

Appendix M-6

Written Comment Forms

Part 5

I-81 Viaduct Project

Comment Sheet

Name: JERRY ALAIMO

Address: 4589 Moon Glow Dr City: Jamesville State: NY Zip: 13078

Phone: () Email: jalaimo74@gmail

Comments:

From business loop 81 N to Colvin St. exit, will Colvin street have any improvements since the volume of traffic should increase as commuter head to SU campus area.

Thank you for the project information.

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Name: Jaime Alicia
Address: 103 Phillips Rd. City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13214
Phone: (315) 440-8532 Email: jaliaa@csd.us

Comments: I am concerned about the turnaround next
to the school

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Name: KENNETH BOBIS

Address: 912 CRAWFORD AVE City: SYR State: NY Zip: 13224

Phone: () Email: bobisken@gmail.com

Comments: ^{NEW} THE ^{to COLVIN ST.} NORTHBOUND EXIT RAMP, INTENDED FOR PEOPLE COMING TO SYR. UNIV. ~~AREA~~ ALLOWS FOR SINGLE LANE EAST BOUND TRAFFIC TO COMSTOCK AVE. I PREDICT THIS WILL LEAD TO BOTTLE NECKS ESPECIALLY DURING SPECIAL EVENTS EX. BIG BALL AND FOOTBALL AND CONCERTS ETC

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Name: BSC Holiday Inn Express
Address: 5908 Wide Waters City: East Syracuse State: Zip:
Phone: () Email: BSC@RSGrimaldi.com

Comments: Looks great - Very informative

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Name: Gale T. Bawens
Address: 129 Elmhurst Ave City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13207
Phone: (315) 849-8222 Email: galebb@yahoo.com

Comments:

- Roundabout Near Dr King School:
- Too close to school. (negative)
 - Reliant on Children to know enough to stay away from roundabout area.
 - Considering during I-81 in 60's; displaced African American residents, negative impact to community within Syracuse
 - There has to be an option (better) than this one. If this was an issue in areas outside of inner Syracuse, I bet this would never be brought up.
 - Do better by moving this just offensive action! Move the location of the roundabout to a better location.

Thank you

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Name: James Bristol

Address: 115 Belle Terrace

City: N. Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13212

Phone: (315) 935-3623 Email: jim.bristol@twcny.cc.com

Comments: I am opposed to the community grid option for I 81. I would rather see the viaduct replaced with another one. I would like to keep the high speed option to travel quickly through the city. I'm wondering what you're spending 2 billion dollars on. You're not building any bridges. On the contrary you're just tearing them down. Save 81 in its current form.

Tashik
Campbell

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Comment Sheet

Name:

Paula Cerio

Address:

429 N. Franklin St.

City:

Syr.

State:

NY

Zip:

13204

Phone: (

315-857-3320

Email:

chiara947@yahoo.com

Comments:

Please give some consideration to a noise abatement system, as the noise from 690 & the current West St. overpasses & onramps makes it impossible to open windows in our condo unit during the warmer months. Thank you.

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Name: John & Sharon Chistolw
Address: 302 Westminster Rd City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13214
Phone: (315) 487-1220 Email: jchistolw@verizon.net

Comments: We live in the area adjacent to what has been designated as 7B for a proposed noise abatement wall. We would like to see the wall put up before the start of I481 South construction to mitigate heavy truck construction & traffic

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Name: Mitch Cohn
Address: 321 Belmont Dr. City: Lpool State: NY Zip: 13096
Phone: () Email:

Comments:

Scrap the I-81 project!

TERRIBLE IDEA!!!

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Name: Diane Collins

Address: 112 Berwyn Ave

City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13210

Phone: (315) 664-3706 Email: _____

Comments:

Will moving expenses be covered for renters?

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Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Comments:

WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE
MOVING TO. NO ONE HAS SPOKEN
ABOUT RELOCATION.

MOST ARE ELDERLY.



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Address: _____

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Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Comments: While I fully agree that the current I-81 Viaduct does not meet current design & safety standards, I disagree that the Community Grid will not increase commute times. As a lifelong southern suburb resident any time there is an incident on I-81, be it weather or emergency response, there is a significant delay in traveling via surface streets.

During my commutes I have witnessed pedestrians crossing Almond, Adam & Harrison Streets at all different locations, not only in crosswalks. With all traffic being directed to the Community Grid it will lead to increased car/pedestrian crashes.

Join Us at the Most Important Community Meeting this Year!

Tell NYSDOT what you want done with the future of I-81.

We Must be Heard!

- **Keep Our Streets Free of Traffic**
- **Reconnect Our Neighborhoods**
- **Reinvest in Our City**
- **Preserve our Comstock neighborhood**

August 26

6 PM to 8 PM

HW Smith School

1130 Salt Springs Road

Syracuse, NY 13224

For more info: <https://webapps.dot.ny.gov/i-81-viaduct-project>

What Comstock residents need to know about the I-81 project

- Everyone wants to get rid of that rusty viaduct.
- But the Albany DOT has not been listening to our community residents.
- The viaduct handles about 90,000 vehicles per day. DOT plans to divert those cars to 481 and to city streets.
- To get to those streets, they want to create new connections between the Interstate and Brighton Avenue, Colvin Street, and a foolish “roundabout” at Dr. Martin Luther King Street.
- Cars bound for the University exiting at Brighton will use Ainsley Drive to get to Comstock and to the streets through our Outer Comstock neighborhood. Cars exiting at Colvin will also create congestion on our side-streets.
- Most of the traffic will be at rush hour, right when school children are outside on the streets, including Syracuse Latin School on Jamesville Avenue.
- It will be dangerous—bad for children and bad for drivers.
- It won't improve safety—accidents will actually get worse - much worse.
- Instead of improving things here, DOT plans to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on highways in the suburbs—moving economic activity out of the city reducing the tax base for the city and increasing the taxes for the rest of us.
- The Albany DOT should listen to us now, and they must start over with a real plan – one that works!

There is a better plan

- Get rid of the rusty viaduct.
- Get rid of the Roundabout at Dr. King Elementary School and exit at Brighton.
- Keep new traffic out of our neighborhood.
- Protect our children from new traffic.
- Spend our tax dollars to support the tax base in the city, not the suburbs.
- Create a Skyway seven stories up in the air with open space below it.



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Name Here: HELENE COSBY

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Name: Carmen Crafts
Address: 2844 Grant Blvd. City: Syr. State: NY Zip: 13208
Phone: () Email: _____

Comments:

- Open up the Oakwood entrance!!!
- Give the Art Store guy his parking lot back.

