Appendix M-6
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Part 6

Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Tue 8/10/2021 7:45 PM

To: David Smith <i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov>

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To: Bjorness, Joan E (DOT)
Subject: Fwd: I-81
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Comments.

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REVISED COMMENT

TO: Mark Frechette, NYS DOT Region 3
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Onondaga County Executive, Ryan McMahon

Syracuse Mayor, Ben Walsh
NYS US Congressman John Katko
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NYS US Senator Kristen Gillibrand
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NYS Senator John W. Mannion
Town Supervisor Edward Michalenko
RE: I-81

I have been attending the I-81 Project meetings from the beginning of the public forums. I have written many comment sheets, but I have never received any feedback. I'm again going to write my thoughts. The hybrid plan preserves the vital high speed route through the CENTER OF THE REGION as well as simultaneously allowing the community grid for passage and activities.

Some of the many reasons for choosing the hybrid plan are:
1. The I-81 expressway connects ALL areas in all directions.

2. Eliminating 1.5 miles of the direct north-south corridor
   A. Will discourage business from and with the city

B. It will make commuter nightmares for area residents

C. It will NOT help the south side areas "connect" with other areas; i.e. the environmental justice issues will not be resolved because it will not change the lives or living conditions of the south side residents nor the disenfranchised.

D. The western side of the city will have NO connection with I-81 N or S

3. The 1.5 miles of the community grid (without the I-81 expressway) would be like creating an Erie Boulevard through the city; the result would be

A. Increased congestion on city and neighborhood streets that were never meant to handle heavy traffic

B. 8,000+ employees will be jammed onto the "Grid" that will be like an Erie Boulevard

C. It would negatively impact the local economy, small businesses and jobs throughout the region because it would divert business traffic around the city

D. The slow traffic (stop and go traffic) in a community grid would increase the hydrocarbons and slow down any EMS & 1st responders' efforts as well as commuter time

E. The community grid alone is NOT efficient.

F. Postal carriers, delivery services, repair services, medical services, students, IT and maintenance workers, vendors and suppliers need the I-81 North- South connection.

G. Rt. 690 will also be affected negatively. Rt.690 will end putting traffic onto Genesee and West Street as well as Crouse & Irving

H. The community grid by itself will create GRID LOCK!

4. Rt. 481 is already at full capacity.

5. Using Rt. 481 will take business away from the city.

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Wed 10/13/2021 12:15 PM

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Thu 8/19/2021 5:27 PM

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Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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Good afternoon,

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Oakwood Cemetery is a major resource; historically, culturally, locality wise, as well as vital public green space. It is used daily by students and faculty from both Syracuse University and SUNY ESF, as well as residents of the east-side adjacent neighborhoods. A connection to the southside and downtown through the historic main entrance gate provides an unmatched opportunity to reconnect the city through a pedestrian safe and serene park-like setting, as it was originally designed and utilized for decades. It is an opportunity to right the environmental injustice that occurred through the original construction of I-81 which devasted and inequitably separated the southside community from the rest of the city.

This connection would also provide new activity leading to renewal and revitalization in the most historic sections of the cemetery which, is in itself a major asset to the city of Syracuse. Currently these sections are out of sight to most, having been left to demolition by neglect, vandalism, and considered dangerous.

It is important to note that Oakwood Cemetery's current administration (non-for profit) does not have an interest in restoring access to Oakwood's historic main entrance gate. However, our ask is that I-81 be designed so that future administrations could if they chose. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to holistically address circulation, environmental justice, reweaving the urban fabric, and so much more in Historic Syracuse, while celebrating the creativity of the rural cemetery movement of the 19th century.

I urge you to consider righting this wrong and restoring access to Oakwood Cemetery's historic main entrance gate. As it's been said, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Please take into consideration all the families that lives in that footprint that already suffer from respiratory problems. How are you going to prevent more air pollution?

Points west are once again ignored

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To whom it may concern

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Regards

Suspended bridge

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Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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To the NYSDOT:

I'm a longtime resident of the Town of DeWitt, NY, and I'm a strong supporter of the DOT's community grid option for the reconstruction of Interstate 81 in Syracuse. I believe that the community grid is an important step in the campaign for greater racial, economic, and environmental justice in Central New York. However, I also believe that several upgrades can be made to the plan that appears in the DOT's July 2021 DDR/DEIS.

My primary concerns involve the stretch of highway to be relabeled BL 81 between the current Interchange 16A and I-690. Specifically, the DOT's current plan fails to meet its own stated goal to "enhance the livability, visual quality, sustainability, and economic vitality of greater Syracuse."

It's well-documented that the original construction of I-81 in the 1960s came at tremendous cost to residents of the community in the highway's path, a majority of whom were persons of color. Any actions seeking to improve the area's "livability" and "economic vitality" in the 2020s must be based on deliberate and direct attempts to undo these past wrongs.

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Again, I want to emphasize that the reconstruction of I-81 can only be done properly with an understanding of the need for social and environmental justice in Central New York. While such a perspective is beyond the purview of the NYSDOT, working with local political leaders and representatives of the directly impacted community who seek such goals is not.

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Thank you,

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Hannah Brazil

From: sandra barrett <sandrabarrett100@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:34 AM
To: I81opportunities@dot.ny.gov
Subject: thank you project team!

As a community member who has been a proponent of the community grid alternative since "rethinking I-81" with the Onondaga Citizens League beginning in 2006, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mark Frechette and the I-81 project team, past and present. Your work, along with the earlier work of the SMTC, is very much appreciated.
I know it's too soon to pop any champagne corks, but I'm hopeful!
Thanks again.

Sandra Barrett
Syracuse

Rte 81 Project

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Those are my thoughts & ideas. I hope they help you make intelligent & productive choices. Again, thanks for allowing us to provide our feedback and ideas.

CR Barry
Clay, NY

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To Whom it may concern:

What do you intend to do to stop panhandlers from accosting motorists, if the proposed community grid plan were to go through? Since people will not be able to drive through Syracuse without stopping.

Very truly yours,

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I use the Butternut St. Bridge a lot to get to the West and South sides, especially Community Hospital and other parts of Onondaga Hill. When I explained to several different DOT engineers how I drive to these places, I was told that it's not used much and would be eliminated. I'm not sure when this survey was done, but there is always 4 lanes of vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic using this. I am told the alternate would be a 2 lane Butternut St. Bridge at Ganet Ave but it won't really be connected to anything that could get me to the places I need to go to. I was told if I needed to get to West St., I could go to W. Genesee St. which would connect with West St. That's a very convoluted route for me to get to West Genesee (and takes much longer) and still would not get me where I want to go. Or I could drive right down Salina St. to Seneca Turnpike for Community (which is where I have Oncology) and Onondaga Hill. I would say with all the traffic lights reportedly going in it would probably take me 45-60 minutes vs. the 10-15 it now takes.

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I understand there will no longer be entrance/exits from I-81 to 690. For us on the North and East sides of the City that presents a real problem. I do believe the trucking companies when they say that truck traffic going around on the revised 481 will be substantial. All of this means I will be driving City streets more to get to places. And no one has said what happens to the elevated parts of 690. I believe that with no entrance/exit between I-81 and 690, this will negatively effect those living on the North side and will take us twice as long to get anywhere and at my age, that isn't something I want to have to do. I have lived on the North side all of my life so I know all the 'quick' ways to get places in the City. But this I-81 idea will make things very much harder…..

I just don’t think the Community Grid, as proposed is the answer.

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Thanks for all your hard work on these plans and preparations. I look forward (and hope I'm still alive and driving) to the completion of this project!

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Super 8, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

I implore you conduct more fact based research on how much revenue would be lost from the travel based industry businesses located off I-81, including hotels, gas stations, restaurants and fast food establishments. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement suggests it would only be 1% decline in business. As a person dealing directly with the guests who choose to stay at our hotel because we're right off I-81, I can assure you it's not merely 1%!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name Samantha Biret
Position ~~Frontdesk~~ Manager
Hotel Super 8

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Project Director
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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Super 8, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that the community grid option will add to my commute time and expenses. I do not live right in Liverpool and use I-81 to get to work daily as do many of my coworkers.

Adding time to my commute will result in less time I am able to spend at home with my family.

Additionally, longer commute times will cost more in gasoline and automobile care as well as childcare expenses.

Please consider the economic impact this will have on my co-workers and me.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Name Samantha Binet
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Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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I-81 plans

Carol Boll <clboll@syr.edu>

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Dear Officials—
Please just GET IT DONE. Although I live just outside the city, in the town of DeWitt, I completely support the community grid. It's long overdue, and the alternatives have been studied to death. I am SO TIRED of the delays and of suburban business owners and Destiny trying to wield inordinate influence over what should be a call made by those most directly affected--city residents themselves—and not by commuters and business entities more interested in moving car traffic through the city than spending time in it.

I have lived in Syracuse since 1980 and have seen how small-minded, provincial thinking has held us back time and again in ways that have stymied our growth and helped depress downtown economic activity. We could have had a downtown baseball stadium, but no—the northside power brokers nixed that in favor of keeping it in their own outer neighborhood. I remember the hue and cry that attended Syracuse University's initiative to create a "Connective Corridor," linking the campus with downtown and west to Armory Square. God forbid we make University Avenue TWO WAYS. It'll be a disaster. The corridor will be a joke. All for naught. University Avenue functions just fine as a two-way street, and the corridor provides a nice bike path from the hill downtown. I don't know what it is about change, but we don't handle it very well up here.

Build the community grid. Reroute thru traffic to 481. Get it done already. Enough's enough.
Best,
Carol Boll
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I-81 proposal

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the community grid. It's vitally important to the revitalization of the city of Syracuse.

The well-financed opponents have only their selfish interests at heart, not the residents of the city and county.

Please get this project going as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Thomas Boll
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I-81 Viaduct Project

Margaret Bombard <bombs4822@gmail.com>

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My name is Margaret Bombard. I am a long time resident of the Syracuse area. I grew up in the suburbs, then moved into the city and have worked at our downtown hospitals for the last 22 years. During that time I have found the level of income inequality between white county residents and inner city minorities in our city to be quite shocking, and am writing to demand that the $2 billion I-81 project be used to help remedy, rather than exacerbate, this situation.

Having friends in the trade unions, I have always been aware that city residents, who represent the greatest concentration of our minorities, are very underrepresented. However, the Urban Jobs Task Force/ Legal Services of CNY 2019 report (https:/www.ujtf.org/reis) reveals that the problem is bigger than many of us imagined. Therefore, I am in strong favor of using PLAa with Community Workforce Provisions. This should also be coupled with a commitment to use apprentices as a greater percentage of the workforce, as I understand many other cities do for their projects. A goal of 20%, apprentice use, while keeping the journeyperson to apprentice ratio intact, does not seem unreasonable. I understand the reinstatement of the SEP-14 program will make CWA-PLAs much easier to construct, and so I expect this apprenticeship provision to be made an important goal.

While there are many other ways the 81 project planning can impact our community, I see finally including diverse, disadvantaged city residents in the trades as a way to effect a change in the income disparities that will last long after the I-81 project is over. The work needed to affect this change is something we owe the many inner city residents that were displaced and marginalized by the original poor design of this highway project, and I urge the NYSDOT to fully support these important measures as a partial remedy.

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Andy’s produce and food service

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My name is Andy Boucounis and I own and operate Andy’s at the corner of 101 west court st and genant drive in Syracuse. We have 4 driveways 2 for retail and 2 for wholesale and receiving. One of the driveways on genant is how tractor trailers back in to get unloaded and are paramount to our operational survival! There’s also a utility pole there that makes it tough for them to back in as it’s been struck and replaced many times over 27 years we’ve been here. I would appreciate someone coming to walk the property with me soon to explain in detail what needs to be addressed. I can be reached at +13154470612. Thanks

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The Community Grid = Gridlock for the Community

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Please do not move forward with the Community Grid.

1. It will slow, may even prevent getting to the area hospitals in a timely manner. Can the politicians in favor of the grid live with that? News reporters are waiting to report ALL the deaths due to not being able to access the hospitals in a timely manner due to grid lock from The Grid! The legacy of the politicians that are in favor will be tarnished with every death.
2. It will increase traffic on local streets when traffic is slow moving during peek times (hospital rush hour, normal rush hour, Syracuse games, Dome events) and traffic must find alternative local routes to keep moving.
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4. The 2-lanes of Rt 481 simply won't be able to handle an increase of traffic when it is currently heavily used during peek times. Increase 481 with a 3rd lane first, before anything else.
5. Aren't we suppose to be concerned with car emissions and global warming instead of increasing mileage to get to the airport by anyone south of the city. It clearly doesn't make sense to go to the 81 exit off 481 and head south to reach the airport. Adding to increase fuel consumption and emissions.
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It a mistake to correct a wrong from years ago, and it will only make the City of Syracuse a gridlock mess.

I81 Syracuse

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Thank you for your consideration,
Elaine Boull

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To our decision makers:

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Thank You
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sound mitigation

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Interstate 81 Community Grid Plan - western impact

Mary Bradly <mbradly@verizon.net>

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Mary Bradly

Skaneateles, NY

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Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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I was so scared.

a Assistant manager for Bruegers Bagels. I have worked there 1 1/2 years now. I have been a Salina Resident for 33 years now. I moved here when I was 1. I have a 12 yea old daughter. Hope you will take my comments into consideration. Thank you for your time.

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Extension from Northern Blvd to 81

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Sent from my iPad

Sharon Millhouse

From: gabrielle_eve=hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Gabrielle Broder <gabrielle_eve@hotmail.com>
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Mr. Frechette,

A letter providing comments regarding I-81 is attached. I have also copied the text of the letter below for your convenience:

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Citizen Feedback regarding Community Grid Plan

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I am taking a minute to send you my thoughts regarding the Community Grid Plan. As I viewed it, it did not looked like there is curbing with two lanes on both sides separated by a median with grass and bicycle paths. I did not see any "shoulders" on either side where cars could pull over in the event of a breakdown, or accident. With a great deal of traffic using this boulevard, it is inevitable that there will be accidents and car breakdowns. If there is nowhere for these cars to pull over, it will cause a severe gridlock. If both lanes are blocked, transportation will stop completely and how will Police and tow trucks get to the problem site to clear it? If it "only" blocks one lane, it will still cause a dangerous problem of commuters trying to merge into one lane of traffic.

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In summary, please widen the road and have an extra lane for emergency vehicles as well as other regular issues mentioned above.

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Hannah Brazil

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Another comment.

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As a lifelong resident of Central New York, I can say with absolute certainty that I81 is the most important infrastructure in the region. It is more important than the airport, railways, buses, public buildings, other roads, and highways because it is the artery through which virtually all commerce and human activity flows. I690 and I481 are branches that extend from the trunk that is I81. Downtown Syracuse is fed by I81 and to cut it off is unconscionable and would do irreputable harm to the city and the region. We live in LaFayette and I have not only commuted daily into downtown via I81 for work at Niagara Mohawk, Pyramid's Clinton Exchange, and Franklin Square for over 30 years, but my wife and I use I81 for almost every excursion. If we are headed to a Pop Warner game in Camillus, we take I81 to I690W, the fairgrounds, I81 to I690W, a Syracuse game its I81 to Adams Street, any business in Dewitt its I81 to I690E, Destiny USA, I81 to Park Street, Onondaga Lake Park, I81 to 370, the airport, I81 to Mattydale, Burdick in Cicero, I81 to I481. Whether its shopping, recreation, dining, visiting family or doctors' appointments, I81 facilitates the trip. Cutting off the flow of thousands of vehicles into Syracuse and throughout the region is illogical to say the least.

Forcing traffic onto city streets, lined with homes, small businesses and schools not only slows commutes but destroys neighborhoods and creates unnecessary safety issues for residents. It is not just stop and go traffic congestion, angry drivers attempting to take a left from a residential side street, but the constant noise that will disturb the peace and quiet that every resident is entitled to. Also, air pollution and roadside trash. Property values along the proposed route are already low, what will they be worth when thousands of vehicles rumble by all day, every day? Next to nothing!

Routing traffic around the city on what is now I481 is incredibly inefficient. The shortest distance between two points is a straight line, not a wide loop. Would we continue to frequent businesses downtown, in the city north of downtown, in Liverpool, Clay, North Syracuse, and Erie Blvd East from downtown to Thompson Road if it required looping around the city then doubling back via I690W, or connecting with I81 at I481 in Cicero and doubling back south? Not likely! Syracuse is referred to as the 20-minute city, but more appropriately the 20-minute designation should be applied to Onondaga County, not just the city. The speed of travel and the ease of commutes is a huge, positive feature of this area. Instead of sitting in traffic, which is unproductive and diminishes lifestyle, we in Central New York enjoy a more relaxed and productive lifestyle than just about any other metropolitan region in the country. Why eliminate this benefit?

Why is the question, who is it that wants to tear down I81? No one I have ever talked to. I have a good friend that lives along the proposed Community Grid on the southside. She has no interest in visiting anyone on the other side of I81, and even if she did, she would just drive a couple of blocks. She also does not want more traffic on State or Salina Streets; nobody she knows is in favor of this project. I cannot imagine anyone who lives outside the city limits favoring the demolition of I81. Of the approximately 500,000 people who live in the county, how many want I81 gone? I assume it is next to none! That is not to mention the people that live in Oswego and Cortland counties that

consider Syracuse as their hub.

In reviewing the impressive, glossy brochure I received from the DOT titled Major Features of the Community Grid Alternative it is clear that somebody in state government is pushing this approach. I wonder if they live in Central New York. But in any case, the first comment I have is that the other alternatives are not included, which would lead one to believe that this is a fait accompli, which I hope is a misconception, why else have all these presentations, meetings, and drawn-out comment periods. Second, the renderings are a fantasy, pristine streets, beautiful landscaping, pedestrians strolling leisurely along the boulevard and bicyclists. This is the City of Syracuse, replete with cold and snow. Compare the drawings to the reality that is North Salina Street or Erie Boulevard East. Third, the proposed features for the most part include things that appear to not require the removal of I81. For example, adding a basketball court to Wilson Park, improving West Street, North Clinton Street, Hiawatha Boulevard, and the Onondaga Creek Walk, plus establishing the "Canal District". These projects have nothing to do with I81 other than funding and an attempt to placate negatively impacted residents. If these improvements are indeed worthwhile, they should be undertaken and independently funded. The emphasis on bicycle paths is ridiculous, biking around the lake or along the canal is great, we do both, but no one uses the "Connective Corridor" or the new path down the middle of Erie Blvd East. Improving the view of the Tully Valley; that tops all. This is not the best use of taxpayer money!

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Roy Brunner

Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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481 Issues

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Other than I think the project is a mistake and will not provide the desired benefits to the people who live in the affected area of Syracuse while increasing the commute times for all in the community; I have two main issues:

1. Add 3 lanes to the **entire** stretch of 481 between where it currently connects south and north of the city. This road currently is congested for most of the day, once you add the additional traffic this plan will cause, it will be a mess.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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My Support for Community Grid Alternative in Syracuse

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Many thanks to the New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for all their hard work on this major project.

