does your idea benefit the region?