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Name: Richard V. Cross

Address: 8445 Newburg Pl. City: Clay State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (315) 427-0845 Email: _____

Comments:

The community grid makes no sense
for most of the people in metropolitan
Syracuse

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E. D. [Signature]

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Name: GARY DANIELS

Address: 322 VANIDA A1

City: CAMILLUS State: NY Zip: 13031

Phone: (315) 488-5575 Email: GDAN007@TWCY.BR.COM

Comments: I AM NOT FOR A COMMUNITY GRID
AS A PERSON THAT TRAVEL DAILY FROM
CAMILLUS TO THE UNIVERSITY AREA IT WILL
NOT BE VERY EASY TO GET THERE. I ALSO
TRAVEL TO CONNELL REGULARLY AND GETTING
FROM CAMILLUS TO 81 SOUTH WILL NOT BE
EASY. WHY NOT FIX THE 81 SOUTH
EXIT AT HARRISON AND ADAMS AND
MAKE IT BETTER THAN IT IS. I DO
NOT SEE THAT MUCH DEVELOPMENT
HAPPENING ON THE ALMOND ST. SITE
THAT WILL HELP SYRACUSE. WE HAVE
NOT FINISHED THE INNER HARBOR AREA
AND CUTTING OFF ACCESS WILL NOT
HELP DEVELOPMENT FOR THERE. I AM
NOT SURE WE NEED MORE BLUE PATH
AS OUR WEATHER IS NOT THAT GREAT
MOST OF THE YEAR. WITH THE NEW BLUE
BLVD BLUE PATH AND THE LAKE TRAIL
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET YOUR EXERCISE

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Name: BRANTLEY M DEATON
Address: 204 SHERBOURNE RD City: SYRACUSE State: Zip: 13224
Phone: (315 345 8725) Email: DEATON1999@YAHOO.COM

Comments:

Love the Grid Plan

Would also love to see incorporation of suggestions made by the Oakwood Cemetery Assoc. However possible.

Poss 2 traffic circles to calm NB&I traffic, first @ COLVIN ST.

2 CONSEC TRAFFIC CIRCLES ARE UTILIZED IN OTHER AREAS, EX - MICHIGAN 72 WB INTO TRAVERSE CITY, TO T @ LAKE MICHIGAN AND US 31 N/SBOUND. HEAVY TRAFFIC, ESP W/E of SUMMER TOURISM SEASON WESTBOUND FROM GRAYLING & ITS. CALMS TRAFFIC EFFECTIVELY

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Comment Sheet

Name:

Mary Dorsey

Address:

PO Box 223

City:

Camillus

State:

NY

Zip:

13031

Phone:

(315) 488-2030

Email:

Comments:

Hope to see grid option start - our aging highway needs an update for future generations - and the NYS DOT has done an excellent job coming up with options and listening to improve on them -

My concern has been the same always - is motorist who refuse to reduce their speed in the urban areas where marked - Don't know how this can be resolved

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Name: Mary Dunn

Address: 510 Bradford Pkwy

City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13224

Phone: (315) 766-8158 Email: mdunn5412@gmail.com

Comments: Community Grid is THE way to go.
ASAP!



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Name: Marjorie Eldridge
Address: 6717 Kinie Road City: Dewitt State: Ny Zip: 13214
Phone: (315) 382-8781 Email: mekldridge129@gmail.com

Comments:

Re: Noise Barriers - what is composition of noise barriers?

Consideration should be given to concrete wall with plexiglass top third of wall. This is the type of wall on Rt 17 in Binghamton. This combined concrete on bottom $\frac{2}{3}$, and plexiglass on upper $\frac{1}{3}$, is more attractive and less confining to motorists.

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Name: Quwanika Ellechi

Address: 115 Dablon Ct

City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 1320

Phone: (315) 898-4303 Email:

Comments:

move down from the school not
safe for the children to walk -
By cross the street. Down Brother
street so kids be safe.

~~move~~ move people By Highway
Highway so they can be safe
can break out of there mouth.
not fair. your family live
safe we do too

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Comment Sheet

Name: Barbara Evanoff
Address: 6160 Heddy Lane City: Crew State: Ny Zip: 13039
Phone: (315) 857 4137 Email: Ajille@yahoo.com

Comments: ① Existing 481 N that will be 81 N is very wide open and subject to many snowdrifts forming in the winter. Adding trees between Northern Blvd & Kirkville Rd along the sides of the road may help with the drift formation.
② The onramp to the "new 81 N" from Northern Blvd is too short. There is not enough time to get up to speed to merge into existing traffic, let alone when this becomes 81. Consider lengthening that on-ramp so that safe merging can occur.
③ Although not part of this project, Circle Drive off-ramp of 481 is a nightmare.
④ Along with #3 above, the exit from current 81 to 481 is very hazardous - the circle is too tight, and the uphill drive in the winter makes it very slippery. If that ramp could be re-configured it would be safer.

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Charles Garland

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Name:

Andrea Goodwater

Address:

4633 Wisteria Cir City: Manlius State: NY Zip: 13104

Phone: ()

Email:

agoodwater@gmail.com

Comments:

① Exit 3E plans are not good.
Failure to address heavy traffic exiting
to go East. Traffic from Route 5 West
has to deal with traffic exiting to
go East to Manlius + Fayetteville.
Traffic wanting to go south has
to cross 3 lanes of exiting traffic.

② Roundabouts are not good.

③ People do not know how to use
them. They are confusing.

④ This will ruin DeWitt and
Fayetteville. Too much traffic.
More people will move further out
of town towards Cazenovia and
Conastota, and east.

This will not save Syracuse

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Roundabouts near schools are polluting and dangerous to children

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Name: Susan Hamilton

Address: 218 Holland St.

City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13204

Phone: (315) 472-5647 Email: shamilton17@earthlink.net

Comments:

- ① West St. - why not take it to ground level for its entire length - not just north of Erie Blvd.? Now West St. goes up a ramp from W. Fayette to Erie.
- ② Narrow what's now called Business Rt. 81 through the city. With the community grid, the road does not need to be so wide - which would only encourage high speeds. The narrower road would also leave more land for redevelopment.
- ③ Start the grid at the point that northbound through traffic moves onto the current I-481. This will allow the historical entrance to Oakwood Cemetery to be reopened; and a roundabout next to Dr. King School would not be needed.
- ④ In rebuilding West St., return it to neighborhood scale + return control to the city. West St. does not need to look or act as an expressway.

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Name Here: Tara Harris

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Please move the Round about
further away from King
School as possible if it must
stay. Alternative option, put
it somewhere else. Kids at
Steam at King have enough
health issues as it is.
Please do the right things
for the community and our
children.

Tara Harris

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Comment Sheet

Name: Oril Hetteron

Address: 8043 Cazenovia Rd City: Manlius State: Ny Zip: 13104

Phone: (315) 6825946 Email: ghetteron@windstream.net

Comments: Poor If you talked to environmental people
they couldn't talk about anything else. Traffic people
could only talk traffic. etc. No coordination
this project does not meet
General goals as posted.

Children are not going to be dissuaded from
going into the round about by their parents

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Name Here: Donnie Jefferson

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Name:

Amone S. Jordan

Address:

201 E. Washington

City:

Syr

State:

NY

Zip:

13202

Phone: (315) 464-0008

Email:

ajordan@syr.gov

Comments:

~~the idea~~

The Onondaga creekwalk downtown improvements are awesome.

I love the idea of greenspaces + creative landscaping downtown

This is a great opportunity to get creative in design + mirror cities leading in innovation — Singapore, China, Japan.

public space

- gentrification concerns

- new developers + upscale housing for university

- 4K street trees

- Public parks

We NEED public parks @ SB Almond St.

- soccer field etc.

- connect with city!

- Put in a low fence along almond st

- We're concerned about children running into intersection

- Turn ~~federal~~ state owned land over to the city to manage + sell + distribute equitably or seize it to be held until comprehensive design is in place

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Comentarios

Nombre:

Dirección:

Ciudad o pueblo:

Estado:

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Número de teléfono: ()

Correo electrónico:

Comentarios:

Martin Luther King school needs a larger greenspace for children to play + environmental programming.