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I-81 Public Comment

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I am writing this comment as a Syracuse resident of the Westcott neighborhood for the past 14 years and as a teacher at STEAM at Dr. King Elementary.

I am in favor of the Community Grid option for the removal/replacement of I-81. Syracuse City has long needed to address the issue of how the highways have divided the community and the racial legacy of segregation. Syracuse is not unique in having to own up to this dark history of city planning, but it does have a unique opportunity to offer reparations to the community that still resides in the shadow of I-81.

The current Community Grid option does not fulfill this duty. The current plan as I understand it, allows high speed traffic to continue into the downtown area of the city until the round-about placed at STEAM at Dr. King. While I understand the purpose of a Business I-81 is to allow highway traffic to enter the downtown efficiently, this proposal effectively continues the segregation and isolation of the South Side community from the rest of the city.

The current position of the round-about is for practical purposes at the northern most residential area, which would mean that south of that round-about traffic would be continuing at high speeds and not allow pedestrian or bicycle crossings. Because of that decision, further development of the land bordering that section, or home improvement incentives, would also not be possible or likely. This would essentially create a no-go zone that would hold the current segregation line. I ask the planners to take another look at this section of the proposal, which seems to not been as considered as needed. Without this section being passable or connected to the rest of the city, this isn't a Community Grid, it is a Business Grid.

Many comments have already focused on the health and safety issues concerning the round-about at STEAM at Dr. King. As a teacher at this Elementary School, I echo those concerns. Specifically, I wanted to comment on how the round-about still continues the history of inaccessibility of the school and community to the University, the Hospitals, and economic opportunity.

To illustrate my point, I would like to make a comparison. My own children attended Ed Smith Elementary at the corner of Broad and Lancaster in Syracuse. As 1st graders, both of them took a walking field trip to the Crouse Hospital School of Nursing. They spent time in the morning walking through residential neighborhoods, had a picnic lunch on Syracuse University Campus, and then

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The current Community Grid plan focuses on the needs and interests of the University, the hospitals and downtown businesses. This is a not only a missed opportunity to right the historical wrong that I-81 represents, but it also does not consider the economic and employment benefits that might come from integrating the South Side community with the rest of the city. Many families near STEAM at Dr. King, and further south, do not own cars or not reliable ones. They rely on city transportation or pedestrian walkways. By offering safe ways to access the University, hospitals and other interests, the South Side community could access many more of the available work opportunities at those institutions. This would also allow students, both at the University and the Medical school, to access volunteer opportunities on the South Side and enjoy the great cultural diversity and entrepreneur businesses being started there.

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We all have one goal as I see it, to make this city a livable, healthy place that can move into the future with determination, innovation, and community. While every need cannot be met or nor every idea included, it is time to prioritize the South Side with this project and not the many who already have so much.

Thank you for your consideration. Best of luck to you.

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I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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I believe that "The Grid" is going to negatively impact the Town of Salina, and the community as the road improvements are happening all around us, yet overlooking necessary improvements at the Northern most trafficked intersection of I-81 in the Town of Salina. The interchange here is ugly, cumbersome, obstructs the view of the Onondaga Lake, and not to mention is a danger to the pedestrian traffic in the area.

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Thank you for your time.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:01 PM
To: David Smith
Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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I-81Viaduct Project

Larry Byrnes <lbyrnes@fayettevillefd.com>

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Gentlemen,

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1, Why stop traffic on SB 481 to EB Rt 5 exit ramp. Existing merging works well most of the time. A traffic light is unnecessary.

2. Merging traffic from Rt. 5 EB to 481 N will have a very difficult time merging across three lanes of traffic to 690 WB . Existing two lanes are very difficult to merge across now..

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5. A major flaw in the existing and future plans is no ramp from 690EB to 81NB.

Thank you for your attention.
Lawrence G. Byrnes,
313 Chapel St.
Fayetteville, NY 13066-2101
315 - 952 - 8739

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Justin Cabrera

Route 81 through Syracuse

George Cady <gbcady62@gmail.com>

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Thank you

George Cady
206 Hurlburt Road
Syracuse, NY 13224

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kathleen cahill

October 1, 2021

Dear Mark Frechette,

My name is Kelsey Caiello, I have been a homeowner and taxpayer in the Town of Salina for the last 8 years in addition to being a resident in this town for most of my life. The reason for my letter today is to discuss my concerns regarding "The Grid" and its impact to the Town of Salina. This project will almost certainly prove to be a detriment to the town and its residents. While we are all forced to accept that reality, it doesn't make it okay that we are constantly being overlooked every step of the way. Billions of construction dollars are being spent all around the area, perhaps what was most disheartening was to see that construction stops at the northern most extents of the project limits, almost intentionally right at the town line. As I travel this route most days in my daily routine, I know all too well how ugly and cumbersome this intersection is. I ask simply that our voices are heard, and we that we be included in the conversation. If tearing barriers and righting the wrongs of the past is a goal of this proposal, then you are missing huge opportunities to do so, and creating further divide. This intersection is one of the main gateways to town of salina, and one of the most impoverished areas of the town. Might I add that there is future construction planned at almost every main artery leading up to this intersection, yet the intersection itself is being overlooked. It is dangerous to pedestrians and vehicles alike. It obstructs our view to the lake and is a terrible introduction to the town. I also see development is taking place nearby. Now is the time to fix it. In closing, I am requesting that you study this intersection and urge to explore a more creative more aesthetic approach to this area. Thank you again for your consideration.

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Kelsey Caiello

Caughdenoy On ramp

Rick <rjcaiello@gmail.com>

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Currently there is only a north bound exit / off ramp for Caughdenoy Road.

There will be no easy access back onto 481 if a tractor trailer inadvertently misses 81 north and gets off at Caughdenoy Road?

We desperately need a south bound exit / on ramp at Caughdenoy Road.

Concerned resident.

Thank you!

Sharon Millhouse

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Jenna Cain

Caiazza Comments on I-81 Viaduct Project

I am not going to submit detailed comments because it is obvious that the community grid option is a forgone conclusion despite the detrimental effects to those living on the NW side of the Syracuse area, the irrational rationale that community grid is necessary to correct a decades-long racist decision, and the claim that the community grid will enhance pedestrian and cyclist mobility and safety. I believe that the decision has already been made by virtue-signaling politicians who currently manage Department of Transportation decisions.

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Dear Mark and Rick:

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I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Keilly Canales
Housekeeper
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October 6, 2021

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (315) 679-7279, or by email councilorcarnie@gmail.com.

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Another one.

Sent from my iPhone

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81 re-build

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Embassy Suites - I81 Comments

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Good afternoon,

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Thank you for your consideration.

- Location – Location – Location
- In the hotel industry - Location & Price are the top motivators that drive bookings
- There is a reason people build hotels next to interstates & highways
- Ease of Travel – Convenience – not too far out of the way
  - When it is not convenient to stop – the likelihood they will stop decreases
  - This could mean by-passing Syracuse as whole and making a stop in a more convenient location
- We have worked for years to develop Destiny & the Embassy Suites as a one stop destination easy to get to off the highway and close to downtown. This is part of the allure to book at our hotel.
  - Tour Buses
  - Groups
  - Transient / Leisure travelers
  - Canadian & NYC markets
- We have asked our sales manager & CVB's for years try to sell the city as a destination for city wide events – in competition with other cities
  - Convenience
  - Low Hassle
  - Efficient & well planned events
  - Good Experience for their attendees
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Eileen Chappell <michael.eileen.2012@gmail.com>

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We on Ambergate rd in Dewitt can already hear the highway. If 481 is to be expanded or opened up at all to accommodate traffic from 81, then we defiantly would need a sound barrier that is both aesthetically pleasing and functional. I would like to see your plans to mitigate this problem for the neighborhoods adjacent to 481.
Thank you,
Eileen Chappell
117 Ambergate rd

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Michael Chappell <rangermcrc506@gmail.com>

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To whom it may concern,

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Respectfully,
Michael Chappell
117 Ambergate rd
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Hannah Brazil

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To: Bjorness, Joan E (DOT)
Subject: FW: 81 viaduct
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 3:37:25 PM

-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Chellis <mikechellis22@gmail.com>
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Subject: 81 viaduct

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Mark - you and I have spoken at several earlier meetings on this project. I just want to reaffirm my stance and views.

Removing the interstate thru Syracuse and replacing it with the grid carries many severely negative aspects, especially for truck and other commercial traffic. Re-designating 481 to 81 adds 11 to 14 miles (and corresponding travel time) to the route for traffic continuing north or transitioning westbound from Syracuse. Traffic through the eastern suburbs is already heavy on roads (481 and 690) that without significant improvements can't handle that much increase in traffic. Truck warehouses and service facilities are taken out of the direct routing, especially the ones along the 7th North Street corridor between 690 and the Thruway. From safety, efficiency, and pollution standpoints, trucks do not fare well on surface streets with multiple intersections and traffic lights.

A recent addition to the alternatives is the "iconic bridge," such as the Buffalo Skyway and structures in other cities.

I also speak as a Syracuse resident of the outer university area. Navigating the grid, instead of jumping on or off 81 by Brighton Avenue, is something I'm NOT looking forward to.

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Thank you.

Michael Chellis
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I-81 Noise walls

Scott Chenet <scottchenet@gmail.com>

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Thank you,
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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Huge opportunity / Overwhelming problem

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To whom it may concern:

I was born and raised in Syracuse and after college and eight years in Seattle, WA I returned with my husband to raise our children.

We lived in DeWitt for 23 years and just last year moved into the City of Syracuse. I do not envy your job and realize this is a huge undertaking - however, I truly feel we as a city have not been given a good choice. Why is it not possible to keep an elevated highway for through traffic only - provide one exit on the north and south sides of the city? That way trucks and business traffic will not be wasting gas using the 481 bypass. We could still have the community grid below - provide better housing, light the streets and make improvements. Lastly, the proposal to eliminate the Fayetteville exit and add more traffic to an already crowded DeWitt exit seems inefficient. It just seems there has to be a better way.

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Thanks for your time and I hope there is a reconsideration to improve the project so that everyone wins!

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Cramer

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Dear Mr. Frechette, Mr. Marquis and team:

Thank you for your extensive and thoughtful work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the I-81 Viaduct Project. I very much appreciate the years of anaylsis, project development and stakeholder outreach you have put into this statement. I believe the Community Grid option **is** the best solution for Central New York and it meets the needs for the future of our community. I have been an active participant in CenterState CEO's deliberation on the project for several years. We too looked at a number of alternatives before endorsing the Community Grid as a solution. Further, as you know, we suggested several additonal recommendations which CenterState calls Community Grid Plus. I am pleased you all took those recommendations into serious consideration as you prepared the DEIS. This project will be transformational; for our region's economic growth and environmental stewardship. It can also address the social justice issues created by the orginal building of the viaduct. I ask that you also consider the additional recommendations from CenterState CEO below:

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Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

I implore you conduct more fact based research on how much revenue would be lost from the travel based industry businesses located off I-81, including hotels, gas stations, restaurants and fast food establishments. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement suggests it would only be 1% decline in business. As a person dealing directly with the guests who choose to stay at our hotel because we're right off I-81, I can assure you it's not merely 1%!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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The I81 rebuild - making our metropolitan area better for all

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Let me get to the specifics and the end will talk about the justification.

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Mary Cunningham, 412 Orchard St. Fayetteville, NY 13066—September 3, 2021

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It is much easier to reduce speed on the existing I 81 than to deal with the multi year construction process.

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NYSDOT,

Looking over the proposed community grid option and it seems great for the City of Syracuse. What about trucks traveling between I-81 and I-690 that use that interchange to go West and South. With the removal of the I-81/I-690 interchange you will have more trucks going either on city streets (BL-81) or increased truck traffic using I-690 to I-481 SB which is out of the way for traffic going to Binghamton and points south.

What about looking at having an interstate loop that goes from Cicero around to Warners towards Camillus and then extend and connect with I-81 near Frontage Road south of Nedrow allowing both passenger and truck traffic to utilize.

Route 173 could be improved to be utilized as a bypass even and connect with the current I-481 and extend around to Cicero as mentioned above to create an Interstate Loop around Syracuse that would help with traffic flow. See Baltimore, MD as an example of an Interstate Loop.

I would like to see the area around Butternut Street be used as on/off ramps for traffic flowing between I-690 and BL-81 to go to the NYS Fairgrounds, and points west and north without having to use Bear Street or other city streets bringing traffic to city speed limits.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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You will never have this day again, so make it count!!
Make it a great day!! – Inspired from Dale Carnegie Course

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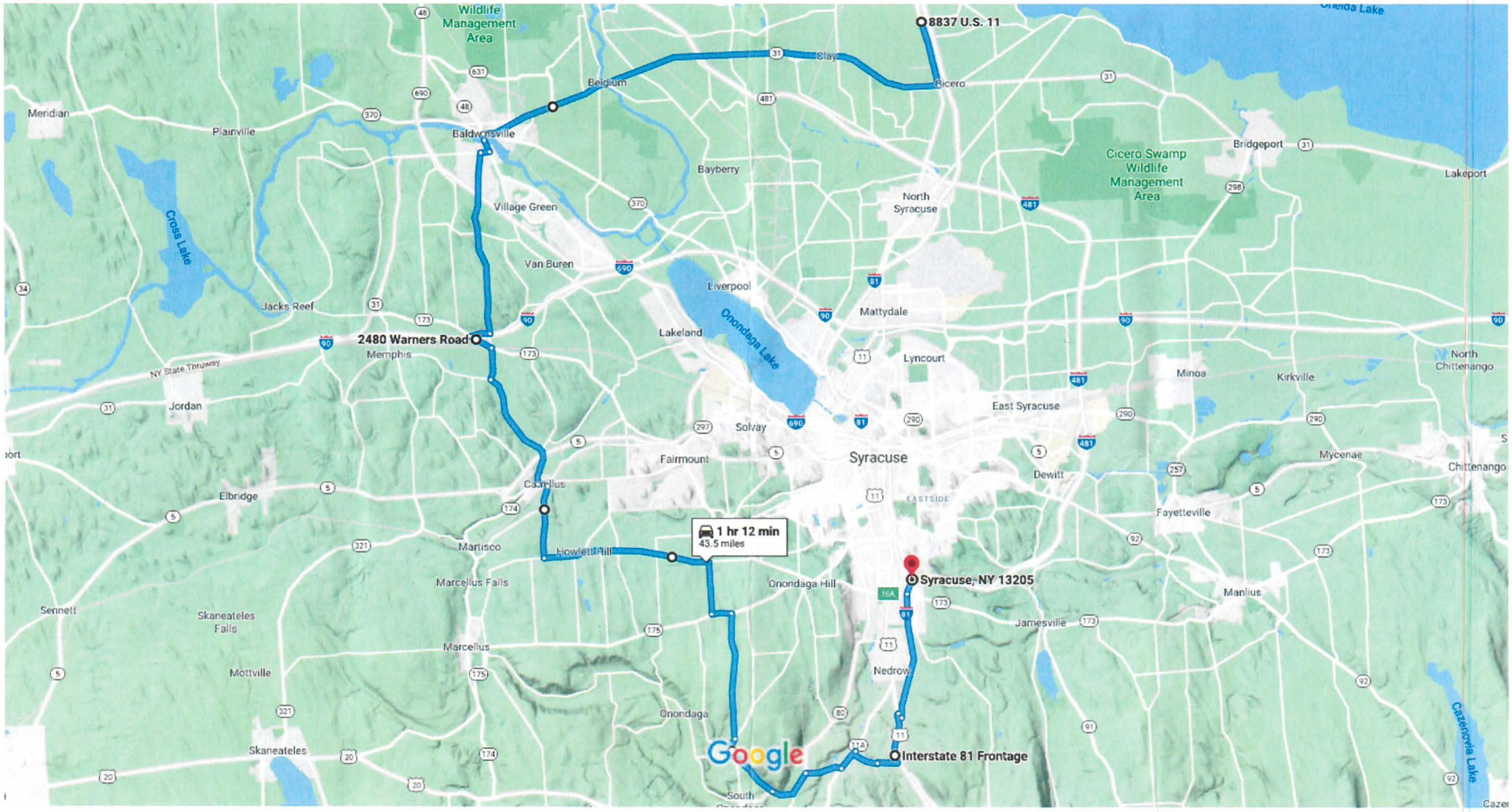

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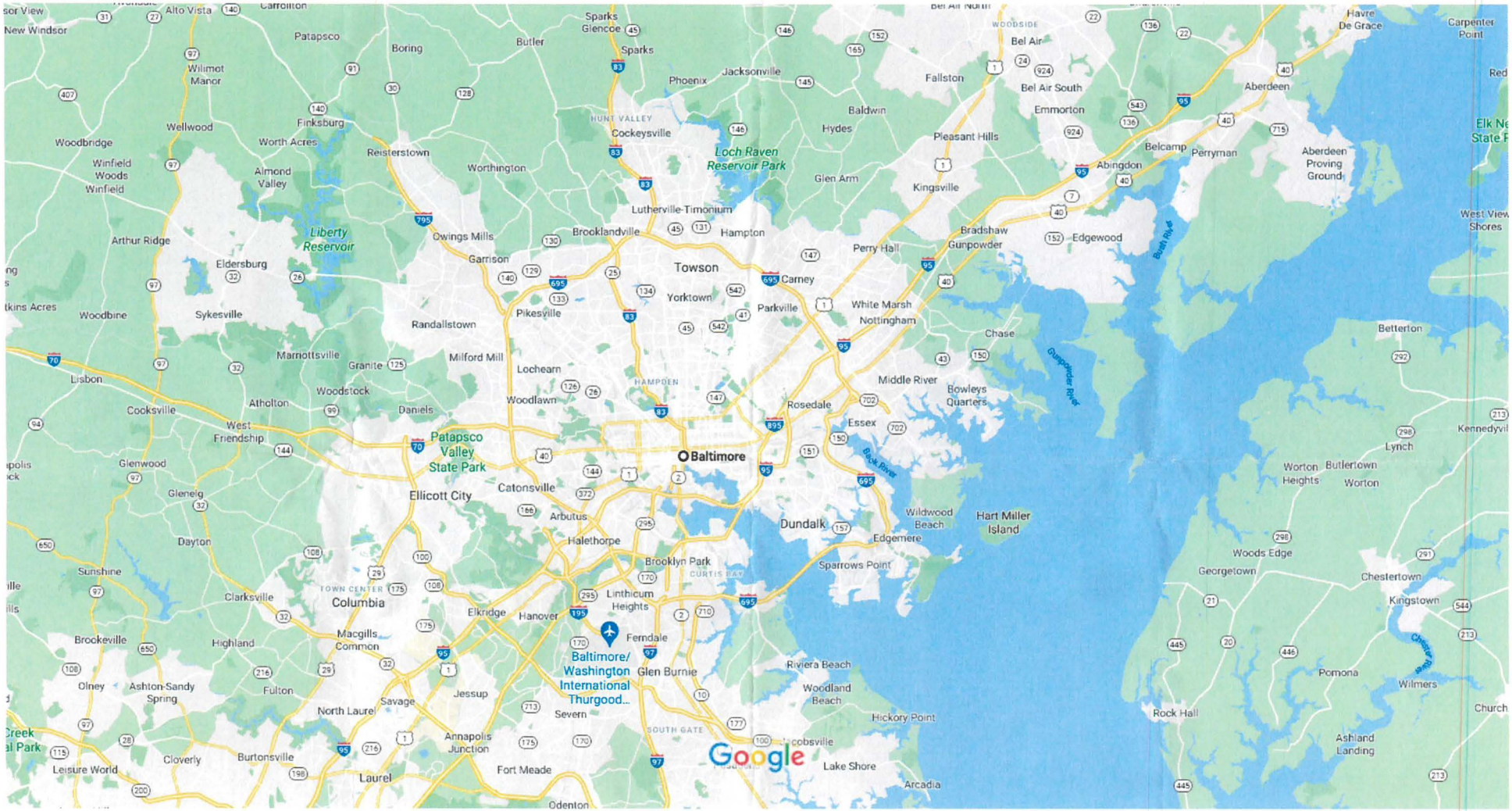
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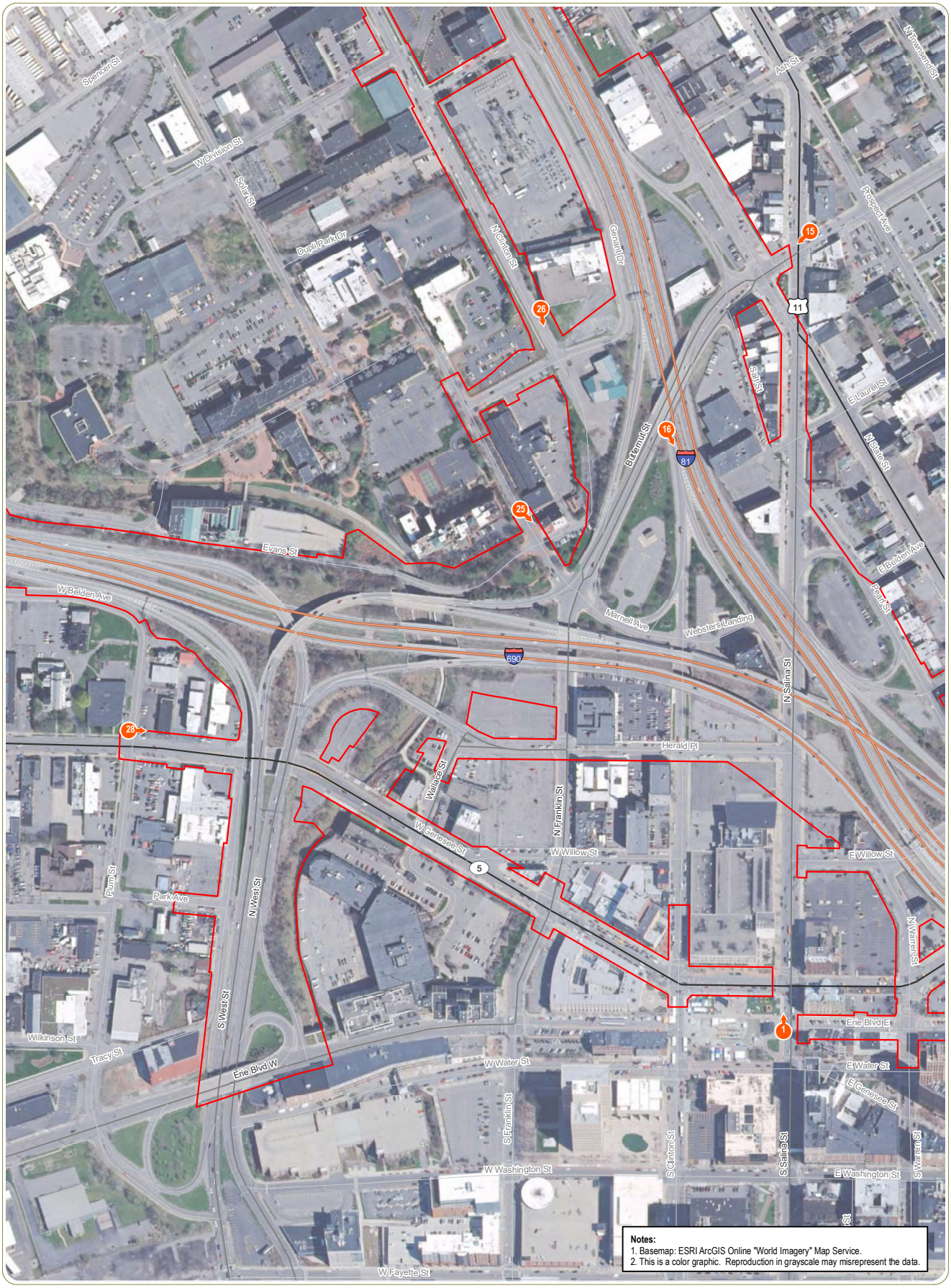

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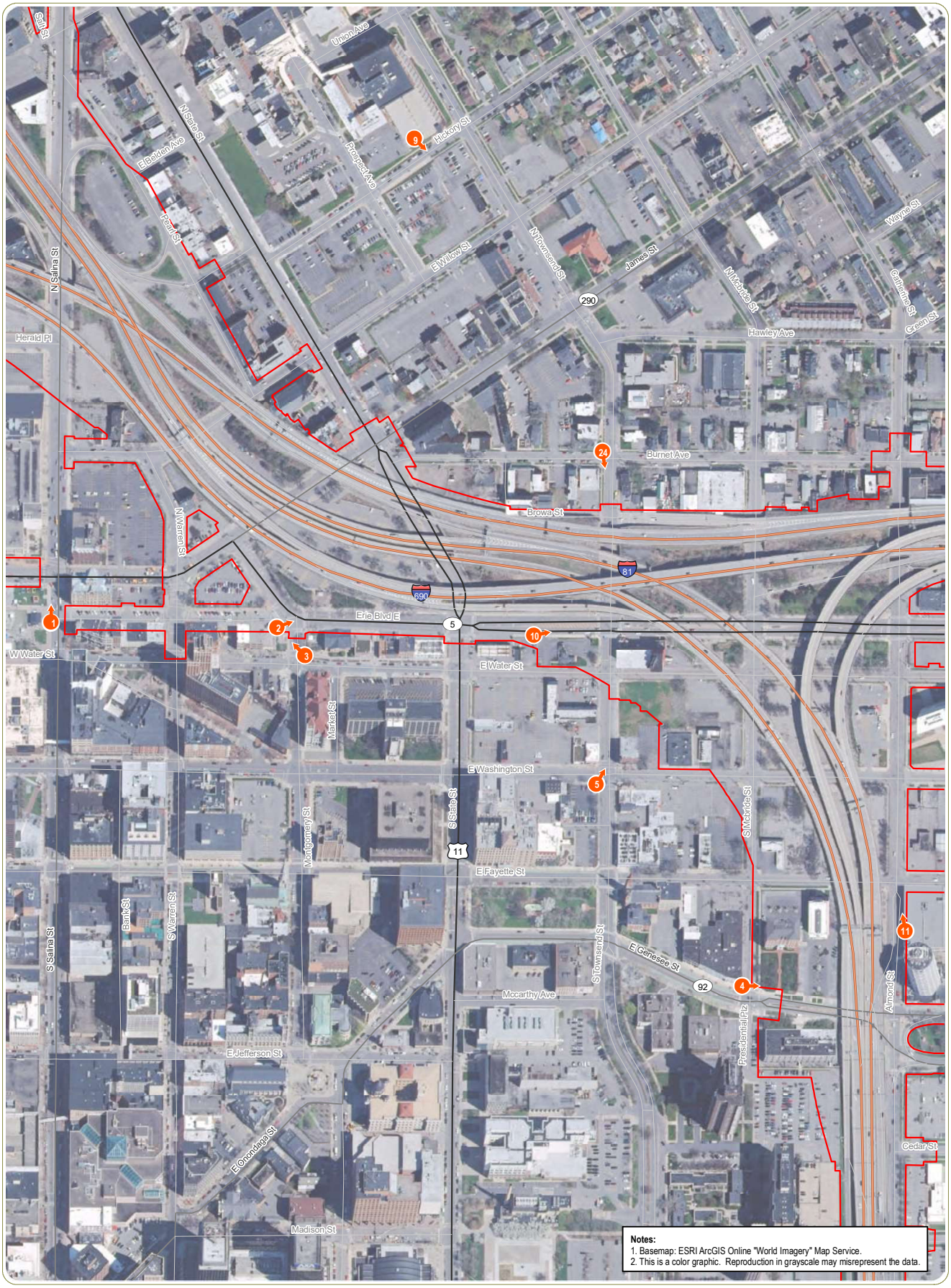

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The same effect could be achieved with a much higher raised highway in the current location and relocating several exits , maintaining local traffic and green space below.

Sent from my iPad Dennis D Daly

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Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:19 AM
To: i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov
Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Another I81 comment.

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Rick Marquis
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Dear Mark and Rick:

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Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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550 South Clinton St Apt 506
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JD <ibejd@twcny.rr.com>

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FHWA Interstate 81 Viaduct Project, New York

Dear Mr. Marquis:

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the DEIS including the draft Section 4(f) evaluation for the Interstate 81 (I-81) Project in New York State. The I-81 Viaduct Project would address structural deficiencies, non-standard highway features, and create an improved transportation corridor through the City of Syracuse. The project would include modifications to I-81, Interstate 690, Interstate 481, related highway interchanges and local streets in Onondaga County, New York. The following comments on this project, prepared by the Department's National Park Service (NPS), are offered for your consideration.

Section 4(f) Evaluation Comments

The Department concurs with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determination that Community Grid Alternative (Preferred Alternative) would result in the *de minimis* impact under Section 4(f) on 13 identified Section 4(f) historic resources in the project area. In addition, we understand that FHWA and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) worked to develop and apply measures to minimize harm to these Section 4(f) properties through a series of refinements, including the design of roadway alignments.

The FHWA also determined there will be no adverse effect to historic properties in the area under Section 106. In a letter dated March 4, 2021, the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NY SHPO) concurred with the Section 106 finding, and FHWA is using this concurrence to support their de minimis finding. In addition, we understand that FHWA is working with the NY SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on a draft Programmatic Agreement for this project.

The Department acknowledges that for one Section 4(f) resource, Wilson Park, there would be a Section 4(f) use from temporary occupation. A 20-foot-wide strip of the park would be occupied during construction for equipment staging during the removal of the existing highway viaduct. In total, a temporary easement on 0.12 acres of Wilson Park would be required for approximately two years of the five-year construction period. Use of this Section 4(f) property would occur due to temporary occupancy, which would be considered adverse in terms of the statute's preservation purpose as determined by the criteria in 23 CFR 774.13(d).

The Department also acknowledges that to mitigate for this temporary loss of parkland, NYSDOT would make numerous improvements within the portion of the park that would remain open. Once construction is complete, the existing eastern basketball court would be reconstructed, and the adjacent lawn area would be graded and reseeded. Thus, the park would be returned to include its current uses, in the same or improved condition, upon the completion of construction.

We also understand FHWA is coordinating this proposed use with the officials who have jurisdiction over Wilson Park, including the City of Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs and the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA). Prior to making Section 4(f) approvals, FHWA must coordinate with these officials and provide the Section 4(f) evaluation for comment. The officials having jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) lands must agree in writing with the assessment of impacts the proposed project will have on Section 4(f) resources and the proposed mitigation.

The Department encourages FHWA to complete its coordination with the City of Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs and the SHA, and provide their concurrence with the final Section 4(f) Evaluation. The Department has no objection to the Section 4(f) approval, provided that concurrence letters from City of Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs and the SHA, be included in the final Section 4(f) Evaluation.

Section 6(f) Evaluation Comments

Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act (now codified at 54 U.S.C. §200305(f)(3)) provides, in part, that:

> *…no property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as they deem necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and reasonable equivalent usefulness and location.*

There are LWCF protected parklands in and around the project area, as described in the DEIS. Based on a review of the document by the NPS, the proposed project should not cause a conversion of LWCF properties. However, should the project alignment change and result in a conversion of LWCF protected parkland at Forman Park or any other LWCF assisted site in the

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Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR) Comments

In accordance with Section 1010 of the UPARR Act (now codified at 54 U.S.C. 200507), no property improved or developed with UPARR assistance shall be converted to other than public recreation uses without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The proposed project will temporarily impact Wilson Park, a UPARR assisted site, as described above in the Section 4(f) Evaluation Comments. Since the impacts to recreation resources are not permanent and the park will be returned to its current uses upon the completion of construction, no UPARR conversion is caused. However, should the project change and result in a conversion of UPARR protected parkland at Wilson Park or any other UPARR assisted site in the study area, coordination with the NPS would be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this project. If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact Mark Eberle, National Park Service, at (215) 597-1258, or mark_eberle@nps.gov. Please contact me at 617-223-8565 if I can be of further assistance.

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I implore you conduct more fact based research on how much revenue would be lost from the travel based industry businesses located off I-81, including hotels, gas stations, restaurants and fast food establishments. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement suggests it would only be 1% decline in business. As a person dealing directly with the guests who choose to stay at our hotel because we're right off I-81, I can assure you it's not merely 1%!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name Angie Diaz
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August 10, 2021

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To the New York State Department of Transportation:

I am in strong support of the community grid option. I have been following this crucially important issue very closely, reading the many articles in the paper and on the PA_CNY website and attending many meetings and presentations. We are fortunate to have 481 in place to accommodate thru traffic. The fears about congestion in the city show a stubborn refusal to consider the community grid. The grid will be successful if it is designed by talented, experienced urban planners with vision and imagination, not by highway builders.

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Sincerely,
Margrit Diehl

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Sharon Millhouse

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Subject: Potential Mapping Issue

Hi,

I just received the large foldout map of the project – thanks so much for sending this along.

As I was reviewing it, I noticed a potential issue that maybe you could explain, if not update on later versions of the mapping.

The area of concern is where Business 81 intersects I690, then continues on north of 690. Unless I missed it, it doesn't appear that the detailed mapping covers this interface area, so it is unclear to me as to how the highway will go under 690, then left to continue on northward. Maybe I'm missing something, but in my former life as a civil engineer, I'm pretty familiar with such mapping.

Anyway, thanks for the opportunity to respond/ comment…..and please say hello to Mark Frechette for me.

John P. Donohue, P.E.
Retired Guy
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Comments on I-81 Viaduct Project DDR/DEIS

Kathryn S. Downing <ksimmonsd@gmail.com>

Sun 9/12/2021 1:35 AM

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To the Project Team:

I support the choice of the Community Grid Alternative. Its focus should be on bringing people to the city, not accommodating people traveling through the city. It should accommodate local street life while discouraging through-traffic. To that end, lanes should be no more than 10 feet wide to encourage slower traffic speeds. Some people are worried that there will be traffic congestion. I believe that if the grid is designed correctly, traffic will disperse as needed. I do worry about Harrison and Adams, as it appears they will remain largely the same--designed to accommodate large numbers of vehicles entering and exiting the city via the soon-to-be former I-81 viaduct. If there is traffic congestion, then that points out the need for better public transit. The proposed Centro BRT lines would be a great place to move forward with that.

I think there should be stoplights and crosswalks at Monroe Street and Madison Street. Walking should be easy and safe. Just because there are no longer connecting streets on the west side of Almond for those two streets doesn't mean walkers who want to cross there should have to walk a block out of their way in order to do so safely.

The very first thing I noticed when I saw the plan for the Community Grid was the roundabout at MLK East. I am a proponent of roundabouts, but not this one. It is too close to Dr. King School. While it's definitely an improvement to be rid of the I-81 viaduct, with its noise and asthma-inducing pollutants, BL 81 is still going to be a much bigger street than what is there now. Right now it's just neighborhood streets, safe for children and others to navigate on foot, including walking to and from school. If you slow down traffic earlier by moving the roundabout further south, you could have an intersection at MLK East. People walking would be able to cross MLK East safely, and the sidewalk on the south side of the street could be retained. The roundabout, with no accommodations for people walking, would be quite unsafe. If that were your child's school, would you want that roundabout there? I know I wouldn't.

I support the proposal to move the roundabout back to Colvin Street. Of course, it needs to be designed to safely support those who walk and bike on Colvin. There's actually the possibility to make it much safer than it is now at the entrance to the ramp and under the bridge. The roundabout would also mean there would be no need for the existing on ramp or the proposed off ramp at Colvin. It also opens up the possibility of reopening the old gate to Oakwood Cemetery.

As I ride my bike a lot in the city, I am very happy to see all of the protected bike lanes and shared-

use paths in the plan. I am disappointed that the expectation when a person riding a bike needs to cross the street is to dismount and cross with the walkers. (I was told that by the planner who designed the bike and shared-use paths.) Examples: crossing Almond St. at Van Buren St.; crossing Almond St. at Adams St. to get from the shared use path on the west side of the street to the northbound bike path on the east side of the street; any intersection where you need to turn across Almond St. to go on a cross street (such as, while riding northbound on the shared-use path, turning right at Taylor St.). Somehow, other cities have figured out how to design intersections that work for people riding bikes as well as people driving cars. This kind of treatment discourages bike riding, and some will just ride in the car lanes so they can turn while riding.

At the southern interchange, I understand that there will be bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the new Brighton Avenue bridge. Even more pertinent to my concerns, and even though it doesn't show this on any of the plans I saw, I was told by a NYSDOT person that there will be bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the new E Glen Ave. connecting from Brighton Ave. across the new interchange at BL 81 to the connection at Loretto. This is really important, as it's how I--and other people on bikes--get from the Valley to the Comstock neighborhood and beyond. Right now, on the old E Glen Ave., it's pretty straightforward. The new E Glen Ave. looks bigger and more complicated, including slip lanes. And I understand there will be much more traffic on it. So a design for bike and pedestrian safety is a must.

I also want to express my support for the community's demands as amplified by comments from the CNY-NYCLU and Urban Jobs Task Force.

Thank you,

Kathryn Downing
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To the Project Team:

I previously sent a comment expressing my support for the Community Grid, and also expressing my concern for the proposed roundabout right behind Dr. King School. I'm glad to see that my concerns along with the concerns of many others have been heard, and you are considering moving the roundabout.

I think it would be problematic to move the roundabout "north of Van Buren Street," as Syracuse.com reported one of the options to be. Because you are using the roundabout to slow down the traffic speed, that would mean it would still be fast-moving behind Dr. King School. (I presume the roadway would be at ground level by that point because of the restrictions of the railway tracks.) The traffic speed would be a danger to the neighborhood, to people who walk and ride bikes--including children walking to school. Also, I presume that would mean there would be no connecting intersection between MLK East and BL 81, with traffic still moving fast.