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Comment Sheet

Name: Christine Kearney
Address: 429 N Franklin St #310 City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13204
Phone: (315) 439-1916 Email: ckearney127@gmail.com

Comments:

Hope the 690 westbound off ramp to west St SB slows traffic early enough to avoid downshift noise and other noise so as not to disrupt the Mission Landing Residential Building

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Comment Sheet

Name: Maureen Kissane
Address: 302 DeWittshire Rd. ^{South} City: DeWitt State: NY Zip: 13214
Phone: (315) 559-9888 Email: mkissane9@gmail.com

Comments:

Regarding Community Grid option, I have concerns about the increase of overall noise from moving the majority of the I81 traffic currently going through the city to move it to ~~the~~ I481 particularly as it affects the neighborhoods in DeWitt close to ~~the~~ 481. While noise decibels on average may not hit federal levels requiring noise barriers, I am very concerned about the overall length of time + increase of traffic + pollution with this change without any abatement attempts that will affect these neighborhoods. I ~~would request~~ understand noise barriers may not be effective for these areas (for example in the DeWittshire neighborhood) but would request further study about other measure which could be taken, perhaps the road material or other measures to lower the noise level.

Thank you.

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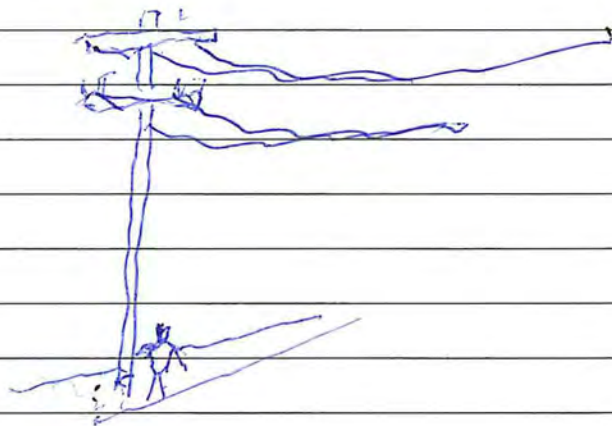
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Comment Sheet

Name: Allen Ksoff
Address: 209 Berkeley Drive City: Syr State: NY Zip: 13210
Phone: () Email: aksoff@Verizon.net

Comments:

PLEASE CONSIDER ELIMINATING
LOTS OF ELEC POLES AND VISIBLE WIRES
BY BURYING ADEQUATE CONDUITS AND
ACCESS STRUCTURES IN ALL NEW
ROADWAYS AND BELOW SIDEWALKS!



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Comment Sheet

Name: Raymond S. Kuss
Address: 6078 Kenneth Dr. City: M. Syr. State: MA Zip: 13212
Phone: (315) 4585299 Email: mach.0032@hotmail.com

Comments: I would like to suggest putting up
the noise barrier up before they begin
road construction on 481 going to 8/N in
north Syr.

Also ~~was~~ what is going to be done
about mud creek flooding my property
during large rain storms?

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Name: Jacqueline LaSonde
Address: P.O. Box City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13205
Phone: (845) 667-1448 Email: laSonde-63@hotmail.com

Comments:

As A Community Residents
very concerned ABOUT our Future
of this city, I Am not in favor
of A business loop, OR A
Round About, OR ANY TRAFFIC
including Trucks, Coming past OR
IN FRONT OF DR KING School
Elementary - STEM School.

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Comment Sheet

Name: GEORGE C. LAWRENCEAddress: 102 STONERIDGE DRCity: SYRState: N.Y. Zip: 13214

Phone: ()

Email: LELAW@TWCNY.RR.COM

Comments: I FEEL SI SHOULD FOLLOW THE RAILROAD
RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH THE CITY, TURN NORTH
AT ERIE BLVD + W. REVEREE ST. GO
ALONG HATHA AND MEET SIW PAST
THE BALL PARK.

THIS WOULD SOLVE MOST PROBLEMS
CITED IN THIS DISCUSSION

I-81 Viaduct Project Comment Sheet

Name: Martha Lawson

Address: 22 Bayberry Dr.

City: Lipool

State: NY Zip: 13060

Phone: ()

Email: _____

Comments: I came tonight to support the
community grid option. Thank you
for all the hard work and effort.
I'm looking forward to utilizing the
new bike infrastructure

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Comment Sheet

Name:

Sylvia Lewis

Address:

935 Lancaster

City:

Syr

State:

NY

Zip:

13210

Phone:

315, 450-2579

Email:

Comments:

The water infrastructure is Critical this Needs to be a complete Repair Not patch work.

With the new infrastructure Trillion Dollar bill it would now be the time to incorporate Lasting marketable improvement.

For the City of Syracuse.

Water is an asset and a draw for commitment to living not only in the city but the county as well

Water It is a commodity becoming Evermore Valuable and rare
This is a draw for Our Community
We should be promoting PROTECT
ing and appreciating it for its Value
and its Life Sustaining Need.



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Hi (to whoever receives this),

I am a hard core supporter of Save 81 just as is as a rebuilt viaduct for a multitude of reasons, presented as follows -

Biggest reason to keep I-81? –

- **We have winter and snow!**
- Cars will be at a standstill now skidding to get traction when a light changes and nobody will get thru a light or grid.
- Throw in trucks which will still come through the city, **especially with the new Liverpool Amazon facility, as the shortest distance between 2 points is a straight line which is through the city from the south.**
- Snow plows in the strange multi-lane approach to plowing blocking all traffic.
- The log jams/backups on Harrison, Madison, Adams Streets at hospital rush hour as it stands now, include SU and Dome access traffic. All will become exponentially worse!
- More traffic lights.
- Traffic circles/roundabouts to add to the snarl?
- **Did I mention we have winter and it snows** which nobody seems to wish to acknowledge?
- Add more traffic on 481 with slopes/grades not designed for the high volume of traffic that would now occur, especially more truck traffic that would bypass the city
- Snow occurring at morning/evening rush hour and it is all just a formula for disaster.
- I-81 at least keeps a steady flow of traffic moving when weather is bad, noting accidents due occur. An accident on the grid in snow will be total gridlock! It will be a total failure/disaster.
- I-81 is elevated. Vehicle exhaust is above ground level. A ground level boulevard will be a health hazard to any residential and business entity on either side.
- A snow storm example now noting Erie Blvd. is only 2 lanes, no longer 3 lanes - With only a few cars on Erie Blvd. in Dewitt as example, cars were skidding from a stop at a light and with only a small amount of cars it was hard to travel down Erie Blvd. and get thru the lights in a timely manner. Now do this with "highway" level of traffic on a grid or boulevard. It is not at all feasible!
- Erie Blvd., which would have been a major alternate route should the community grid be pushed through is now modified from 3 lanes to 2 lanes for bicycles(!) and has only resulted in vagrants and pan-handler at every major intersection! Who comes up with this modifying Erie Blvd. at this point and time while all this 81 planning is in discussion??

Other Key Point for Keeping I-81 Viaduct As-Is -

- Hospital access. **If a life is lost because it takes an extra minute to get someone to a hospital because stuck in grid/gridlock, the city should be held accountable for all instances.** These hospitals expand and grow with knowledge of highway access.
- Work commute (Dewitt to/from Liverpool in my instance)
- Rush hour on 481 at the 3 E-W exit, Circle Drive and the slopes and grades of 481 all non-conducive to high volume truck traffic. Get stuck behind a few trucks getting onto 481 South at Jamesville Rd. from the Jamesville quarry and see what only a couple of trucks can cause! Then through some snow on the ground to make matters worse.