I'm also concerned about the effects that putting the roundabout near or at Van Buren Street will have at that point. To me, it seems like traffic needs to be slowed down before Van Buren because of that street's nature and uses. Also, how will this affect the planned shared use paths for people who ride bikes and walk? And their ability to cross BL 81/Almond Street and Van Buren Street?

The other alternative for the roundabout as reported by Syracuse.com was the Kennedy Street intersection. I would prefer that location. You could have an intersection with MLK East and Almond Street, as the traffic speed at that point would have been reduced to acceptable levels for the neighborhood. And it would also mean Kennedy Street would be connected. Right now that Kennedy Street & Leon Street corner is very quiet, so I don't know how the folks living there will feel about the roundabout being placed there. And I think any concerns they have should definitely be considered and addressed.

Regarding any concern about traffic speeding up after slowing down at Kennedy: The parallel streets--Leon, Oakwood, and State--all have the same stretch between Kennedy and MLK East that Almond Street would have, and the traffic speeds on all of them are reasonably slow. So, designed appropriately, traffic speed on Almond Street between Kennedy and MLK East can remain reasonably slow.

I still think a roundabout at Colvin Street is a better option than any others proposed. I know there is a long stretch between Colvin and, say, Kennedy or MLK East. Maybe a couple of those little streets jutting east from Garfield Avenue that look like they were connected to whatever street preceded the building of I-81, such as Elizabeth Street, Garfield Place, Glass Terrace, and Woodland Avenue, could intersect with the new Almond Street.

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I am very disappointed to read Assemblyman Magnarelli's opinion piece "CNY is far from consensus on I-81". While it is indeed true there is not yet a unanimous consensus on the future of 81, could it be that one group is just closing their ears in this conversation? Repeatedly we hear 'our concerns are not being heard'. although we've had dozens of community forums going back a decade now. Like a child who wants ice cream for dinner, they are claiming no one is listening to their requests, and there is no consensus. The truth is, your views have been heard and addressed, but after extensive discussion, you are not getting everything you want. There is a massive difference between not being heard, and not getting what you want.

I would note the major stakeholders who have voiced their support for the Grid: Syracuse's Mayor, the Common Council, 4 of our 5 State representatives (Assemblyman Magnarelli being the lone holdout), the NY Governor, 2 of our 3 Federal Representatives (Congressman Katko being the lone holdout), President Biden, Federal Transportation Chair Buttigieg, Syracuse University, the lead tenant representative for Syracuse Housing Authority (representing those living closest), and most importantly the State DOT traffic engineers and experts who are the most qualified, and are ultimately responsible for making this decision. If it is true there is no consensus, it is only because a few folks refuse to recognize the overwhelming tides of support, the expert opinions and recommendations, and are stubbornly trying to hold back progress and change.

Assemblyman Magnarelli's vision of finding consensus by building a community grid which includes a new viaduct or bridge, wildly misses the point entirely. What we currently have is a grid with an elevated viaduct, and it has led to the creation of a neighborhood with the second highest rates of asthma and heart disease in the state, and some of the highest levels of racial and economic segregation in the country. I'm not so naive as to think bringing this viaduct to grade will magically erase all these problems, but I am confident that building the viaduct back even larger and wider will not in any way be an improvement on the quality of

life for Syracuse's citizens. The Assemblyman does raise some very valid concerns regarding housing and quality of life for those living closest to the viaduct. What I don't grasp is how a new larger, wider viaduct would in any way address any of those concerns. The current viaduct is at the end of its life, and at least five years of horrible disruptive construction is coming, regardless of which option we go with. The grid is not only the least expensive option, it is also the option with the shortest construction time. The current viaduct needs to come down, and the concern about what happens regarding housing and gentrification remain the same, whichever option is chosen. The option least disruptive to these communities is the grid. So how would adding a few extra years of construction to build a new viaduct change the dynamics regarding gentrification?

The economic and physical health of the city of Syracuse has suffered tremendous negative impacts for decades due to this viaduct. The property adjacent to these viaducts is valued at 1/10th of the value of the rest of the surrounding property in the city. To suggest that we should continue to sacrifice the economic health of our urban core, and the physical health of our citizen, in order to bolster a failing business (Destiny USA) that is currently unable to pay its bills, in a dying business model, projected by most savvy economists to be a dead industry within five years, is short sighted and myopic at best. We are done sacrificing the health of our city and its citizens in order to avoid a 1.3% loss of hotel bookings in Salina, or a 2.8% loss of Destiny shoppers. While we cannot turn back time to restore the homes and properties destroyed during the initial construction of I-81, surely seizing more land through eminent domain to make the viaduct wider and larger, increasing the disconnection of neighborhoods, and further reducing the city's tax base, is certainly moving us in the wrong direction.

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I was also wondering if a traditional benefit/cost analysis had been done which takes into account the extra time and expense of thru traffic traveling a longer route to get around Syracuse than currently is the case.

Thank you

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Subject: Help right the wrong: Interstate 81

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To Whom This May Concern:

Multiple thoughts on the future of I81 in Syracuse:

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- It seems that now is the time plan for the next 50 years of development in Syracuse. With the current push for downtown housing, there seems to be a substantial push toward unifying downtown with the University/Hospitals hill. An elevated highway through the edge of our downtown density is currently a barrier to this movement.

- Just in the last few years, substantial portions of Downtown have witnessed a renaissance toward a more livable, walkable, bikeable environment. A major obstacle to continuing this movement is the existing viaduct.

I am a retired architect and we are new downtown "transplants". I have been to all but the last of the community meetings at the Convention Center, and have been very impressed with the amount, and

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The Grid option is the obvious choice for the future of our City.

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Regarding the destruction of an entire county with a “community grid”:

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This whole project is an experimental one, and one that will probably prove to fail – blighting an entire county. Please rethink the farce of the community grid and replace 81 as it is.

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I left you a voicemail last week.

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Are you willing to share every detail of the study that shows the 1.3% loss?

Secondly, the group is willing to meet in person to discuss how you calculated the loss. To date, none of these hotel managers have been contacted by the NYSDOT.

Please advise.

**I copied the 81 opportunities website and would like this to be included in the official comments.

Thank you,

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To the I-81 project team:

I would like to express my strong support for the Community Grid solution as the replacement for the aging I-81 viaduct.

As a former Syracuse University student, longtime city resident, and downtown employee, I've crossed under the viaduct an immeasurable amount of times on foot, bicycle, and car. As an architect and designer, I have a constant drive to improve the world around me and to maximize potential found within opportunities. To that end, I would like to share some thoughts and considerations that may improve the project outcome and user experience, primarily focused on the downtown-adjacent portions of the project.

The existing viaduct right of way to the east and north of downtown is significant. Although the large footprint of state-controlled land allows for some comfort and ease with design of the community grid streets, I would like to encourage the project designers to minimize the widths of the streets and new rights-of-way as much as possible. The current design of the new Almond Street appears to be excessively wide, filling much of the available right-of-way – this width is intimidating to pedestrians and cyclists and poses the risk of exchanging a current barrier between neighborhoods (the viaduct) with a new type of barrier.

If the width of Almond Street is able to be reduced in a meaningful and significant-enough way, a substantial amount of the former right-of-way may be returned to local control for purposes of redevelopment. If this land is properly managed and redistributed through an RFP process or other method that prioritizes "good" development and place-making (much like the Rochester Inner Loop lands, for example), the new Almond Street will have incredible potential to reactivate neighborhoods and heal a divide, rather than simply connecting points A to B.

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Many thanks to the team that has progressed the project to this point – the Community Grid has exciting potential to continue the positive trajectory of our community and region.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Public Comment

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Thank you
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Re: I-81 Viaduct Project UPDATE

Kyle Lee Fetterly <klfetter@syr.edu>

Mon 9/13/2021 2:58 PM

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Subject: I-81 Viaduct Project UPDATE

October 14, 2021 – 5 PM EST

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

September 13
6 PM to 8 PM
Northern Communities

Cicero North Syracuse High School
6002 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039

JUST ADDED

September 23
6 PM to 8 PM
Western Communities

Town of Camillus – Municipal Bldg.
4600 W. Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13219

If you need an interpreter or have special needs, please contact Curtis Jetter at (315) 428-4351.

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To: Mark Frechette, P.E.

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Andrea Filipkowski

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Comment on the i81 project

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Please see the attached. I support the plan for the city but have serious concerns about unintentional consequences for the west of the city that need (and can be addressed) to be addressed.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Dan

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August 17, 2021

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RE: I-81 Viaduct Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Frechette,

I am in full support of the I 81 Community Grid Alternative that has been outlined and presented to the public. The social, economic, and environmental effects of the project when implemented will be overwhelmingly positive for the City of Syracuse and its inhabitants

I am concerned about the potential unintended consequences to Finger Lakes' roads, villages, and towns west of the project. Has NY State considered the impact of increased traffic flow during and after actual construction in these communities?

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Someone at the state-level must be considering this serious matter. It would be helpful to see what is planned and, if nothing is yet planned, when and how these considerations will be addressed.

Thank you for reading and responding to my letter.

I would be glad to discuss if there is a way that I can be helpful on this matter.

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Hannah Brazil

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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 2:20 PM
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Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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I-81 Comment

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Dear Planners:
As a faculty member in the Landscape Architecture Department at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, historian, and neighbor and steward to Oakwood Cemetery, I would like to advocate for restoring access to Oakwood Cemetery's main entrance gate, currently severed from the city by Interstate 81. A redesign of I-81 to a slower, lower-volume road, would minimize noise and visual pollution in Oakwood Cemetery generated by the highway. However, the current community-grid design alternative has the potential to increase noise pollution in the cemetery as trucks and cars brake upon approach to the proposed traffic circle. To mitigate this, extending Almond Street's traffic calming beyond where it is currently proposed to either Colvin or Brighton Avenue, would be beneficial and inclusive of Oakwood Cemetery. If a non-community grid alternative is chosen, it is our hope that access and environmental and cultural impacts to this federally and locally protected site be considered and addressed.

Oakwood Cemetery is a major resource; historically, culturally, locality wise, as well as vital public green space. It is used daily by students and faculty from both Syracuse University and SUNY ESF, as well as residents of the east-side adjacent neighborhoods. A connection to the southside and downtown through the historic main entrance gate provides an unmatched opportunity to reconnect the city through a pedestrian safe and serene park-like setting, as it was originally designed and utilized for decades. It is an opportunity to right the environmental injustice that occurred through the original construction of I-81 which devasted and inequitably separated the southside community from the rest of the city.

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It is important to note that Oakwood Cemetery's current administration (non-for profit) does not have an interest in restoring access to Oakwood's historic main entrance gate. However, our ask is that I-81 be designed so that future administrations could if they chose. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to holistically address circulation, environmental justice, reweaving the urban fabric, and so much more in Historic Syracuse, while celebrating the creativity of the rural cemetery movement of the 19th century.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Fwd: Tearing down Route 81 is wrong.
Date: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 7:11:59 PM

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it will be to do this in the name of reinvigorating Sewercuse.

Thank You

W French - Taxpayer

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeysi Fuentes
Housekeeping Supervisor
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Ithaca Roundabout in a residential area

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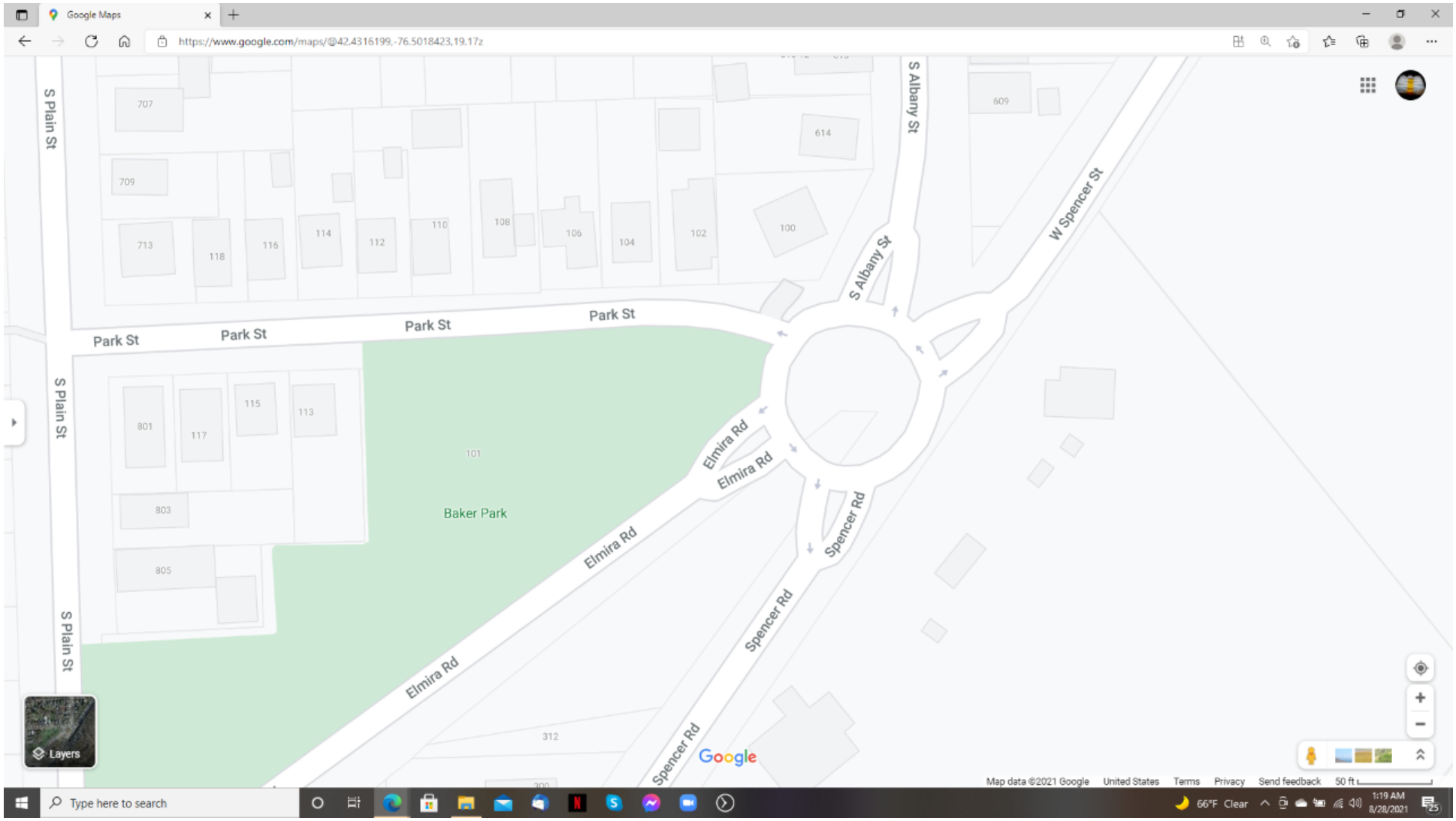
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From: Frechette, Mark (DOT)
To: Bjorness, Joan E (DOT)
Subject: FW: Save 81.
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:37:38 AM

Mark this after the deadline but submit it.

-----Original Message-----
From: Brenda geloff <bageloff@yahoo.com>
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Other thoughts, close off traffic on Salina Street. Promote a major promenade. At least re route the busses off Salina Street.
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Sent from my iPhone

Hannah Brazil

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Subject: NYSDOT COMMENT - CONSTRUCTION

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Comment Topic:
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Comments:
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Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Tue 8/10/2021 12:47 PM

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Route 481/81 at the DeWitt interchange

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Pat

Sharon Millhouse

From: linda.glansberg=gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Linda Glansberg <linda.glansberg@gmail.com>
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I work at ESF and have been going to school there for several years. I absolutely hate trying to get on route 81N from Almond at 5PM, but that is the only time it really is awful. From about 4:30PM to about 5:30PM, M-F, that intersection is terrible. Otherwise, it is just another horrible intersection. in Syracuse (and there are a lot). So, to reroute all of the inner city traffic, add more cars, and move families out of their homes, for traffic that sucks 5 hours a week is anything but good. It honestly seems like a waste of money and time. I am also very worried that it will bring even more traffic to the university area, which already has way too much. I take the bus every day I can because I hate dealing with the traffic. On the days that I do drive, I go down Almond to the back side of ESF and avoid all of the traffic nonsense. Those of us that have been driving here for a while already know the fastest and least congested routes to go where we need to go. If we can't avoid those areas, we know to avoid certain times. For example, I already know to leave campus by 4:15PM or not leave until after 5:30PM. I already have a work around for the awful traffic. Most of us drivers do.

To be completely honest, the traffic in that intersection is the result of having too many on and off ramps too close together and not the inner city traffic. It would be better to build an entire new road encircling the city for those that wish to travel to the other side and not the middle. For example, I enter route 81N on Almond, but immediately have to weave into traffic that wants to get over to route 690. That is the hold up. You have cars and trucks trying to merge left and move right at the same time. It can be avoided by removing either the on ramp or the off ramps to 690. Close those and traffic should clear up rather quickly.

If you would like to clear up city traffic, might I suggest changing the number of traffic lights in the city. There are way too many and they are not well synced. For example, on State Street, there are 8 to travel less than half a mile. If you catch either of the first 2, you will hit all of them and your rage increases. The thing is, most of them don't need to be there. I have been forced to stop at several and have NEVER seen another car trying to get onto State Street. Wouldn't it be easier for the major flow of traffic to flow unimpeded? Removing the unneeded stop lights will reduce road rage, improve driving conditions, and reduce fuel consumption. Then that will improve the air quality in Syracuse. I would even like to suggest adding a yellow "bus only" turn arrow out of the hub. That light is too short for more than a bus or two to get through. At night, it sucks to have to wait for 3 minutes (I timed it.) for the light change to turn left. A flashing yellow bus only arrow would be a great solution, increase efficiency of the buses and decrease pollution.

So, while I think something needs to be done to correct the 81/690 interchanges in the center of Syracuse, I don't think the Viaduct is the way to go. There are other less intrusive options that should be explored first and any solution should NOT have the result of bringing more traffic into an already congested neighborhood.

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Building Equity in the Construction Trades
Based on the Report

Building Equity in the Construction Trades: A Racial Equity Impact Statement

A. Workforce Program Amendments and Modifications

Our qualitative research clearly demonstrates the existence of "social barriers" (obstacles unrelated to a capacity to learn and perform the work) to the completion of pre-apprenticeship and/or employment in the construction trades, particularly:

- Transportation (lack of access to a vehicle and/or insufficient CENTRO bus lines)
- Child care (affordability)
- Need for an income to survive while completing an unpaid
  pre-apprenticeship program
  Transportation barriers prevent qualified residents from reaching apprenticeship / pre-apprenticeship training sites, or reaching work sites (or both).
- The lack of affordable child care for low-income residents makes entry into a good-paying construction trade very difficult for a low-income resident who cannot accumulate the disposable income to afford child care during a job transition.
- The low wages garnered by Syracuse residents, and the unpredictable hours that often accompany such low wage work, create great difficulties in attending daily job training that could last up to twelve weeks.

UJTF's Four (4) Recommendations: Workforce Programs

1. *Shuttle Service.* Public and private workforce development programs outside the city of Syracuse (including those outside Onondaga County) should provide shuttle bus service (or other transportation) at designated city locations to/from the training site.
2. *Reconfigure bus routes.* CENTRO bus lines should be re-designed to align with access to workforce development sites County-wide.
3. *Child Care Subsidy.* Access to a child care subsidy for anyone accepted into a four week or longer workforce training program.
4. *Program Stipend*. Construction trades pre-apprenticeship programs should provide paid training at a living wage for all enrollees, freeing low-wage workers to focus on their training.

B. Immediate Commencement of Serious Construction Trades Training for Syracuse Residents

Local construction trades training for impoverished Syracuse residents has serious shortcomings, particularly:

- Lack of depth in preparation for the higher-skilled construction trades (e.g., electrical, pipefitters, welders, iron workers)
- Insufficient networking opportunities between interested City residents and the construction trades union leadership
- Absence of an effective pathway to union apprenticeships after high school, or to long-term, new construction work opportunities
- Absence of an effective pathway between current, non-union construction trades training and access to the unions that may be a party to a Project Labor Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

Racial equity is about applying justice and a little bit of common sense to a system that's been out of balance. When a system is out of balance, people of color feel the impacts most acutely, but, to be clear, an imbalanced system makes all of us pay.

Glenn Harris
President, Center for Social Inclusion

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UJTF'S Four (4) Recommendations: Construction Trades Training

1. *Leadership from Departments of Transportation.* NYSDOT and the U.S. DOT should provide $450,000 in construction trades funding specifically for Syracuse residents, not only for I-81, but beyond.
   This request would be consistent with U.S. DOT's recent workforce development grant related to the Colorado Central 70 project, a project that has a budget similar in size to estimates for I-81. Such training should be coordinated with the union trade apprenticeship programs. Such funding should provide access to both (a) union pre-apprenticeship training, and (b) high-skilled union apprenticeship programs: electrician, iron worker, mason, etc.
2. *Direct Pathway to Higher Skills & Work*. Post-secondary, pre- apprenticeship workforce training programs should be coordinated with **both** union apprenticeships and construction developers to create direct pathways for city graduates from pre-apprenticeship programs either to union apprenticeships or construction jobs.
3. *City-based Municipal Hiring Hall*. This tool could greatly benefit developers and contractors when searching for new recruits on a project. This would increase the chances for continuous employment of local residents, and make them aware of new job opportunities.

4. *Leadership from the Offices of Governor Andrew Cuomo, County Executive Ryan McMahon, and Mayor Ben Walsh.* We call upon Governor Andrew Cuomo to make clear to state level and local political representatives and union leaders that the interests of all New Yorkers are best served by construction trades equity in Central New York.
   And that our common interest is served by improving the skills of Syracuse city residents, getting them sufficient work hours on new construction, and reducing the immense burden of highly concentrated poverty upon our families.
   We also call upon County Executive Ryan McMahon and Mayor Ben Walsh to make clear to our diverse communities the importance of equity in the local construction trades, and the urgency of the moment.

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C. Development of a "Big Table" on the Construction Trades

Cleveland, Ohio's "tripartite meetings" overseeing work on the University Hospital, and San Francisco's coordinated efforts around "San Francisco Build" show how a "Big Table" concept can incorporate all relevant "voices" around construction trades training. Big Table meetings in Cleveland and San Francisco tackled on-going challenges in construction workforce training. And their constructive dialogues helped get local residents into the trades and gainfully working.

UJTF calls today for the on-going convening of a "Big Table on the Construction Trades in Syracuse and Central New York." Frequent, regular meetings would develop viable, enforceable plans around:
(a) union-ready, pre-apprenticeship training for city residents
(b) community workforce agreement language for upcoming PLAs (c) community outreach for the identification, and recruitment, of
qualified, local (i.e., Syracuse) workers and potential workers.

UJTF's Two (2) Recommendations: A Big Table on the Construction Trades

1. *Include All Relevant Voices. A Big Table should include trade un*
2. *ion leaders, community workforce developers, employment equity advocates from Syracuse, and relevant, supportive state-level and local political leaders.*
3. *Agreement from All Parties to a Constructive Program.* Convening parties should be committed to producing positive outcomes on employment equity in the construction trades.

An investment in our physical infrastructure is incomplete without a similar investment in our human capital. Anything less is not only economically unsound, it is immoral.
Mark Ridely-Thomas
Los Angeles County Supervisor

Fwd: Lifetime advocate of tearing down I-81 has seat at the table with power brokers

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"(H)e was assured at that 81 meeting"(?)

What was the "lifetime advocate" assured of?

What were the details of guarantees, if any, were made regarding public housing replacement, interim housing, educational accessibility, employment accessibly, shopping, etc.

Do those guarantees exist? Who has them? Where can they be found to be reviewed, judged and responded to by the community to be impacted?

Is his uninformative, perhaps even uniformed response to be the extent of public and community response and input?

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“U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, said the project could be seen as a kind of reparation for the highway’s original construction, which sliced through a Black neighborhood and business district.” — Terri Weaver

U.S. Rep. John Katko will hold a telephone town hall about the Interstate 81 project in Syracuse at 5:30 p.m. Monday. He’ll take questions from people who listen in.

To attend, sign up online at katko.house.gov/telephone-town-hall.

Some “Reparation” questions that, first, need answers:

What promises have been made, or will be made, to each individual household, and what promises have been or will be made to tenants collectively? What promises have

been made, and agreed to by each of the Syracuse Public Housing tenants who will lose their homes?

What, and who, will assure that these promises are legally binding? What government entity or entities will provide that assurance? Will there be a public record? Who will maintain that record?

What promises and guarantees have been made regarding future rents, location and quality of housing, convenience of housing with respect to schools, health care, shopping convenience with fair prices, adult educational opportunities, employment opportunities, public transportation, law enforcement representative of the community, and community represented adjudication?

What promises have been made regarding costs, quality and convenience and accessibility to educational, shopping, transportation and health care needs, during any period, or periods of transitional housing?

Will Syracuse Public Housing tenants be assured that no action will be taken on “I-81” until these guarantees are in place?

On "I-81": Voices, by Annabel Hine Otts

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Posted on **February 26, 2019** in **City Scuffle, Neighborhoods, Voices** by **Annabel Hine Otts**

I'm following the conversations around Blueprint 15 and the partnership between Syracuse Housing Authority, Allyn Family Foundation, and Purpose Built Communities. I would love to see the thriving "neighborhood for all" proponents are aiming for, but am concerned the lives of the most vulnerable will not be improved, only moved.

That said, I'm heartened to see leaders I respect (and who have been fighting for equity since before I could spell it) on the Blueprint 15 board, and many other wise advocates and community members who are enthusiastic about the concept. It's my hope that intentions are good, and a true opportunity is at our feet, but I believe it's the job of the public and the press to advocate and question, to ensure the best possible outcome. I am grateful to Ken Jackson and others for pushing necessary conversations, however difficult, and also to the folks at Allyn Family Foundation for responding.

In the spirit of that dialogue, and after talking with folks in the community and listening to SHA Director Bill Simmons, and Allyn Family Foundation Director Meg O'Connell speak about the project on WRVO's Campbell Conversations, on Saturday, I have some concerns:

- According to Simmons, displaced Pioneer Homes, Central Village, and McKinney Manor residents will receive Section 8 housing choice vouchers, and will have the right to return when construction is complete. However my understanding is there will not be one-to-one replacement of low-income housing in the new design, since the area will be split with market rate and commercial spaces. When all is said and done, are we losing public housing units? We currently have 2,340 units, with thousands of people on waiting lists. The list for Section 8 vouchers has been closed for ten years and still has 3,000 people waiting.

- Affected residents will be relocated in phases, and Simmons said he's confident the local housing market can easily accommodate them. Considering Syracuse's deficit of public housing and the scarcity of landlords who will accept Section 8, let alone accept it and provide safe, well maintained housing, I am concerned that people with vouchers to "go anywhere" will in reality have nowhere to go.

- It's disruptive and costly to move, and yet 25% of Syracuse residents are forced to do so at least once per year. Regardless of how much input residents may have in the planning process (there are currently two residents on the Blueprint 15 board), they may not have the means to move back and take advantage of the improvements, even if they want to. Will they just continue to be poor, elsewhere?

- Why aren't community groups like TNT Southside represented on the board?

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- Children who rely on the Boys and Girls Club for programming and Dr. King school also must be accommodated compassionately. The move will be disruptive for kids who are already dealing with too much, and potentially take them away from some of the most important and grounding spaces they have outside the home. Specific targeted support is needed throughout the transition to assure the positive outcomes of this project benefit these children, first and foremost.

- Mr. Simmons said many residents are interested in moving out of the area. If that is true, and folks are able to afford to pack up and leave Syracuse because that's what they want, that's great. But as a wise friend pointed out to me today, we may improve the conditions within a geographical area by changing the demographic, but again, the folks pushed out will still be poor. We owe it to them and to the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the 15th Ward to *specifically* ensure their lives are improved.

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- For people relying on private housing, the standards for safety and condition are not the same as in public housing. Another friend of mine is currently being pushed out of the home she has been living in on the North Side for barely a year because her landlord has failed to comply an order from the Onondaga County Department of Health to remediate the lead paint that has poisoned her children. There aren't a lot of good options out there, unfortunately, and we must avoid repeating our mistakes. Today, the neighborhood around the former Kennedy Square may seem "improved" to some. There are nice office buildings, several luxury apartment buildings, restaurants, and a trendy bike shop. But is life improved for the former residents? Where are they now, and what is their life like? Can they afford those restaurants and housing? See link to this letter re Kennedy Square: [Sweetheart deal for Kennedy Square Hurts Poor-Letters]

Kennedy Square

Former site of affordable housing, Kennedy Square Apartments

CRIME AND "QUALITY OF LIFE"

- I have been looking into some of the other communities where Purpose Built has intervened. There's a lot of really nice sounding PR and stats such as a 97% reduction in violent crime for the East Lake community in Atlanta GA. One tenant who lived in both iterations of the housing complex said "They tore down hell, and they built heaven. Now we are living in paradise." That sounds wonderful, and I am truly happy Ms. Eva Davis lived to see that happen. But again, poverty (and the social problems that come along with it) weren't fixed; rather the poor (or most of them) were moved out.

- There are also policies that come along with the mixed income housing. Concerning the aforementioned Atlanta project, I found this:
- *"When the housing project was torn down, the requirements for residents who wanted to return to the neighborhood were that they have no felonies on their record, and be either employed or in training. Although these requirements exempted only 13% of the residents, ultimately only about a quarter of families elected to return."* [Source: Here's how one Neighborhood is Fighting the Negative Aspects of Gentrification

- What other kinds of policies might adversely affect the community that most deserves to be there? How can we avoid some of the failures of mixed income housing, to ensure this doesn't happen?

- If we are truly planning to integrate the existing community with market rate tenants and commercial spaces, what are we going to do to prevent BBQ Becky, Permit Patty, Corner Store Caroline, etc., from calling the police on folks for living their lives? Are we ready to train our police force to handle white supremacy in this context, instead of criminalizing the black and brown folks when conflicts arise?

- Will the poor residents be able to afford the amenities offered by incoming commercial tenants in the revitalized neighborhood? Will they be able to eat at the restaurants, buy the coffee, sign up for the yoga classes, or shop at the stores?

These are some of the questions bouncing around for myself and others. My intention is not to be in opposition to this project. I'm not in opposition to it, and am holding onto my optimism that we can do this right, because I believe in my city. But I also believe in my city's history, and know that if we don't explicitly build equity into the fabric of *every aspect* of Blueprint 15, we will not achieve it, despite the best of intentions. I hope we can work together as a community to learn from past mistakes and truly follow through on building a true neighborhood and city "for all".

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Central NY business group calls last-minute ‘skyway’ push another effort to delay I-81 project in Syracuse

A view of I-81 in Syracuse, facing southeast from the Geneva Tower at SUNY Upstate Medical University June 26, 2014. Lauren Long | llong@syracuse.com

Syracuse, N.Y. -- A leading Central New York business group says recent calls to reconsider Interstate 81's future by, once again, looking at a replacement bridge is another delay tactic in a decade-long analysis of the highway system.

The idea for a massive bridge to replace the aging highway "is nothing more than a new name for the elevated highway concept that has already been studied and dismissed through the course of the extensive I-81 process," Rob Simpson, who heads CenterState CEO, wrote in a sharply worded release today.

Already, Simpson said, the state has rejected rebuilding an elevated I-81 on its current path because it would raze more properties, create a longer construction schedule and would cost more money. That rejection, which isn't yet final, comes after years of study, analysis and meetings with community members about the highway system.

A last-minute idea from some "skyway" bridge supporters -- to name the new highway after abolitionist Harriet Tubman -- would attach her name to what Simpson and others say are the very oppressive conditions that she fought.

"Such a divisive skyway would only perpetuate deleterious impacts on the very communities of color who have lived in the shadow of I-81 for 60 years," Simpson wrote. "Let's honor the legacy of Harriet Tubman by creating solutions to address the racial and social inequities she fought."

State and federal transportation officials are proposing to tear down a portion of I-81 that runs between the University Hill and downtown -- and through a public housing neighborhood -- and reroute highway traffic around the city. The $2 billion plan calls for expanding parts of Interstate 481 (the new I-81) and rebuilding a portion of Interstate 690 in the heart of the city.

In the new configuration, traffic headed to and through Syracuse would also disperse along new exits onto city streets, including Colvin and West streets and Crouse and Irving avenues.

Currently, the state is seeking public comments on the project through Sept. 14.

Those supporting the idea for a massive replacement bridge have provided no detailed engineering plans. Weeks ago, Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh called the "skyway" a pie-in-the-sky" idea. One skyway supporter last week said he doesn't know the exact size of the bridge he's proposing.

"This status quo mentality represents a short-sighted vision that puts parochial self-interests over what is best for the community as a whole – investment and progress," Simpson wrote. "The highway is now four years beyond its useful life and no longer meets current federal highway standards for safety. At stake is injury and loss of life, increased costs and the possibility of missing a once-in-a generation infrastructure opportunity."

Supporters of the skyway say their idea would keep more traffic from using city streets and it would create an iconic structure that Syracuse would become known for.

Several top officials, including U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Charles Schumer, support the teardown plan, which the state calls the "community grid." Gov. Kathy Hochul on Sunday told NewsChannel 9 she also supports the grid plan.

Syracuse Assemblyman William Magnarelli has called for more time to assess the project and to come up with a different solution. Rep. John Katko has also called for a longer public comment period.

DOT officials say I-81 is inspected and repaired regularly and remains safe.

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Maybe, someday, someone will even mention the future of the mass of affected public housing tenants? Wouldn't that be something!

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Following push by some local lawmakers, I-81 public comment period gets 30 more days

SYRACUSE, N.Y. —

The public comment period for the I-81 community grid proposal will now go until October 14th.

Representative John Katko announced the decision Thursday night after advocating for the move, claiming constituents needed more time to read the proposal. This extension lasts 30 days beyond the 60-day original public

comment period, which included two large public comment sessions (one virtual), eight community sessions, and an open web portal for comments.

"This is a monumental project that will impact the City of Syracuse and surrounding region for generations to come," Rep. Katko said. "As I've always said, I stand ready to provide federal support for the plan our community chooses."

Not all local officials supported the representative's push for more time in the public comment period. Syracuse Common Councilor Joe Driscoll penned an op-ed this week writing in part, "*Repeatedly we hear 'our concerns are not being heard'. although we've had dozens of community forums going back a decade now. Like a child who wants ice cream for dinner, they are claiming no one is listening to their requests, and there is no consensus. The truth is, your views have been heard and addressed, but after extensive discussion, you are not getting everything you want. There is a massive difference between not being heard, and not getting what you want.*"

That op-ed also referenced another opinion piece written by Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli, calling for the DOT to change from just a community grid to include a "sky bridge" where the viaduct stands now. The DOT DEIS report released says they found rebuilding the viaduct was more expensive and disruptive than the Community Grid alternative that has been selected.

Representative Katko did not say whether the 30-day extension included any additional in-person meetings.

Blueprint 15's "Welch-Allyn", the "Heart" of the Matter!

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(Khalid) Bey said the listening process by Blueprint 15 officials was “not adequate outreach. The question is, who is it for? People in Pioneer Homes and Central Village and McKinney Manor didn’t ask for it. So who are they changing the look of the thing (neighborhood) for? If it’s truly about the people, then empower the people. Let them have first right of refusal and (insure) that they can actually come back.”
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“Welch-Allyn”?

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An Illinois medical-products company plans to acquire Hillrom (NYSE:HRC) — the parent company of Welch Allyn, Inc. in Skaneateles Falls — in a $10.5 billion deal.

The Central New York Business Journal
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Hillrom, a global medical-technology firm, is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, while Baxter International (NYSE:BAX) is based in Deerfield, Illinois, a Chicago suburb.

Welch Allyn in Skaneateles Falls will soon have a new owner. Baxter International (NYSE:BAX), which is headquartered in a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, plans to acquire current Welch Allyn owner Hillrom (NYSE:HRC) in a $10.5 billion deal. (Eric Reinhardt / CNYBJ)

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. in June 2015 announced plans to acquire Welch Allyn for about $2.05 billion in cash and stock. Nearly three years later, Hillrom formally dedicated a $12.7 million expansion project that added about 100,000 square feet to the Welch Allyn campus.

Welch Allyn employs about 1,000 people in Skaneateles Falls, according to CNYBJ Research.

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30 Major U.S. Corporations Paid More to Lobby Congress Than Income Taxes, 2008-2010
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Excerpt:
Companies' Laying Off Workers While Receiving Tax Rebates, Raising Executive Pay

Among the 20 companies who paid zero or less in state corporate taxes are utility provider Pepco Holdings, the pharmaceutical company Baxter International, and Intel Corporation (INTC).

Baxter International (BAX) and Intel are among the corporations that Public Campaign reports did not did not pay federal incomes during the same three-year period.

Of those companies, General Electric (GE) spent the most on lobbying, expending about $84 million on lobbying while paying a federal income tax rate of negative 45 percent on more than $10 billion in U.S. profits. PG&E; Corp. followed General Electric, spending almost $79 million on lobbying, while paying a negative 21 percent tax rate on $4.8

billion of U.S profits, and Verizon Communications, which spent $52 million on lobbying while paying a negative 3 percent tax rate on $32.5 billion of profits.

A negative effective tax rate means that a company enjoyed a tax rebate, usually obtained by carrying back excess tax deductions and credits to an earlier year, thereby allowing the company to receive a tax rebate check, according to Citizens for Tax Justice.

U.S. House Deputy Whip Kevin Brady, R-Tex., is currently making a last-ditch effort to include a corporate tax repatriation holiday on legislation to extend a payroll tax cut, an extension that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said could put an extra $1,500 into the pockets of middle class families each year. While those in favor of the corporate tax repatriation provision -- which would give U.S. businesses a temporary tax break on as much as $1 trillion in overseas income -- insist it would boost the nation's sluggish economy and make it easier for corporations to create jobs, the Congressional Budget Office reports tax repatriation holidays ranks dead last among 13 policy options for creating jobs. The CBO estimates that over the 2012-2013 period, a repatriation holiday would, at best, create the equivalent of one-full time job for every $1 million in federal costs.