- From Canada to North Carolina, Syracuse is on the map thanks to route 81 as a major federal highway coming through our city. Remove it and this city may as well be removed from any map. Rochester, Scranton, Binghamton have all modified their highways and kept them, not torn them down!
- I-81 divides nothing. There's not much under it other than the 1 apartment complex. The city has much empty space to provide for this elsewhere. Its placed perfect with Syracuse University/Hospitals on one side, downtown Syracuse on the other.
- As far as a connective corridor from SU to Downtown, I've never seen a bike let alone in bike lanes that disrupt traffic on campus and have a mess of a confusing traffic pattern for cars.
- The city cannot maintain current infrastructure as it stands and that will get worse as all resource will be devoted to the grid. Cannot drive on a city street without all but damaging your car as roads are in such mad condition in need of maintenance/paving!
- Traffic backs up on Harrison, Adams, all crossing streets as it is right now at rush hours and a grid will only make this worse especially with roundabouts, trucks, snow plow, winter, snow!
- With a grid, the focus will be on keeping the grid moving, and side streets will be a bigger nightmare as the pattern will probably let less cars go on a light cycle on the crossing streets.
- I-81 is still a major corridor for transfer of military equipment noting Fort Drum and I'm sure others that would have 81 at their disposal for this purpose.
- Taking away a major highway artery for access to a city that wishes to experience growth and bring in business, rather than see business leave, which I believe will be the end result, especially downtown. This whole initiative is counter intuitive to city/area growth.
- Will be the end of Destiny USA as Destiny is already in trouble
- We only wish the city was like it was with all the major corporations around here 20, 30, 40 years ago that are only a skeleton of what they once were, if even still here (GM, GE/Lockheed Martin, Carrier, Bristol Myers Squibb, other) as the city/area seeks to establish new growth of which keeping I-81 a a major access is key.

I'm sure I've missed some of other points with my position clear. Its very simple for Syracuse and the surrounding suburbs. Maintain the 81 viaduct as is. If anything, could seek to improve the connectivity every morning/afternoon to and from the Liverpool side of the city seeking to minimize daily accidents. And I'd suggest raising it higher so you can once again see our biggest attraction driving through, the Dome of which the university put that awful gray/yellow building along the highway to block a great view of the Dome. Every kid wants to see a major sport venue of which the Dome is.

This city has made many questionable decisions over time, to cite a few major ones, please do not make another by tearing down I-81! –

- Built the Galleries to be the mall of downtown, then Carousel Mall (now Destiny USA) built killing any chance for the Galleries to be successful.
- A War Memorial arena that cannot be renovated as it was declared a historical landmark. Thus leave it be as a testament to all our honorable brave men and women of our armed forces past and present and build a new state of the art 10-12,000 seat arena where they wanted the new baseball stadium in the city.
- Its too bad there is not a way to make the War Memorial state of the art for 10-12,000 seats while preserving all testaments to the men/women of our military who fought and died for this country.

- I for one believe the baseball stadium to be perfect where is with parking and ease of access. Where does anyone park downtown for anything with ease should the ballpark have been placed downtown?
- Recently renovated Hotel Syracuse and again, Destiny builds the Embassy Suites with its convention capability and mall there. Time will tell how this impacts Hotel Syracuse.
- The SU to Downtown connective corridor – Is it ever used? I'm yet to see a bike as they've ruined many traffic patterns in the University area and on E. Genesee St.
- Moving the train station from an easy access East Syracuse location now crammed in where Destiny USA and the baseball stadium are.

Again, I'm sure there's more I'm forgetting. History indicates its difficult to have faith with decision makers to do the right thing. In this instance it just seems so simple in the best interest of business, city, and suburbs to leave I-81 as is. There are very few people I speak with that are in favor of removing I-81. It only appears to be very specific vested parties pushing this agenda. SAVE I-81, DO NOT MAKE THIS MISTAKE FOR THIS AREA!

I appreciate the time of whoever may read/consider this. I've been paying attention and trying to be an involved constituent in this process.

Thank you.

Howard Lynne

Jamesville, NY



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Comment Sheet

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Address: 316 Carlton Road

City: Syracuse State: NY Zip: 13207

Phone: (315) 472 1036 Email: jpm Maxwell 56@gmail.com

Comments:

① I favor the Community Grid

② A way to easily walk to and from Syracuse University / Dome area to downtown would be helpful.



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Nancy McBoyle

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Comment Sheet

Name: ERIC MELFI

Address: 6225 Kenlaren Circle City: N. Syr State: NY Zip: 13212

Phone: (315) 403-2064 Email: emelfi@twcny.rr.com

Comments: NOISE ABATEMENT

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I have spoke with MARC and JUSTIN
mang times over 3 years --- THANK YOU!
Very good information offered.

As Justin and I spoke Again today my
concern has always been the replacement
of the pressure treated wall behind my
home.

In question now is the relative height
of the new wall to abate Noise from
going OVER the top.

I feel the existing height is not addquate
to Stop that noise and needs to be raised.

Justin was excellent in offering information
as usual!

PLEASE RECONSIDER THE WALL HEIGHT IN
COMPARISON TO IT NOW. IT IS NOT EFFECTIVE.

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I DO UNDERSTAND NOISE LEVELS
HAVE BEEN RECORDED. A MICROPHONE
WAS PLACED IN MY BACK YARD!
THE DATA IS NOT ACCURATE AT
GROUND LEVEL VERSUS THE DECIBELS
I AM HEARING IN MY BED ROOM 20 feet
higher than the Microphone level.
This is significant to me and our
neighbors who are the closest residents
to the wall & highway noise.
I'd encourage a microphone in my bedroom
but realize that's not possible. please
trust me it is significant.
I appreciate everyone discussing this over the years.
As Mr. Frechette said on year one --- there
is only one chance to get this right!
PLEASE MAKE IT RIGHT! - ERIC

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Address: 6225 Kenlaren Circle City: N. Syr State: NY Zip: 13212

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Comments: ~~NOISE ABATEMENT~~

After Conversations with Engineers and budget construction costs. My Concern is the Height of the Noise Abatement Walls. Specifically Northern Blvd. to 81 Interchange. The height of the wall needs to increase to abate the Sound from overcoming the wall. Granted costs per square foot are calculated and allowed PLEASE CONSIDER the existing residents behind the wall existing as is, versus extending the total linear footage to cover new areas.

Do not sacrifice the present quality of living to accommodate additional linear footage of the wall. The relative height must increase in proportion to the proximity of the residences. I am very concerned the new wall will not be high enough. After 25 years at my home

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I can attest to the present height
is not enough!

Please take serious Consideration to
height versus total linear length.