Even while dodging most of their state and federal taxes between 2008 and 2010, Verizon (VZ) laid off more than 21,000 U.S. employees, while Boeing, Wells Fargo, General Electric, American Electric Power, and FedEx also let go of thousands of workers. Because companies can be reluctant to make data changes in U.S. employment available, Public Campaign reports it was not able to find up-to-date employment statistics for many of the companies evaluated in the report.

Moreover, as it was laying off employees, General Electric gave their top executives a 27 percent pay raise between 2008 and 2010 -- executives received more than $75 million in compensation in 2010. Wells Fargo increased executive pay by a whopping 180 percent, upping executive compensation from $17.8 million in 2008 to almost $50 million in 2010, while Boeing, FedEx and American Electric Power also instituted lavish executive pay raises while laying off thousands of lower-level workers.

In fact, 2010 year was a record year for executive compensation. The CEO's of some of the largest U.S. corporations made, on average, $11.4 million in 2010, about 343 times more than workers' median pay, according to an analysis by the American Federation of Labor, the widest gap between executive and employee pay in the world. CEO pay has skyrocketed since 1980, when chief executives were only paid about 42 times more than the average blue collar worker.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that the median household income fell $3,719 between 2000 and 2010, when measured in 2010 dollars.
Public Campaign released its report on Wednesday, just as thousands of unemployed Americans from across the nation swarmed K Street in Washington, D.C., the lobbying center for some of the world's most profitable corporations. The march was part of "Take Back the Capitol," a four-day series of events aimed at persuading Congress to pass comprehensive job creation measures that will benefit their constituents, rather than special interest groups.
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WHAT? Has There Been Some Kind of PROBLEM?!

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Smithsonian Launches "Our Shared Future: Reckoning with Our Racial Past" With a Virtual Forum

Initiative Will Convene Comprehensive Conversations About Race and Racism Through a National Forum, Regional Events and Educational Resources

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WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Smithsonian will kick off its new race initiative, "Our Shared Future: Reckoning with Our Racial Past," with a virtual forum Aug. 26. The initiative will bring together resources from across the Smithsonian to explore how Americans understand, experience and confront racism through several critical lenses like wellness, wealth and the arts. "Our Shared Future: Reckoning with Our Racial Past" will include virtual and live events across the country as well as digital content, storytelling and learning resources for students and educators.

Using the Smithsonian's vast resources and expertise in history, art, science and culture, the initiative will convene conversations about race and racism across the country, exploring all races in America and how Americans experience race through six main themes: Race and Wellness; Race and Wealth; Race and Place; Race, Policy and Ethics; Race Beyond the U.S.; and Race, Arts and Aesthetics. The race initiative will invite the public to join the conversation through website response prompts, and it will offer opportunities for the public to self-produce programs to engage in conversations in their own communities using downloadable resources available on the initiative website.

Leaders, collections and programming from the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Museum of the American Indian, the Smithsonian Latino Center, the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, the National Museum of American History, other Smithsonian museums and centers, and the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative will be

engaged in this project.

“At this pivotal moment in history, we need to talk openly about the complexities of race and the effects of racism that continue to touch all aspects of American society,” said Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian. “‘Our Shared Future: Reckoning with Our Racial Past’ is an important way for us to encourage that conversation. This initiative continues the Smithsonian’s 175-year tradition of using its unique content to help all Americans seek a better shared future, one that embraces everyone and continues us on a more diverse, inclusive path toward being a more perfect union.”

Bank of America’s support of the race initiative, first announced last year through a $25 million commitment, builds on the company’s overall $1.25 billion, five-year commitment to advancing racial equality and economic opportunity in the communities it serves. The company has supported Smithsonian museums and cultural initiatives for more than three decades and is a founding member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

“We recognize the need for meaningful and productive discussions about race and racism in our history and nation today,”

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I-81: A Monument to Oppression

By

Reporter: It's a monument to systemic racism and oppression. The damage the I-81 viaducts have done to the city of Syracuse go far beyond any accidents on its roads.

Corre Williams: "I have family members who lost their homes, you know, had to move, sell their house, basically, the city bought them out"

Reporter: Corre Williams has lived his entire life in Syracuse, and saw with his own eyes the impact the viaducts had when they were built in the 50s and 60s. His family lived in the 15th ward, which used to hold over 90% of the city's black population. But when the federal highway act passed in 1956, the ward had a target on its back.

Deka Dancil: "75% of that neighborhood where 93% of the black population lived was razed for urban renewal and to make way for the 81 highway."

Reporter: This led the city's displaced black population to move south, and its white population move out entirely, decimating the tax base, and throwing thousands into poverty.

Williams: "Certain sides of town would have issues with other sides of town where you couldn't go, so that's when I guess the drug trade started up."

Reporter: As the viaducts near the end of their expected shelf life, the city is close to breaking ground on a plan in the works for years to replace I-81 with what they call the community grid, which would tear down the viaducts completely, potentially creating thousands of construction jobs in the process. Deka Dancil's Urban Jobs Task Force is trying to make sure they go to local residents.

Dancil: "We want to see as many Syracuse city residents as possible working on the project."

Reporter: The plan would see eyesore viaducts such as this move to ground level, making way for brand new business opportunities, such as the planned canal district by the Erie Canal Museum, where brand new business art and restaurant opportunities could revitalize the area. But perhaps the biggest change under the plan would take place at Almond Street…
…where I-81's impact is most visible as the viaduct runs throughout the entirety of the street. But under the community grid plan, this street would look entirely different, including this intersection behind me of Almond Street and Harrison Street, which would be unrecognizable under the plan's current blueprint. The

economic opportunities in this project are endless, and community leaders and citizens alike are giddy about its possibilities. But it is not without its drawbacks, especially for those who say that the project could potentially repeat history.

Dancil: "We are very nervous that, one, that people are going to be displaced, that the area is going to be gentrified, that the people who have been most impacted by the highway historically and who will bear the brunt of the burden when it is rebuilt will not have the benefit."

Reporter: But for lifelong residents like Corre Williams, the project represents the first step to righting the wrongs of history.

Williams: "Symbolize a reckoning of understanding what the damages that were being done to a group of people."

Reporter: The project is expected to break ground as early as 2022. James Corrigan, NCC News.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (NCC News) – Corre Williams has lived in Syracuse his entire life, and can remember a time when the violence in the streets today made way for comradery.

"I had a pretty good childhood," the 53-year-old Williams said. "We were a close knit community. Kids played together outside, football in the streets. You were connected one way or another. If you didn't know who I was, you knew who my family was."

As he grew up in the city, things began to change. Poverty became more paramount, and drugs became commonplace in his native south side. It was not hard to see the root cause of the community's strife, as many of its residents had been recently displaced and were struggling to find their footing. This included the family of Corre Williams.

"I have family members who lost their homes, had to move, sell their house," Williams said. "Basically, the city bought them out. And basically, families were displaced. You had neighborhoods where there were thriving businesses, grocery stores, jazz clubs, clothing stores, and markets and different things like that, and everyone basically patronized each other and supported one another's' business.

Once things started getting torn apart, basically were moved to other areas. And then when they built the high rise, it was more or less everybody was basically packed into that one area.

The high rise refers to the I-81 viaducts, which slices through the heart of Syracuse for cars to pass over. Williams' family lived in the 15th Ward of Syracuse, which held over 90% of the city's Black population at one point. After the Federal Highway Act was passed in 1956, the ward was leveled in order to build the viaducts, and its residents were displaced, mostly to the south side. The area's white residents responded by moving to the suburbs, decimating the city's tax base and leaving no structure for the displaced residents to settle in.

"The impact can still be seen today," saidSyracuse's Urban Jobs Task Force president Deka Dancil. "I-81 in combination with redlining and urban renewal has caused the kind of economic devastation that we have not been able to overcome."

As the viaducts near the end of their expected life, debate has raged for years on how to properly replace them. After multiple proposals were looked over, city officials and community leaders came up with a solution in 2019 called the community grid, which would bring the viaducts to ground level and direct traffic through the city, rather than over it. Proponents of the grid say this would create more opportunity for local businesses to thrive, as well as create thousands of construction jobs, which activists are trying to ensure go to city residents.

"Our goal is to maximize local hire on the I-81 Project," Dancil said of her Task Force. "We want to see as many Syracuse city residents as we can working on a project without cutting any corners on safety."

A concern Dancil has, though, is that the project could displace residents who would not be able to reap its benefits, essentially repeating history from the original viaducts.

"Worst case scenario is that the neighborhood right now in the shadow of the viaduct where many of the disadvantaged and people of color of Syracuse live, that that area will be gentrified and they'll be displaced," Dancil said. "That they'll not be able to return those who want to. That all the wonderful upgrades that will

happen in the area, that people that live there now would not be able to benefit from it and that they'll have to leave for those upgrades to happen just as anything else."

Despite the potential drawbacks, for lifelong residents like Corre Williams, the project provides a sense of hope for a community that needs it.

"Since I was a kid, that's all I knew," Williams said. "So seeing that come down, I will think it maybe symbolizes a reckoning of understanding of the damages that were being done to a group of people."

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Syracuse I-81 "Plan"?

$2 BILLION (TWO THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS)!!!

How Much Will Be Set Aside for the NEEDS of AFFECTED Public Housing Tenants?

How Many MILLIONS Will Go Towards Addressing the CONTINUING HOUSING Needs of the VAST NUMBERS of Syracuse POOR?

QUESTIONS RELATED to "I-81" and PLANS REGARDING ASSURANCES of ADEQUATE HOUSING for POTENTIALLY DISPLACED SYRACUSE PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS and NEARBY RESIDENTS

PUBLIC HOUSING?

How many families and individuals currently reside in Pioneer Homes?

How many families or individuals currently reside in Central Village?

How many families or individuals currently reside in McKinney Manor?

How many families or individuals are currently on the Syracuse Public Housing waiting list?

What is the current waiting time on the Syracuse Public Housing waiting list?

REPLACEMENT AND/OR NEW SYRACUSE PUBLIC HOUSING?

Will "I-81". or related plans include replacement of any potentially destroyed portions of Pioneer Homes, Central Village or McKinney Manor?

Will "I-81", or related plans include construction of new SHA or other "public housing"?

THE PROPOSED SECTION 8 ALTERNATIVE?

How many families and individuals are currently on the Syracuse SHA Section 8 waiting list?

How many apartments are currently available for the Syracuse SHA Section 8 occupancy?

What is the expected waiting time on the current Syracuse Section 8 waiting list?

What agency assures continued compliance with Syracuse Section 8 housing standards?

What are the methods for the Syracuse SHA assurance with such compliance?

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(Over)

SYRACUSE HOUSEHOLDS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADEQUATE HOUSING?

How many families and individuals in Syracuse currently live in substandard housing?

African-American? _____ White?_____ Other? _____

What are the percents of Syracuse residents living in substandard housing by race?

African-American? _____ White?_____ Other? _____

How many families and individuals on the Syracuse Southside continue to live in substandard housing?

African-American? _____ White?_____ Other? _____

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THE CITY of SYRACUSE HOUSING COMPLIANCE RECORD?

What Syracuse government agency assures compliance with mandated housing standards?

What is the Syracuse average timeframe for compliance with mandated housing standards?

What is the Syracuse experience timeframe for compliance with mandated housing standards?

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The "Grid": An Amazing View from Mars

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How the Grid will make it easier to get around

by inthesaltcity

The I-81 Draft Environmental Impact Statement put a lot of effort into explaining exactly how many minutes it would take to drive a car between different points in the County depending on what NYSDOT ultimately decides to do with the I-81 viaduct. NYSDOT estimates, for instance, that in 2056 during the morning rush it'll take 27 minutes to get from Cicero to Lafayette if they leave the viaduct as it is, 23 minutes if they build a brand new viaduct, and 27 minutes if they build the Community Grid.

But the I-81 project's biggest transportation impact won't have anything to do with how long it takes to drive a car between Cicero and Lafayette. Instead, the I-81 project is going to decrease the number of car trips between such far flung locations and replace them with much shorter carless trips by changing the geography of where people can live in Onondaga County.

In general, if you were to walk from the edge of the Syracuse metropolitan area to its center at Clinton Square, each area you passed through would be more densely populated than the one you saw last. Onondaga County is more densely populated than predominantly rural Madison and Oswego Counties. Onondaga County's inner ring suburbs are more densely populated than its newly built exurbs. The City's neighborhoods are more densely populated than most all of its suburbs. The City's older closer-in neighborhoods are more densely populated than the more recently developed neighborhoods at its edge.

And this makes a good deal of sense because it's good to live near the center of things, so that's where lots of people choose to live. It's good to have ready access to hospitals and schools and places to work and places to socialize and lots of people to socialize with. Syracuse is the only place in all of Central New York where a person could step out their front door and be within walking distance of 50,000 jobs.

But once you reached the very center of the city, this pattern of increasing population density would all of a sudden reverse. Downtown Syracuse and the area that immediately surrounds it is significantly less densely populated than neighborhoods like the Northside and the Southside.

This is a real paradox, because the City's center is one of the best places to live in order to enjoy the benefits that cities bring—being near stuff—and it's obvious that people *want*to live in this area since the few that are pay exorbitant rents for the privilege.

But very much of the very middle of Syracuse is basically barren because of I-81. Cars promised to provide ready access to everything Syracuse had to offer—the jobs, the institutions, the community—without actually having to live near any of it. All they required was a highway and a parking spot. Syracuse's leaders happily got to work demolishing housing, schools, businesses, and churches to make space for I-81, its arterial feeders, and the parking lots that surround and sustain them.

All that pavement creates a huge dead zone around the center of town that hurts Syracuse in two ways. First, it prevents people from living in places where people absolutely want to live. Second, it cuts City neighborhoods off from the opportunities available in the City's center.

People want to live near the center of town, but they can't because the highway takes up too much space. The highway makes it so that the most desirable areas to live instead are on the exurban fringe. So people move out to the exurban fringe, but everybody's moving to a different part of that fringe whether it's Camillus or Lysander or Clay or Manlius. The community gets dispersed over an enormous area, and that's how people find themselves in situations where they regularly need to get from Cicero to Lafayette for book club or work or their kid's soccer game.

Tearing down the I-81 viaduct is a huge step towards fixing this transportation failure. The viaduct covers 18 acres of land, and tearing it down will free up a lot of space where people could find a good place to live. It will also make a lot of currently vacant land much more suitable for housing because there won't be a big ugly polluting noisy highway right nearby anymore.

With more people living closer together, more of the places they need to go and the things they need to do will be located in a smaller area, so the post office and the pharmacy will be a 5 minute walk from home rather than a 5 minute car ride. As more people move to the center of town, there will be less need for all that parking and all those arterials, and there will be even more room for more people.

This trend is already underway. The five census tracts that surround the I-81 viaduct grew by 26% between 2010 and 2020. The people who accounted for that growth are not going to have to drive nearly as often or nearly as far as they would if they had instead moved to someplace like Fabius. When NYSDOT tears down the viaduct and replaces it with the Grid, they will make it more possible for more people to live similarly. That's going to be the Grid's biggest transportation impact.

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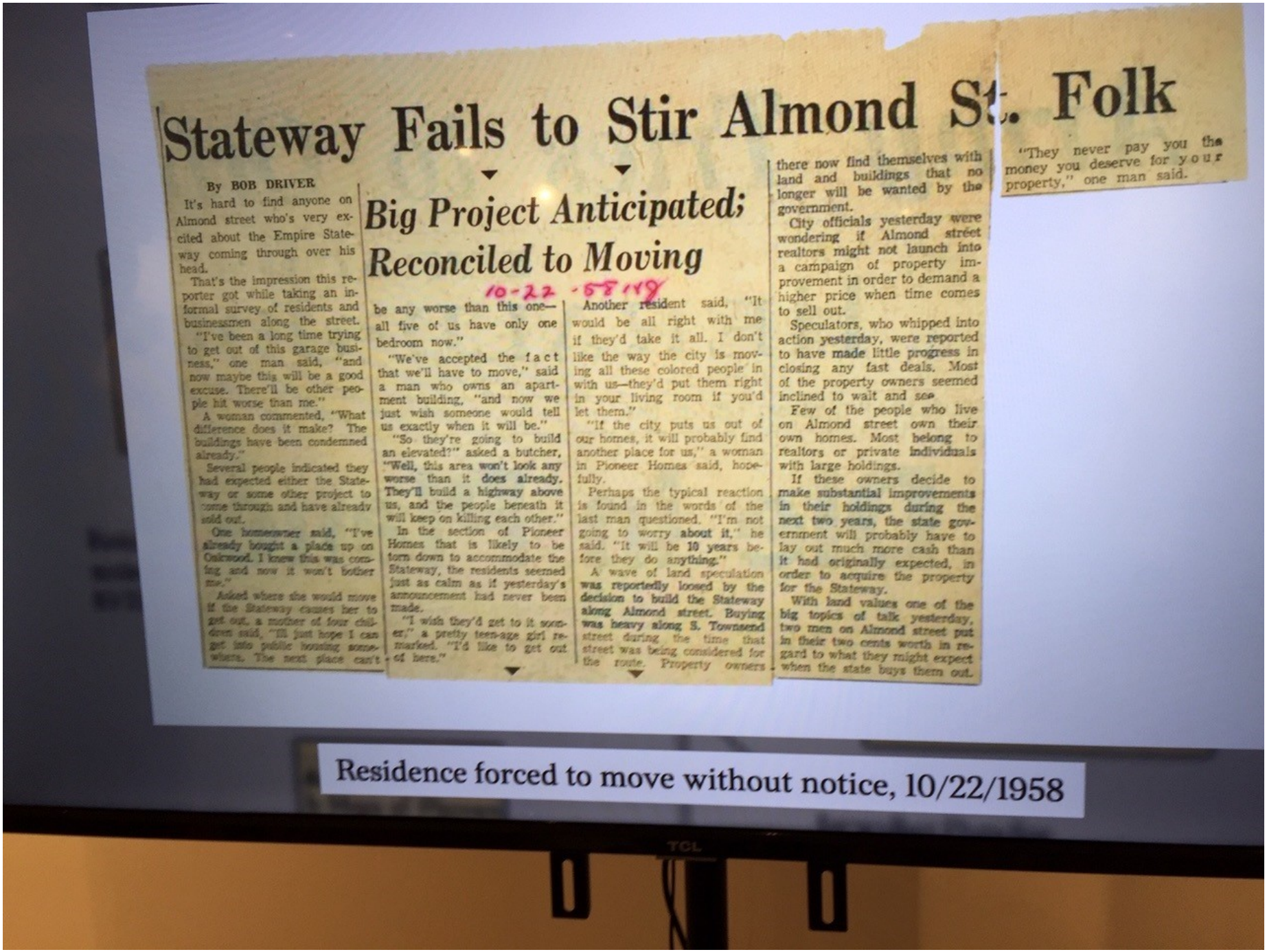
I'll resend emails to Common Councilors and others prior to the “forum”. Will look for email addresses for Chris Bolt WAER, FOCUS, GreeningUSA and CNY Solidarity Coalition.

Don’t think I have the patience to “attend’, and assume that anything "unusual”, like noticeable concern by all, or even any of the candidates, for public housing tenants might be "newsworthy”. If you noticed, even the presumably progressive “upstate” people, in their online newsletter ignored the public housing matter, in fact, ignored any poor people’s housing or related matters, in their presumably expert support for I-81 removal.

Despite Lanessa’s outreach, we have yet to hear of some serious grassroots rumbling, though the seeming administrative delays may be indicative of something. All I have “heard" is that public housing tenants, like in 1958 below, are waiting and listening.



Stateway Fails to Stir Almond St. Folk

Big Project Anticipated; Reconciled to Moving

10-22-58 NP

By BOB DRIVER

It's hard to find anyone on Almond street who's very excited about the Empire Stateway coming through over his head.

That's the impression this reporter got while taking an informal survey of residents and businessmen along the street.

"I've been a long time trying to get out of this garage business," one man said, "and now maybe this will be a good excuse. There'll be other people hit worse than me."

A woman commented, "What difference does it make? The buildings have been condemned already."

Several people indicated they had expected either the Stateway or some other project to come through and have already sold out.

One homeowner said, "I've already bought a place up on Oakwood. I knew this was coming and now it won't bother me."

Asked where she would move if the Stateway causes her to get out, a mother of four children said, "I'll just hope I can get into public housing somewhere. The next place can't be any worse than this one—all five of us have only one bedroom now."

"We've accepted the fact that we'll have to move," said a man who owns an apartment building, "and now we just wish someone would tell us exactly when it will be."

"So they're going to build an elevated?" asked a butcher, "Well, this area won't look any worse than it does already. They'll build a highway above us, and the people beneath it will keep on killing each other."

In the section of Pioneer Homes that is likely to be torn down to accommodate the Stateway, the residents seemed just as calm as if yesterday's announcement had never been made.

"I wish they'd get to it sooner," a pretty teen-age girl remarked. "I'd like to get out of here."

Another resident said, "It would be all right with me if they'd take it all. I don't like the way the city is moving all these colored people in with us—they'd put them right in your living room if you'd let them."

"If the city puts us out of our homes, it will probably find another place for us," a woman in Pioneer Homes said, hopefully.

Perhaps the typical reaction is found in the words of the last man questioned. "I'm not going to worry about it," he said. "It will be 10 years before they do anything."

A wave of land speculation was reportedly loosed by the decision to build the Stateway along Almond street. Buying was heavy along S. Townsend street during the time that street was being considered for the route. Property owners there now find themselves with land and buildings that no longer will be wanted by the government.

City officials yesterday were wondering if Almond street realtors might not launch into a campaign of property improvement in order to demand a higher price when time comes to sell out.

Speculators, who whipped into action yesterday, were reported to have made little progress in closing any fast deals. Most of the property owners seemed inclined to wait and see.

Few of the people who live on Almond street own their own homes. Most belong to realtors or private individuals with large holdings.

If these owners decide to make substantial improvements in their holdings during the next two years, the state government will probably have to lay out much more cash than it had originally expected, in order to acquire the property for the Stateway.

With land values one of the big topics of talk yesterday, two men on Almond street put in their two cents worth in regard to what they might expect when the state buys them out.

"They never pay you the money you deserve for your property," one man said.

Residence forced to move without notice, 10/22/1958

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To: Bjorness, Joan E (DOT)
Subject: FW: 81 proposal for grid
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:36:32 AM

More comments.

From: Andrea Goodwater <andreagoodwater@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:41 PM
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I have attended many meetings about the proposed 81 grid and I don't like this plan.

The exit for 481 East is overloaded right now. It was poorly planned and there is a bottleneck every evening at rush hour. The new plan does not address the problem.

This will ruin the suburbs of DeWitt and Fayetteville with traffic. The roundabout in front of an elementary school in Syracuse is dangerous for children. Once again no thought is given to it.

It is very disappointing that the DOT cannot solve this problem. Many interstates go through major cities for example Interstate 5 goes through Seattle, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Route 90 goes through Cleveland and beyond to the west coast is another example.

Once again Syracuse area is neglected because of lack of money and political clout.

Andrea Goodwater

Save 81

Cathy Goodwin <cgood@twcny.rr.com>

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Very respectfully,

Catherine Goodwin

Sent from Mail for Windows

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Subject: Public Comments on the Community Grid DEIS to NYSDOT from CPCS
Date: Friday, August 13, 2021 3:35:30 PM

Dear Mr. Frechette and Mr. Marquis,

Thank you for reviewing comments on the Community Grid Proposal's DEIS. The questions and comments below are respectfully submitted by members of The Citizens to Preserve the (Rural) Character of Skaneateles, which was established in 1988.

We all agree that the City of Syracuse needs to update its cityscape. The opportunities for change are very exciting, but serious questions remain about how the proposed Community Grid plan will address potentially significant traffic issues once the current viaduct has been removed. The proposed Community Grid will have consequences, not only for the City of Syracuse, but also for most of the communities throughout Central New Work.

Potential issues include:

1.) The prospect of clogged streets and intersections in downtown Syracuse. Many experts in the transportation industry question if NYSDOT's calculations of the current traffic on I-81 and the projected growth in the coming decades are based on standard industry formulas. Please explain the source and the formulas behind the calculations behind the current through-traffic on Route 81 and the projected increase in traffic over the next 100 years. In addition, please share the source and rationale behind the projected traffic numbers in the downtown Community Grid after the viaduct has been removed. It is critical that the calculations are reality based, using standard industry measuring techniques. It would be prudent for current and projected traffic estimates to err on the high side of the industry's standard formulas with the hope of more growth in Syracuse. If the traffic calculations in the DEIS are incorrect (experts believe they are far too low), it could be disastrous for all of Central New York. Would the NYSDOT welcome objective traffic professionals to verify and/or debate its traffic calculations? We have exactly one shot at getting this right.

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Thank you again for addressing these comments and questions. We look forward to your response.

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I support the community grid

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· CWA-PLA agreement on I-81 that includes unions and community representatives in decision-making on the implementation of the I-81 plan.

Rationale: Social justice requires that chronically disadvantaged persons be made a priority for training and job placement in this huge infrastructure project.

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Rationale:
· Through special initiatives by the DOT, residents' concerns and self-interests need to be given due consideration by their significant and continuous input.

· All Central New Yorkers and Visitors to our region will benefit from ongoing active public participation for many decades to come.

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Rationale:

· The new exit at Colvin will enhance access for the south side to promote business development and residential life. It will help with the diffusion of traffic going to the university and hence reduce the load further north on BL81.

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Rationale:

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Rationale: The future of our transportation system must put greater reliance on bus traffic to avoid unnecessary parking and to lower the impact of fossil fuels on our environment.

Thank you for your consideration. Let's undo some of the huge damage done to this community by the original I81 choices.

Sincerely,

Diane Grimes

Sharon Millhouse

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2 yes votes for noise barrier 7B

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Sat 7/24/2021 9:04 AM

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This traffic noise is already unbearable as it is. We planned to sell the house over it and have been talking with neighbors for years about how great it would be to have a barrier wall here to not only block the noise but also the view of the highway as well as their view of our homes/ backyards. Other than that it's a great neighborhood. Hopefully this gets done!

Dave Grosso
315-569-9106

NOISE BARRIER SURVEY

I-81 Viaduct Project

PIN 3501.60

Property ID #: **2192**

Benefited Property **108 Westminster Rd**

Noise Barrier ID # **Barrier 7B**

Dear Property Owner/Resident,

Please check one box below indicating whether you are "In Favor" or "Not in Favor" of the proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property/residence. One response is allowed from each property owner. For rental properties, one response from the property owner and one response from each rental unit are allowed. An absence of a response will be considered acceptance of the noise barrier.

☒ **In Favor of Noise Barrier** ☐ **Not in Favor of Noise Barrier**

SIGNATURE(S): David Grosso / Ann Grosso

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DATE: 7/23/21

PROPERTY: ☒ Owner ☐ Renter

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PLEASE SUBMIT THIS Survey NO LATER THAN **5:00 PM EDT September 14, 2021**

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More comments. Copying a few others as you may find these interesting.

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Hi Mark,

I don't know if you also received this separately. If not, forwarding an I-81 comment letter sent to Rick.

Thanks,
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Dear Mr Marquis-

I am a constituent from DeWitt, NY. I attended State DOT meetings regarding the I-81 Project last month and was left stunned by the lack of forethought, information and incompetent planning regarding this generational-altering project.

Please review my Press Release from last week to learn about the potential damage that the current plan will bring to the Region.

Respectfully,

Nathan Gunn
DeWitt, NY

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LOCAL RESIDENTS RAISE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT DRAMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL HARM CAUSED BY CURRENT I-81 PROPOSAL

Public hearings raise alarms regarding lack of planning

Syracuse, NY: Today, local residents expressed dire concerns and consternation after attending several local Public Hearings regarding the I-81 Viaduct Project Draft Design Report (DDR)/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). As more information is becoming made known, several glaring deficiencies have been enumerated:

- Officials produced no information regarding the future environmental impact of major changes and increases in traffic patterns in both the City and suburbs of Syracuse. No meaningful information was referenced in regards to emissions, noise or sound pollution in highly populated areas.
- Major changes to traffic patterns were based 100% on "models". Officials admitted that those "models" do NOT include future economic development (ie – Amazon warehouse) nor human behavior (choice) as variables in their modeling.
- The Project Director (Mark Frechette) was quoted in a recent article about adding another lane to East Genesse Street as saying: "As traffic continues to grow, if development continues to expand, then there's going to be more and more traffic volume that the transportation system has to accommodate and there's really not good options." How is it possible that spending over $2 Billion Regionally cannot yield the transportation hearts of our communities any "good options"?
- As it stands today, the current plan drops over 40,000+ cars per day into the Southside of Syracuse and onto its current traffic while sending an additional 60,000+ around the City via the current 481. "Improvements" at various exits and highway mergers have been met with stiff resistance and concerns. Beyond the major overhaul on the current 481 at Exit 3, residents have been alarmed to learn about plans for a massive roundabout planned next to MLK Elementary School. How can this possibly be a viable vision for the children of our community?
- At the Mott Rd Elementary School Public Hearing, residents were shocked to learn that DOT officials and Traffic designers were unfamiliar with basic patterns with neighboring roads such as Erie Blvd, Jamesville Rd and Woodchuck Hill Rd.

Given the apparent lack of local environmental consideration and the inability of public officials to delineate an overall public benefit for the current plan, our State and Federal officials must seek an alternative solution to this moment of opportunity.

Admittedly, the impact from the current structure of I-81 has been detrimental for generations in our City. As a result, the residents of our City and our Region deserve a thorough, thoughtful

and inspiring solution. One such solution that has drawn attention and merit is the Harriet Tubman Memorial Freedom Bridge. A recent Press Release (see attached) has attracted both local and broad support as both practical and inspirational. Most importantly, while the Bridge itself is transformative – this plan allows for the Community Grid in downtown Syracuse to be preserved. Perhaps the time is not too late for our leaders to consider the 80+ descendants of Harriet Tubman who have publicly endorsed this project. Why should we spend $800 Million to create future traffic snarls in the suburbs that admittedly don't even address the problem? Instead, why not create an iconic architectural solution that displays the best of our history while distinguishing Syracuse among the other mid-metro Cities that dot the journey north and south on I-81? What is more impactful for travelers on their journey: a 4-lane traffic light to the DeWitt Wegmans or a 70-foot high bridge that showcases the future and displays the very best of our past?

The people of the City of Syracuse deserve better than the current plan. The people of the Region affected by such major changes deserve to know the environmental impact for their children before construction begins. With new leadership in Albany and in Washington, what would hold back our leaders from pausing and giving this project due diligence? Given the existence of an alternative solution that corrects so many wrongs, why not give this option full investigation?

As Harriet Tubman has famously said, "Don't ever stop. Keep going."

For more information about the Harriet Tubman Memorial Bridge:

https://harriettubmanbridge.com/

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September 9th, 2021

Dear Sirs-

A number of residents from the town of DeWitt attended the Public Hearing regarding the I-81 Viaduct Project Draft Design Report (DDR)/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) held at Mott Rd Elementary School on September 8th. The discussions with the DOT representatives exposed an array of proposals and "improvements" that will yield potentially negative impacts to the people of DeWitt in regards to basic environmental concerns. Chief among these concerns are:

- The **massive increase of highway traffic** on the new "Rt 81" going through the heart of DeWitt every day. This increase in volume will **more than double** and no representative could answer if those models included potential increases from the Amazon distribution center in Clay as well as other economic projects in the Region such as the expanded railyard in East Syracuse.
- The impact on traffic on Rt 92 as a result of the removal of the eastbound "clover leaf" exit (3E) and **the addition of a 4-lane traffic light on East Genessee St**. Brian Damiani (DOT) explained that the goal of this complete redesign was to eliminate the "difficult" merge of people from that existing cloverleaf across lanes to access the turn lanes into DeWitt Wegmans. Surely there must be a more prudent and less disruptive solution to such a minor issue.
- In regard to increased noise pollution, Justin Kellogg (DOT) informed us that **DeWitt residences and neighborhoods do not qualify for sound barriers due to a low level of population density**. Yet, there were renderings for a sound barrier on the east side of the new "Rt 81" at the DeWitt Town Hall where no residences exist. Mr. Kellogg claimed that the increase to nearly 70,000 vehicles per day will have negligible impact in regards to sound pollution based on "modeling"; this claim seems far-fetched and fantastical.
- In speaking with several DOT representatives, they shared that **there are currently NO ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES on the impact of emissions from idling traffic** from the new traffic light: both on Rt 92 (eastbound) and in the now extended 4 lane-off ramp next to the Pickwick neighborhood. Reassurances that the overall emissions impact of the project "regionally" fall far short if **the air is unnecessarily more polluted in areas adjacent to neighborhoods** with children and elderly populations. This fact made us wonder what the actual emissions impact will be on the **Southside which will now see 44,000 vehicles** enter their neighborhood every day.
- In conversations with several DOT representatives, it became abundantly clear that they are both **unfamiliar with the local area and network of roads and patterns of lifestyles.** A few potential outcomes are easily predictable based on human behavior:
    - As south and eastbound traffic backs up on Erie Blvd north of Kinne Rd due to the new traffic light on Rt 92, traffic will pour into the **Orvilton neighborhood** in order to move west on E Genesse St.
    - As residents of Fayetteville and Manlius attempt to avoid a 4-lane traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, they will choose to exit at Jamesville Rd and traverse east via **Woodchuck Hill Rd** – a road that is ill-equipped for an increase in traffic, especially at times of day that **students and busses** are accessing the high school.
    - There was no familiarity nor input regarding the added congestion to back-ups from the traffic light at the intersection of eastbound Rt92 and Erie Blvd and the already

congested intersection during peak hours at Jamesville Rd. In fact, these intersections do not even appear within the literature presented to the public.
    - Residents of **Fayetteville will now seek alternative routes into the City of Syracuse** via Kirkville Rd and Woodchuck Rd to avoid the 5 traffic lights on E Genessee St starting at Lyndon Corners through Jamesville Rd.
- There was vague discussion of adding a lane on eastbound E Genesse St **at the Ambergate base of the DeWittshire neighborhood** to both service an expanded "Rt 81" on-ramp as well as to handle the increased flow of idling cars at the new traffic light. No specific answers were given in regards to **the encroachment into the DeWittshire neighborhood** which is necessary in order gain that space.

Perhaps what was most disconcerting was **the lack of familiarity and knowledge with these very basic concepts and concerns**. Admittedly – there was no environmental impact study produced in regards to noise, sound or emissions at a meeting meant to disclose those very pieces of information. Every answer pointed to "models". However, upon full disclosure, those models admittedly did not include 2 key variables: human choice and increased future economic activity.

Increasingly, as this project is being unveiled to the community "at the eleventh hour", we are learning about other concerns from members of other communities across the Region. While we can not speak directly to those residents' concerns, learning about the 40,000+ cars and trucks that are set to spill into the Southside neighborhood as well as the impact for residents who live on the Westside and desire to head South yielded no good answers from DOT representatives as well.

Everyone agrees and understands the Rt81 as it exists is past it's useful lifespan; we are not "change-resistant" However, the solutions and information shared at this forum **caused grave concerns that the government's solution will cause exponentially more damage than good.** We strongly urge our civil leaders to seek an alternative solution to this current plan.

Sincerely,

Nathan & Tammy Gunn

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We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens of Dewitt who urge our leaders to consider the attached letter signed Nathan & Tammy Gunn, dated September 9, 2021.

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Re: Syracuse i81 decision,
As a long time Syracuse area homeowner I know well the need for a positive change re: I81. The community grid concept offers the possibility of healing a wounded city. A healthy city must celebrate diversity and provide space for human activity, quality schools, the arts and community pride.
Get it right for now and for future generations!
Think community .. Celebrate a better Syracuse.
Thank you,
Susan Harbison

Concerns with Community Grid from Crowne Plaza Syracuse Hotel

Kyle Hares <khares@cpsyracuse.com>

Mon 9/13/2021 2:34 PM

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To Whom It May Concern--

New post covid times call for new measures!

On behalf of TJM Syracuse, LLC, dba as the Crowne Plaza Syracuse, and myself, whom has witnessed firsthand the hospitality and tourism market for 10 years I wanted to provide some statistics on the impact of our sole asset. A short background to hopefully add credibility to my thoughts and comments, after obtaining my 4 year degree at SUNY Delhi for Hospitality Management, I started my career in Orlando, Florida. I was in various leadership positions at the Gaylord Palms Resort (1406 rooms, 400K sq feet of space). I moved back to Syracuse to pursue sales and marketing to round out my experiences. I moved up through Director of Sales and Marketing and into the General Manager role, which I have been in since June 2018. I have the honor of being the VP of GHSTA as well as have a seat on the Visit Syracuse board (Onondaga County's CVB.)

Tourism and specifically the i-81 bridge project are a large component of my ownerships decision on Crowne Plaza's future. Syracuse is not a market where business is gushing for hotels, therefore any impact on business can be the straw that broke the "camel's back" in the investment. Some statistics to mention that directly relate to what we fear losing or diminishing as a result of Community Bridge only:

-We average $8 million in total revenue sales, approximately $6 million of this is from guest room sales. This generates about $640K in sales tax and $900,000. Reduction in business means a reduction in tax revenues. (This doesn't include the $460,000 in property/school taxes; if valuation drops this will as well)

-COVID's impact has put owners on the brinks. In 2020, we had one profitable month and overall were a net loss of $1.4M. In 2021 we are trending to be a net loss of $250K. PPP money and federal programs are over. This added impact will compound the situation.

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-10% of our business comes from same day books and the ease of access on/off i-81.