Thank You,

Eric Melfi

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Comment Sheet

Name: JAMES MORGAN

Address: 4164 OLD HOMESTEAD RD City: SYRACUSE State: NY Zip: 13215

Phone: (315) 488-4712 Email: morg33@twcny.rr.com

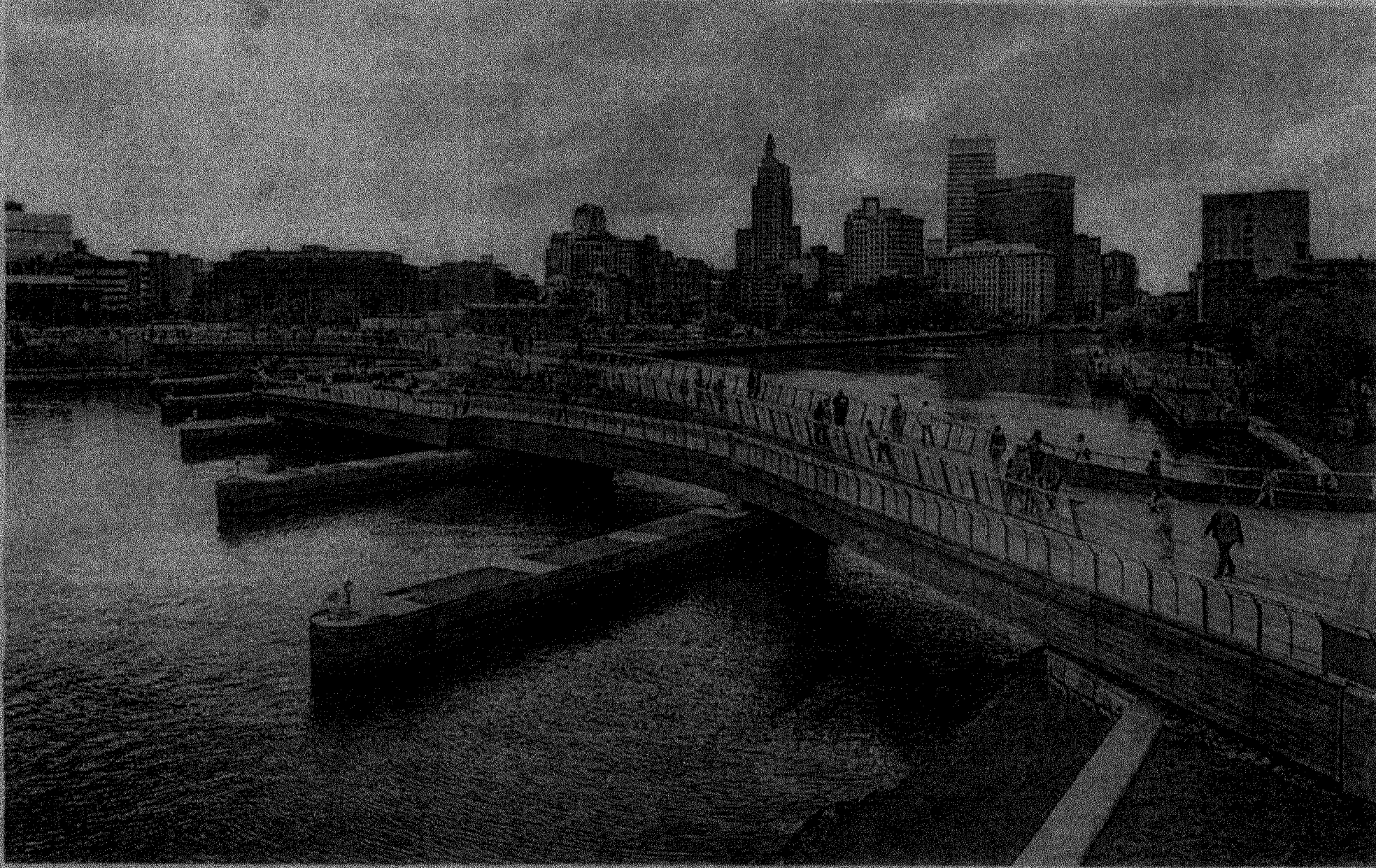
Comments: PLEASE ADD THE 2 MISSING LINKS:
690 E → 81 N
81 N → 690 W

Commentary

Oswego port: We need
COVID-19 relief, too

SYRACUSE HIGHWAY PROJECT

Instead of tearing down I-81, build a park on top of it



The Providence River Pedestrian Bridge is an example of upcycling outmoded infrastructures for new uses. A portion of the former Interstate 195 in Providence, Rhode Island, is now a walkway and park connecting five neighborhoods and institutions within the city. Photos by Steve Knoodsma, www.knoo.photography, via project architect INFORM Studio

Repurposing highways, as has been done in Providence and Seoul, is upcycling and adaptive reuse at their finest.



Pedestrians can enjoy the view from benches on the Providence bridge.

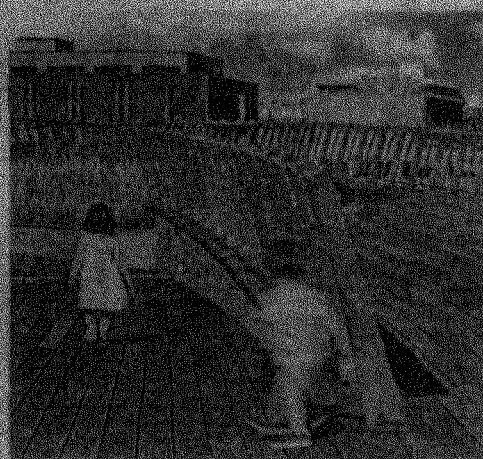
Jacob Roberts
Special to The Post-Standard

It's been nearly four years since I called the Interstate 81 project "one of the most important planning decisions to be made in the city's modern history."

Today, it still is.

In "Recycle I-81, that 'epic eyesore,' into an elevated park," I argued that the unsightly, eroding steel and concrete isn't the problem, per se; it's in how we decide to use it. Should the viaduct have been built in the first place?

No.



Where once traffic moved along the former Interstate 195, families now spend time.

Is it done carrying extremely heavy cars and trucks through town overhead?
Yes.

Does it need to be dismantled and thrown away?
Not really.

Rather than tearing it down and banishing its already industrialized materials to someone else's backyard and inviting nearly a decade of demolition and upheaval, I will suggest again that this infrastructure instead be decommissioned as a vehicular roadway and rededicated as a pedestrian bridge under a lesser weight load classification, lightly rein-

forced and refurbished by local citizens and local labor. It could even host an electric public transit right of way.

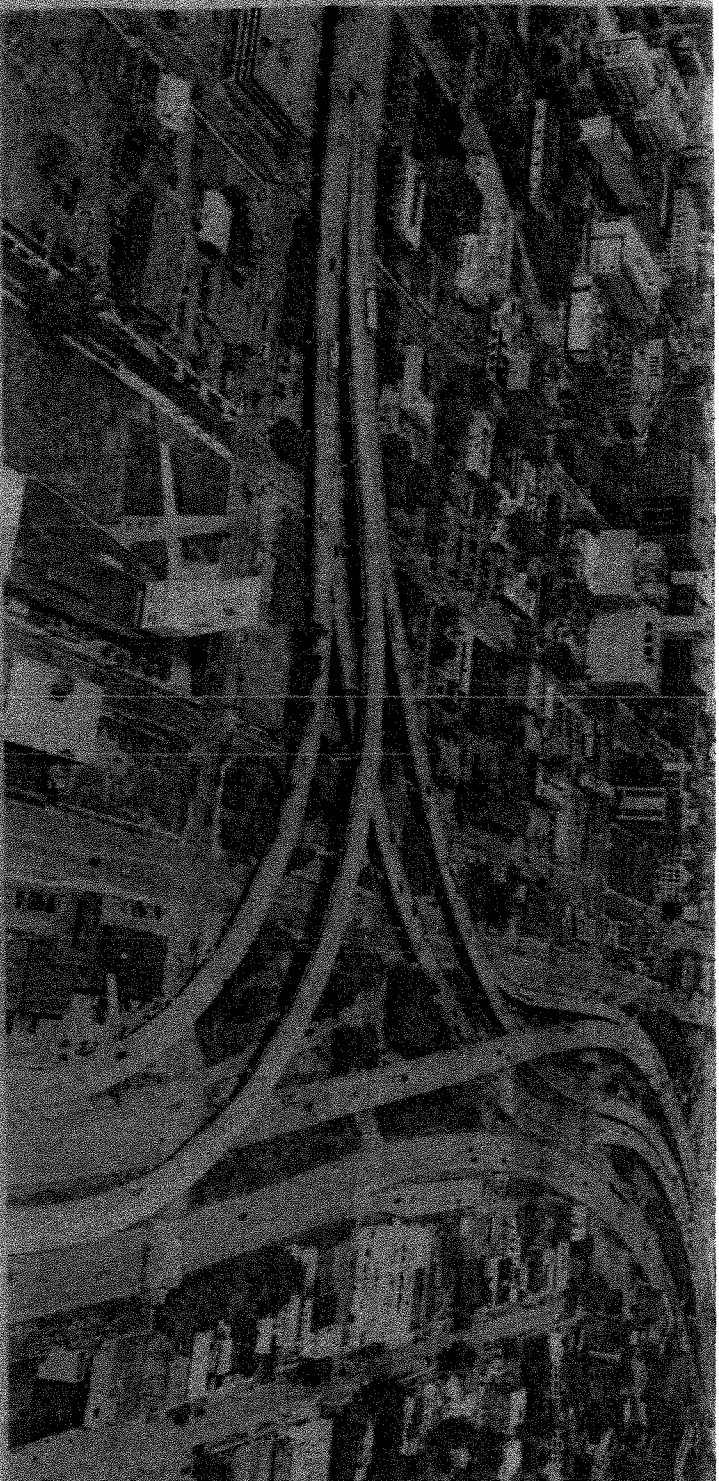
THE ALBANY SKYWAY

Inconceivable? In 2018, final designs for the Albany Skyway were unveiled, converting an Interstate 787 northbound ramp into an elevated park that connects the Corning Preserve with downtown Albany and serving as a catalyst for further property development while providing a unique venue for cultural programs. Plans are to accommodate sunset strolls, host live entertainment and provide market opportunities for artists.

This provides an iconic gateway and serves as an attraction and more public space for social gatherings, festivals, other affairs that encourage more walking and biking and create a unique and desirable mixed-use ambiance that revitalizes the local economy.

THE PROVIDENCE RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Today, where a highway once crossed a river in downtown Providence, Rhode Island, there's now a pedestrian bridge that doubles as a public park. Reusing aging infrastructure wasn't some poetic idea fueled by beauty and grace, however. It boiled down to money. When the city learned how much it would cost to remove the structure, they decided to see Syracuse Highway Project, E4



View of downtown Syracuse, facing west toward Interstate 81 and the interchange with I-690. *Laurin Long, long@syracuse.com*

Transforming 81 can help our community's ongoing story

Continues from E1

leave it in place and build upon it instead. The project physically connects College Hill, home to Brown University, to the Innovation & Design District, with new waterfront parks and other mixed-use developments. Like the Seoul 2017 highway conversion in Korea, the design features terraced gardens on upper and lower decks with benches and room for people to work, shop, host events or soak up the 360-degree views.

The structure has emerged as a symbol of the "New Providence," quickly gaining popularity. It's worth noting that, beyond cost savings, the decision also came about after leaders realized that tearing down the existing bridge, which separated communities along racial and income lines for decades, was best served, instead, as a new public amenity and a signal of unity.

THE SEOUL SKYGARDEN

Looking at the 2-year-old "Skygarden" project in Seoul, we can also see the positive impact it has had on the city. Izmiry, businesses and economy, as it has taken global tourism by storm, named one of Time Magazine's 100 must-visit places in the world.

Fifteen years ago, the old overpass was deemed unsafe and set to be demolished. After much consideration, the city instead came up with a plan to regenerate the overpass into a new public space.

Now open 24 hours a day, the award-winning park re-uses an old existing structure in the form of an aging concrete flyover that was no longer deemed safe for its original purpose. The High Line in New York City is another example of this concept.

REIMAGINE, REVITALIZE BEFORE RECONSTRUCT

Providing stunning views, day and night, these projects are prime examples of modern recycling and how we ought to view mega-engineering initiatives of this magnitude. Viewing outmoded highways this way underscores a rapidly emerging set of fresh ideas about how we evolve old urban blight by embracing an ethos and mantra of "revitalization" before "reconstruction," making the city more pedestrian-friendly and livable by adapting the existing fabric to work in our favor, rather than removing it over a fondness for a clean-slate and new, from-the-ground-up developments.

Repurposing these old highway structures is upcycling and adaptive reuse at their finest. By utilizing golden design principles often employed to turn old, deteriorating factories into fancy lofts or new office buildings, and applying them to another form of outdated infrastructure, like roads, railways and highways, we endeavor to preserve our history while embracing growth and creating new opportunities — not simply erasing it.

I strongly feel that it's going to be radical forms of design intervention like these that will help us make our city unique from all others. We have a prime opportunity to showcase something so stunning that can only be found in Syracuse, a sight to see that everyone will want to visit at least once in a lifetime.

NATURE REGENERATES, REUSES BUILDING BLOCKS; SO CAN WE

If the tearing down and dismantling of the I-81 overpass is to be the shining example of what to do with infrastructure nearing the end of its useful life, where does all of that waste go?

In nature, we know that trash does not exist. Organisms regenerate themselves and use dead organic materials as nutrition and building blocks for future growth.



People jog, walk and pass time on the Providence River Pedestrian Bridge, an example of "upcycling" outmoded infrastructure for new uses. *Steve Krowdina, www.krowdphotography, via architect INFOREAL Studio*

Imagine if our city's urban environment had the capacity to metabolize in the same way. In this scenario, the reuse of existing stock will further enhance the identity, social and historical continuity of our community and its ongoing story.

We have the chance to dive into an exciting exploration of urban upcycling which allows us the chance to reimagine and reconfigure ill-conceived, poorly designed and harmful structural interventions, like the I-81 viaduct, into helpful tools in the process of achieving positive social change.

I know that this project evokes strong emotions, brings up bad memories and even has people deepening their divide. But let's also remember that our physical scars can speak for us. They say that we are strong, and that we've survived something that might have destroyed others. With the I-81 overpass, let's allow it to demonstrate how resilient we've been, and how well we've mastered the lessons that our past suffering has made available.

Let's give this massive, unavoidable scar permission to be wildly expressive about the transformations we've been so fearless in achieving together. Let us allow our past wounds to heal us.

Jacob Alan Roberts is the managing partner of Crystal City Creative Spaces, LLC, a member-owned, privately funded real estate investment, development and management firm focused on serving creative industries in Syracuse and Central New York. He was executive director of TRINC. The Institute of a New Culture, as well as a co-founder of 40 Below and ACLA, the Arts & Cultural Leadership Alliance of Onondaga County.

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YOUR LETTERS

Treat gun violence as a public health problem

To the Editor:

Gun violence is a public health problem. If we looked at the problem as we did traffic deaths where education, licensing, registration, insurance, speed limits and enforcement and improved safety features such as seat belts markedly reduced morbidity and mortality, progress on decreasing gun violence would be made.

In the United States, a child between the ages of 5 and 14 is 29 times more likely to be killed by a firearm than in other industrialized societies.

Child gun suicide is nine times more likely in the United States than in comparable societies.

Let research and facts and public health concerns direct our efforts to control the gun violence epidemic.

Dr. Ellen Runge, Syracuse

A layer of sadness over gun deaths

To the Editor:

There is such a layer of sadness in the U.S. today, after yet another killing of an American by a policeman, a time a 13-year-old boy. However, death by gun violence (and not just the killing by police, which is getting most of the attention these days, but the overall murder of Americans by other Americans) happens so often that I think in the U.S. get inured to it.

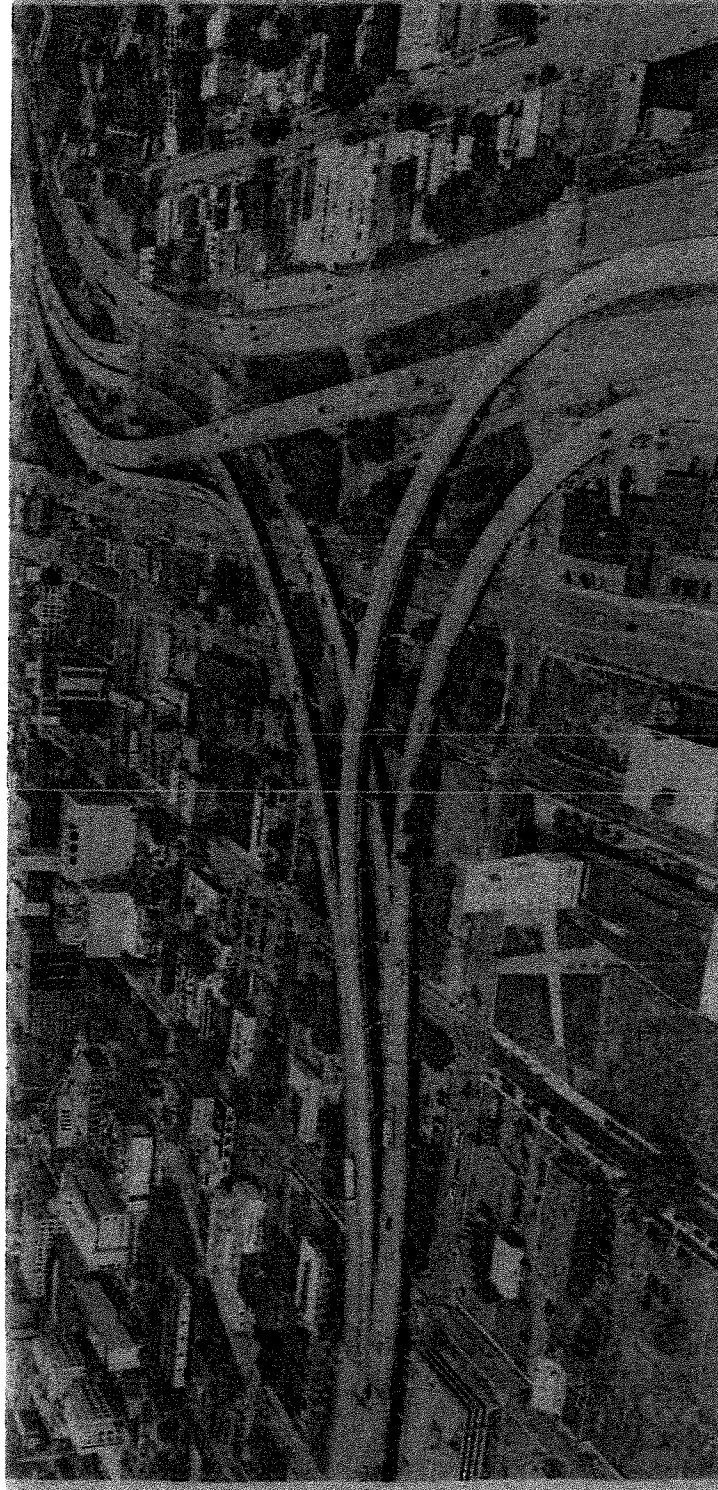
Most Americans have read at one or another how horrific the deaths by gun violence are in this country. Death by gun violence as of 2019 was over 20 times higher in the U.S. than in Canada and almost 100 times higher than in the U.K. I truly wish the people who believe that this is the greatest nation the world would stop to think about reality and work to remedy it.

In the 21st century, we have not been able to rely on a majority in Congress pass gun safety legislation.

Judy Moriarty Moreland, Baldwinsville



A body is taken from a FedEx Ground facility April 16 in Indianapolis. A gunman killed several people and wound others before taking his own life. *AP*



View of downtown Syracuse, facing west toward Interstate 81 and the interchange with I-690. Lauren Long, long@syracuse.com

Transforming 81 can help our community's ongoing story

Continues from E1

leave it in place and build upon it instead. The project physically connects College Hill, home to Brown University, to the Innovation & Design District, with new waterfront parks and other mixed-use developments. Like the Seoullo 7017 highway conversion in Korea, the design features terraced gardens on upper and lower decks with benches and room for people to work, shop, host events or soak up the 360-degree views.

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Comment From: **AARP Onondaga Chapter #243**

Date: Sept. 1, 2021 - I-81 Public Hearing Chestnut Hill School

AARP Local Chapter 243 and the NY State AARP Office have endorsed the Community Grid as the best option for the I-81 Project. Its design comports with the AARP Livable Communities Initiative, which supports best practices to deliver more effective transportation networks, safe streets and mobility options for people of all ages. Elements of the Community Grid must be designed to ensure Safety, Accessibility and Resilience, especially:

- **Good transit options** to benefit businesses, communities and people of all ages by providing access to jobs, supporting local retailers, lowering monthly expenditures for families, increasing property values and improving health and wellness. It is therefore essential that the Grid design includes- and doesn't preclude:

- *Sheltered Bus Stops, and future BRT implementation, to move people in Syracuse and Suburban communities to and from work, education centers, public buildings, local businesses. CENTRO should be an active partner in the I-81 design process.*

- *Park & Ride Centers planned during the construction phase.*

- *Pedestrian and Bicycle pathways, consistent with subsequent implementation of Smart Street standards, must be part of Grid designs.*

- **Complete Street Designs** to accommodate all users. Communities built in the past 50 years have often been sprawling, low density communities connected via busy, high speed roadways that are only accessible by car. Complete Streets aims to create Livable Communities that allow people options to access local destinations. Residential and commercial streets with shops, restaurants, pedestrian sidewalks, parking, street trees, and bike lanes require reducing traffic speeds. Some Community Grid designs need revisions to ensure this, such as:

- *Business Loop 81 (BL-81) must reduce lane widths to 11 feet from Erie Blvd. to MLK Blvd, and to 30 mph between Oswego Blvd & MLK Jr. E.*

- *BL-81 should reduce design speed to 30 - 40 mph from MLK Blvd. North to Hiawatha Blvd.*

- *The Almond Street Corridor must reduce lanes to 115' - 120' widths to tame the traffic which, given its central location within the Grid, serves those accessing local destinations. Speed is no longer essential for this.*

Submitted By: Martha Ours, Local AARP Chapter Representative

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N.Y. Zip: 13057

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315 14638216 Email:

Comments:

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Thank you

Walt Palmeri

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ONOND CREEK

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Comments: RE: NOISE ABATEMENT

Serious consideration should be given to noise barriers being $\frac{2}{3}$ solid bottom and $\frac{1}{3}$ top clear plexiglass to allow visibility of trees/foliage/etc. on the opposite side of the roadway.

While noise reduction might ~~loss some dB~~ result in some loss in dB due to the plexi glass, this might be a good trade off in some areas.

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Name: GARY RADFORD
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Comments:

WOULD LIKE PHASE I DESIGNERS TO CONTACT
FOR ONSITE REVIEW ON FINAL DESIGN OF PROJECT
TO GO OVER GRADING & TREE REMOVAL OF OUR PROPERTY!

THANKS!

THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING WAS
VERY HELPFUL!!!

GARY RADFORD




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8/18/2021

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on my behalf of my company **Riccelli Holdings**, we are family-owned and operating in Central NY for over four generations. As the president of a multi-faceted business which includes **Riccelli Enterprises Inc. , Northern Ready Mix LLC, Northern Asphalt LLC, Northern Paving LLC , and Syracuse Sand & Gravel LLC** , I work closely with the DOT and NYDEC and have a great deal of understanding about the infra-structure in and around Central New York.

I support the DEIS I-81 Viaduct Project, and its immediate start.

As money has already been allocated to this project and the cost of materials, gas , electric , and labor are always rising, why wait ?

The project will bring jobs to the people and this community not only during its construction phase but far into the future as more spaces open up for commercial and residential buildings with a new and improved by-way to and from downtown areas, hospitals and university landmarks.
So, why not now?

The Elevated 1.4 mile stretch that is currently I-81 Viaduct has been rated by a jury of Nationally Recognized Transportation Experts and has been listed among the 15 worst urban highways in America , that's in all of AMERICA , It is the only highway to be listed in all 7 group reports since 2008 . So, why not now?

Isn't it time to tear this CNY eye sore down, and begin the repair needed to its communities, while bringing more commerce and re-connecting neighborhoods ?

Let's get rid of the elevated highway , take the 2-billion-dollar budget generously offered and build a street level boulevard, a business loop that will benefit the entire CNY community especially those that have been unfairly red lined for too many years.

Waiting would be at a cost to many. So why not now?

From the vantage point of contractors and local residents it seems like a win-win for CNY and the great state of New York.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Riccelli, President

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Comment Sheet

Name: Lisa Saka
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Comments:

I'm very concerned about the reconstruction of I81 for several reasons:

We need to ensure the project includes city residents & especially residents of color as actual workers in the project. The project needs to prepare, train & provide gainful wages.

The health & well-being of our residents is the backbone of the city. What steps will be taken to ensure residents will be safe from toxic fumes, waste & dust generated in the destruction & removal of current structures? Has housing been determined for those who live near the project, for the duration of the project?

The resulting available land must be used in a way that benefits the immediate area residents, especially since I81 robbed land and resources from the community when it was first built. Who will make decisions on the land use?



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Comments:

my concern is the round about
being to close to King (Steam) School

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State: NY Zip: 13159

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Comments: ① The fix has been in on this project since it was announced to the public. Political forces at the state, federal and local level have been desperate to get their hands on a pot of money for road infrastructure for quite some time.

② Living at the southern edge of Oneida County I will be taking my future money and spending to Cortland County in the future with the nightmare this project entails.

③ There will definitely be a slowing of emergency response to my end of the county and it will cause serious loss of life as ambulance response times will slow.

④ There seems to be a concerted effort to get people out of their cars and using alternative modes of transportation like bikes and elec. cars. Syracuse gets 120" of snow a yr. and loss of lanes to bike seems foolish as few use these things.

⑤ How about thinking outside the box and use the current I-81 right away but bring road down to grade level with expanded lanes and instead build bridges over the road to complete street travel within the city utilizing roundabouts to tie city streets together. Easier to maintain smaller city bridge than an elevated Interstate. See over.

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Comentarios

Nombre: _____

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Ciudad o pueblo: _____

Estado: _____

Código postal: _____

Número de teléfono: () _____

Correo electrónico: _____

Comentarios: ⑥ Traveling extra distance uses more fuel And obviously causes more pollution And CO And CO₂. Traffic jams on city streets will do the same. Why Are we doing this?

⑦ Jobs building the proposal or jobs rehabing the current road Are still jobs.

⑧ Arguements about separating urban neighborhoods are shallow as now with the new proposal the northern and southern parts of the county will be separated but because this effects a different racial group that will be ok.

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Comments:

(1) I live in the South Valley. We are very concerned of what impact this project will have on the Intersection of Seneca Trpk @ Brighton Ave. At Times this intersection fails at peak am and pm. It would be a very wise plan to improve this Intersection.

(2) I would like to see the 481 NB Ramp ^{at} ~~to~~ F. Genesee EB be re-aligned @ 5 to a more perpendicular intersection. Looking west from this ramp intersection is very difficult. The ^{Proposed} ~~new~~ signal west of 481 @ the exit ramps will help.

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Name: Katie Strauch

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State: NY

Zip: 13208

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Comments:

I believe in the Viaduct plan. I live in the Town of Salina so our Town will be losing a lot of revenue due to the traffic being rerouted to 481. Our Town was built up around the truck traffic coming to the Town using the facilities bringing in tax revenue. Without that revenue we will have severe tax increases which we cannot afford. There has to be a way to build a new pathway that will not adversely affect our Town. I realize improvements have to be made but I believe the Viaduct plan would not disrupt the flow of traffic as I see in the community grid. Please review the plan again to see if there is anyway to benefit our Town instead of tearing it apart. I have worked in downtown Syracuse for 30 yrs. and do not believe that changing the streets as much as the grid plan does is necessary.

thank you.

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Comments:

- Jobs for Syracuse workers
- Preference + minimum for workers of color
 ↑ (amounts of workers of color)
- FAIR + EQUITABLE relocation housing + expenses during construction for viaduct adjacent residents
- Right of return post construction for former residents
- Open up the Oakwood gates!!!!



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YES TO THE GRID !!



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Comments: THE OFF RAMP & ON RAMP ARE GOING TO CLOSE, THE ON RAMP WILL BE ON ^{BEAR} ST, THE TRAFFIC WILL CONTINUE ON SUNSET TO BEAR ST INCREASING THE DECIBEL LEVEL FROM 64 → 69, I ASKED THE STATE IF I COULD GET SOME HELP ON BETTER WINDOWS, THEY SAID NO, ONLY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HELP WITH SOUND PROOFING MY HOME, THERE IS A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY PUT INTO THE HIGHWAY, I COULD USE SOME HELP, I A SENIOR & VETERAN

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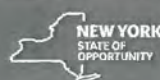
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Comments:

Air Quality regarding Viaduct
tear down.

Jobs FOR residents
job training



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Comments:

Round about Idea is

INSANE!!! Because

- 1) the majority of people don't know how to drive one
- 2) People (ie drivers) in Syracuse do not respect traffic speed in general
- 3) It's being planned in front of a school in an area packed with pedestrians.

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Comments:

- > concern about the end of 481 South onto Brighton Ave - already tie ups going into the Intrepid Ln. medical offices, & onto Seneca Tpk toward Salina St.
- > concern that the 'urban grid' will create 'urban gutters' like West St - are there landscaping plans - islands that could be planted (as in Chicago)
- > The 'roundabout' is too close to King Elementary and will dump too much traffic near the school.
- > The proposed new aquarium at Inner Harbor will draw traffic, is the highway system taking that into account?
- > Not happy with the 'widening' proposal that would take down so many buildings if the current elevated plan is used, but am also still concerned about new traffic patterns & effects on existing businesses (Destiny, northern edge hotels & hospitals) if elevated is eliminated.

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