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I would be happy to further discuss these details and more should the opportunity be presented. I am very passionate about what is best for this community as well as the longevity of tourism!

Warm Regards,

Kyle D. Hares
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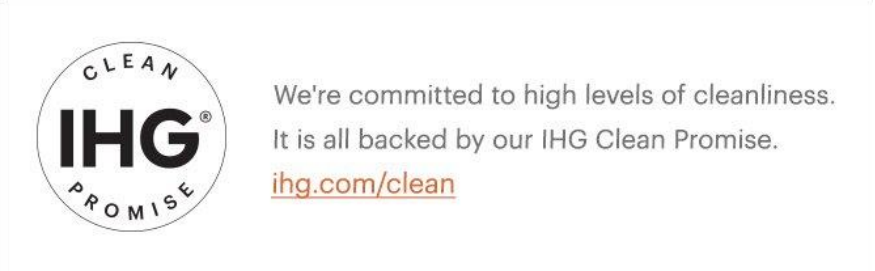

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Thank You
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IMPORTANT: DEIS Request for Extension of Comment Period

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Mon 7/26/2021 11:30 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Kendra Hems

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Dear Mr. Frechette and Mr. Marquis,

On behalf of the members of the Trucking Association of New York, I am writing to request consideration of extending the public comment period on the I-81 Viaduct Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) by an additional 90 days.

Currently, the comment period is set to expire Tuesday, September 14. The project report was released on July 16, giving just 60 days for community engagement and public comment. The report released by the New York State Department of Transportation is more than 28,000 pages in length. Sixty days is a woefully inadequate amount of time to provide interested stakeholders for an accurate and thorough review of this massive document.

Additionally, we believe consideration needs to be given to expanding the in-person public hearing opportunity. Two sessions, held on the same day in the same location simply does not provide the opportunity for interested parties to participate in this process. The current outreach schedule does not provide accommodations for the surrounding communities of Syracuse who work and travel to the city on a regular basis and their voices must be heard as well.

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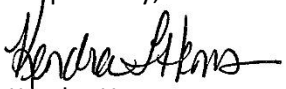

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Gentlemen,
A month has passed since my initial request for an extension to the comment period on the I 81 Viaduct Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Review of this document is a massive undertaking and we are struggling to not only complete the review, but also have time to complete our written comments within the 60 days that have been provided. I understand that we are not the only organization to request such an extension. As we are now closing in on two weeks remaining until the current deadline of September 14, I am requesting an immediate response so that we, and other stakeholders, can adequately plan.

Sincerest regards,
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Importance: High

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Dear Mr. Frechette and Mr. Marquis,

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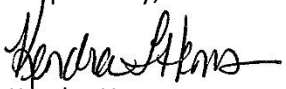

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Hannah Brazil

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Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 12:30 PM
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100% opposed to proposed community grid and change to I81 / 481

Stacy H. <shillanbrand@gmail.com>

Thu 10/14/2021 11:14 AM

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To whom it may concern:

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- and the addition of more than a dozen traffic lights, further slowing down our city with all the extra bottlenecks.

Best Regards,

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Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Hi,
Here are public comments about the I-81 project from a group of concerned physicians and public health professionals. I'm copying the letter in the email and also attaching a pdf. I'm also attaching some of the data sources and references used.
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Mark Frechette, P.E.
Project Director
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14 October, 2021

Dear Mr. Frechette,

As local physicians and public health professionals, we have taken great interest in the proposed plans for I-81 due to their potential impact on children's and community health. We have the following comments about what could be done to prevent, minimize, monitor, assess, and if needed, treat, any health conditions that could arise or worsen for local residents impacted by the planned construction project. We make these comments on our own behalf as concerned professionals and citizens, and they should not be construed to represent the viewpoints of our employers. We are firmly in favor of the community grid proposal as the best way to build a healthier community and look forward to partnering with the city and other stakeholders in any

way we can to help make it work in a healthful way. We're grateful for the work that the Department of Transportation has put into the original draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) as well as the revisions to it earlier this year.

In particular, we're concerned about several potential health risks that could arise or worsen due to the planned I-81 demolition and construction of the community grid. Our biggest concern is the placement of the roundabout near STEAM at Dr. King Elementary, and the proximity of the new boulevard to the school. EPA evidence indicates that pollutants from motor vehicles are most concentrated within 500 feet of roadways, and that such pollution can make classroom air more hazardous to breathe.[1] The neighborhoods surrounding I-81 have a disproportionate burden of asthma compared to other local neighborhoods, with the highest rate of pediatric emergency department visits in the county (194.8 visits per 10,000 people) in the same zip code as Dr. King Elementary.[2] While we are hopeful that total traffic will be less in the neighborhood after completion as you predict, we fear that moving the highway to street level just outside the doors of this school will lead to worsening pollution for the children there. In addition, we have significant concerns about the traffic noise at the school and the risk of injury if children wander near this busy, high-speed roundabout. The news that you are reconsidering the location of the roundabout due to community feedback[3] is welcome, and we urge you to find an alternate location. We also recommend the use of mitigation measures in and around the school, including sound wall barriers and proper air filtration as the cited EPA guidance indicates that both of those reduce risks to students. Another alternative would be to relocate the school entirely, further from the roadway, in close consultation with the community and school district leadership. In addition, we implore you to seek further community input from all stakeholders prior to deciding on the final location of the roundabout (or the school!).

Another concern of ours is the likely presence of lead on and around the existing I-81 structure. As you noted in the DEIS, there is likely lead-based paint on the current overpass. In addition, there is certainly lead in the soil around the highway from previous use of leaded gasoline on the roadway. That lead does not degrade over time, and still poses a risk to those exposed to it. We urge you to follow stringent lead control practices when removing the painted structure, digging in the soil, and disposing of construction waste to avoid further exposing the local community to lead. Lead is a potent neurotoxin that leads to learning and behavior problems, particularly in children, for whom it can have lifelong impacts.[4] Children living near Dr. King Elementary have a much higher rate of lead poisoning than those in other local neighborhoods; lead exposure affects more than 15% of children in several nearby census tracts, and a few of those tracts have rates above 20%, compared to 9% in the city and 4% in the county as a whole.[5] Further exposure of children to lead in these neighborhoods would worsen a health risk that already plagues the community.

Given these and other concerns, we believe the best course of action is to undertake a health impact assessment (HIA), including phases before, during, and after construction. An HIA would help to determine the specific health impacts of the construction project on the community.[6] It could address and mitigate multiple potential health concerns, such as air and noise pollution from construction vehicles, demolition, and the future roadway; the mental health impacts of a prolonged construction project; and the impact of hazardous materials that might be released.

Additionally, we believe that an independent and confidential environmental health registry or other method of tracking future health impacts could help to assure the health of the community by identifying and treating these impacts early, so long as the community is involved in its inception and implementation. Health registries have been deployed in previous episodes of environmental health disruption, such as in Flint, MI and New York City after the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center.[7] Using an HIA and environmental health registry will help ensure that the health impacts on the local community are small and that both the risks and benefits of this promising project are borne equitably.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about these recommendations. We would be happy to provide further input as the project progresses.

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Elevated Blood Lead Levels among Tested Children, by Census Tract, Syracuse, NY, 2013-2018

Percent of tested children with blood lead levels of ≥ 5 mcg/dL

Census Tract	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
10	8.0%	3.4%	1.8%	1.8%	2.6%	0.0%
32	6.5%	3.7%	4.0%	6.9%	2.7%	0.0%
34	4.2%	6.5%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%
48	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
46	15.2%	1.0%	9.1%	4.5%	5.9%	1.6%
19	4.5%	1.2%	1.4%	8.5%	2.2%	2.3%
61.02	7.1%	4.2%	3.8%	2.4%	7.1%	3.4%
60	6.9%	10.9%	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%	3.6%
56.01	3.7%	4.9%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%
42	9.5%	3.3%	3.2%	3.7%	1.2%	3.9%
4	8.1%	7.7%	6.3%	3.2%	7.8%	4.3%
18	2.0%	2.8%	3.8%	7.7%	4.3%	4.3%
9	1.6%	1.5%	3.2%	1.6%	6.6%	4.3%
16	3.4%	7.3%	12.7%	7.0%	4.5%	4.3%
55	0.9%	1.8%	2.9%	1.1%	2.0%	4.5%
61.03	9.3%	14.3%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	4.7%
57	16.9%	14.9%	14.8%	4.2%	15.2%	4.7%
17.01	9.2%	8.5%	8.5%	12.4%	7.7%	4.7%
45	7.9%	2.0%	8.6%	7.1%	1.9%	4.8%
35	6.3%	5.1%	7.1%	7.0%	6.1%	5.0%
17.02	9.9%	9.7%	4.8%	6.1%	5.6%	5.2%
36.02	3.8%	3.4%	4.6%	8.3%	11.7%	6.0%
61.01	7.0%	11.0%	8.7%	5.8%	10.6%	6.1%
36.01	6.3%	7.8%	6.8%	9.0%	7.4%	6.1%
43.01	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	6.3%
30	9.4%	9.3%	10.6%	9.7%	7.9%	7.2%
53	21.5%	15.7%	16.2%	20.0%	7.0%	7.4%
20	14.5%	13.2%	11.2%	6.0%	5.2%	7.6%
40	18.9%	16.4%	16.7%	9.1%	8.3%	7.6%
24	10.9%	11.5%	9.6%	6.7%	14.9%	7.7%
7	11.9%	7.6%	18.1%	17.6%	15.3%	8.2%
49	18.0%	12.1%	10.2%	7.7%	12.8%	8.3%
1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Suppressed	10.0%	9.1%
29.01	13.5%	10.0%	9.0%	8.3%	6.9%	9.6%
50	16.3%	13.1%	12.0%	2.6%	4.2%	9.7%
3	8.9%	6.5%	10.3%	8.3%	12.5%	9.8%
27	15.2%	6.0%	4.4%	10.2%	8.0%	10.0%
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59	24.3%	21.2%	14.0%	15.8%	9.6%	13.3%
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21.01	17.0%	17.7%	13.8%	11.2%	15.3%	13.5%
6	18.8%	13.0%	15.4%	11.1%	17.4%	14.1%
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54	26.2%	20.9%	20.9%	34.9%	24.3%	26.5%
43.02	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
44	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed
56.02	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed	Suppressed

Source: Onondaga County Health Department, Division of Community Health

Data notes:

Includes unconfirmed fingersticks. Location data represent address provided at time of testing.

Data represent children under 18 years of age.

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To whom it may concern,

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John Hooven
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Terry Horst <thorst@thorstlandscapearch.com>

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Hello,
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I am a business owner in Syracuse and member of Center State CEO, recently I received a letter from the Save 81 Members. This group had obtained a list of the Center State CEO membership and sent a letter in support of their sky bridge option. There was no return address or any person to contact from their group other than to say send your comments to the I81 opportunities email. Which I think is cowardly.
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If the roundabout needs to stay at the present location how about building a new school for the Dr King kids be part of the funding.

We have been talking about this for years. We do not need any more extensions.
Let's build the grid!!!

Terry Horst, President RLA

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Comments, for whatever option is chosen:

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- The solution must include significant tree planting and gateway plantings.

- Regions who pay attention to plantings and excellent landscape design profit from them.

- Our region is known to be severely lacking in landscape design and aesthetics. It must be improved.

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- Do not make suburban spaces un-crossable.

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August 11, 2021

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Subject: The Future of I-81

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Thank you Mr. Buttigieg for coming to Syracuse and having a look for yourself. It was sad to see folks standing around holding up signs such as "81 is public health crisis."

The fact is all of our local Hospitals were built around the quick access to ambulate patients in need from all the surrounding suburbs. Removing the highway and opting for the community grid is only going to ensure folks won't be getting the emergency care they need on a timely basis.

The hospitals have grown to what they are now because of our I-81 highway.

Right now most of the folks that oppose the highway are within a very short drive on surface streets to get to those hospitals, so they will never know the pain of being in crisis when the distant hospital is the only thing that can save them. Folks outside the city will likely lose their battle due to delays in getting care. All because downtown residents want to blame their hardships on something in the public's eye.

How are we to be shuttled to all the hospitals right next to I-81 when seconds count, if the highway no longer exists?

Nobody thus far has wanted to address this problem. I sincerely hope you will bring it up on a public basis so many others like me can jump onboard.

The attached photo will show you those Two emergency rooms and their close proximity to our lifeline - Interstate 81. There is yet a third emergency room just out of view on the northside of Syracuse at St. Joseph's Hospital(once again, close to the lifeline Interstate 81)

Thank you for all you do. Best wishes moving forward Mr. Secretary.

Concerned Suburb Resident,

Craig Humes

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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:55 PM
To: i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov
Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Annicia Jamison
Housekeeper
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Sun 9/26/2021 1:36 PM

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

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Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Dear Mark Frechette (NYS DOT) and Rick Marquis (FHA):

Have you or anyone in authority contacted the Florida DOT about the Ultimate I4 project which is a 21 mile reconstruction of the existing interstate with 4 express toll lanes added in the median?
The reason I am asking is that I4 bisects downtown Orlando, and no one in Orlando complains about I4 dividing the city like Syracusans say I81 divides Syracuse.
Please consider contacting the Florida DOT and asking them why an expansion of I4 helps Orlando and the surrounding communities, and why I4 running down the middle of Orlando does not divide their city. Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh could talk to Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, and Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon could talk to his counterpart in Florida, Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings. The community grid option and rerouting I81 to the east replacing I481 seems a step backward and not a step forward into the future.

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Date: August 27, 2021 at 3:05:55 PM EDT
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Re: I-81

Dear Mr. Frechette:

My name is Steve Kimatian. I am a resident of the city of Syracuse. Over the years of I-81 discussion, I've spoken to literally hundreds of city residents on the issue of elevated or grid. I can tell you unequivocally that the great majority of city residents who listen to the benefits of a grid or elevated do not want a grid. That includes the minority community.

So, you might ask, where does the grid support come from? Apparently, some elected officials are using the negative impact 50 years ago of the decision to build an elevated I-81 through the 15th Ward as justification to say the decision should be a grid now. Going with a grid now will "reverse the racial injustice," they say. Even if elevated was the wrong decision over 50 years ago does not make going with a grid now the right decision. This is totally illogical. This is a different time and place with different conditions. And whether elevated or grid

is the decision, the needs of the minority community should be addressed either way.

DOT says they want input from the public. Yet, when they receive the input, they refuse to follow it. A referendum would prove it. We know our community, DOT does not know it as we do; we live in it; we drive the streets, use the highways and we have decades of cumulative knowledge; we know what will grow the economy; we know what creates a better environment, a safer and more livable city. DOT should be on the side of everyday citizens. There is also an obvious reason why this discussion has gone on for over ten years; because the public is being asked to agree to a project they know is wrong, so it is resisted, and better options are proposed.

Most believe a city of the future should emphasize pedestrians, bicycles, the economy, less air pollution, and less congestion of vehicles. The grid adds to traffic congestion, the idling of tens of thousands more vehicles creates more pollution and pedestrians and bicycles face increased danger from more vehicles at even faster speeds. Where is the merit for a grid here? This is jamming the opinion of DOT and a few elected officials down the throats of the citizens of Syracuse and Onondaga County. For economic growth, transportation arteries that allow for speed and cost effectiveness make the region most attractive. We have one of the most elegant highway intersections with the crossroads of I-81 and I-90. To remove a chunk of I-81 roadway from the smooth flow of traffic creates a clunky configuration unnecessarily disruptive to traffic.

Some say the grid will encourage more people to live in the city, particularly millennials. There is minimal justification to believe that having a grid or not will encourage people to live in the city. We have apartments and condos going up at a rapid pace with seemingly no roadblock to their continuing, and that is with an elevated I-81. Further, for those coming to the city from the surrounding county, there will be tens of thousands of additional cars crowded onto city streets.

Mayor Walsh's administration is perhaps the best argument as to why a grid is not a requisite to improve the economy. Syracuse has brought in citywide 5G, been designated a Smart Cities Microsoft Hub, grown the Tech Garden and created job growth with JMA Wireless, attracted companies like Amazon, offices of global banks and increased healthcare providers. All this has been done with an elevated I-81. Some say a grid option would offer more land to develop, yet the DOT Viaduct charts show there would only be a minimal number of small lots commercially insignificant.

Bottomline, the argument for a grid option is built on faulty reasoning. The grid has been rejected for over ten years. A debacle by any other name is still a debacle. Not many cities have a chance to get two 50-year decisions wrong, but Syracuse is on the verge of another 50-year mistake.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Bjorness, Joan E (DOT)
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This is a comment.

From: Peter King <pking271@pm.me>
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Mark, you & Rita expressed interest about George Kessler's 'boulevard system' plans for Syracuse.

Could you pass this on for Rita, and anyone else interested?

Thanks and best, Peter King. Phone = 315-560-3019

Hi Mark and Rita,

I said I would send on some links about the famous Landscape Park planner George Kessler's 'Park Boulevard System' plan for Syracuse.

Note, I am also submitting all this content in my complete comments later this month.

Peter King, Phone = 315-560-3019

Kessler is well-known for planning these 'boulevards' for other US cities including Kansas City MO, Dallas, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and others. Here are some overviews...

* Wikipedia has an overview = https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Kessler

* Kessler website from the 'Kessler Society Of Kansas City' = http://georgekessler.org/

* Kessler's boulevards in Kansas city, Missouri, become an inspiration & basis for a regional walking / bicycling greenway planning initiative in Missouri, called 'MetroGreen'. = https://www.marc.org/Environment/MetroGreen-Parks/About/History

Kessler's 'Park Boulevard System' for Syracuse.

Syracuse historian and author Paul Pfanz alerted me about an Kessler 'trivia' point for Syracuse = THe City had initially hired Kessler for designing the City park system, and linking all main Syracuse parks by a tree-lined scenic 'boulevard'. Paul also mentioned, Kessler's plans were lost, maybe somewhere in City Hall.
I did find a complete description of Kessler's 'Park Boulevard System' in the City's first Comprehensive Plan, dated 1919.

* Landing page about Syracuse Comprehensive plans on 'Syracuse Then and Now' >> http://syracusethenandnow.org/ComprehensivePlan.htm

* 1919 plan, direct document link > http://syracusethenandnow.org/CompPlan/Syracuse1919ComprehensivePlan.pdf
Kessler's 'Park Boulevard System' (pages 17-18 of 64 in the PDF) ... also included an early 'Loop the Lake' concept.

This is preceded by details on Kessler's 'Onondaga Creek Parkway', which was the only part of Kessler's boulevard which the City finally implemented. (pp.13-17 of 64 in the PDF)

Kessler proposed linked the South Side and the University Area with a boulevard along Kennedy Street, and up through Oakwood.

In searching old Syracuse news, I found from ~1905 through ~1920 many Syracusans seemed keen on implementing Kessler's boulevards. I also found a 'back story' on Kessler's being hired, in a 1991 document prepared for establishing areas in Syracuse on the 'National Register for Historic Places. Here is that link =>
* The Historic Designed Landscapes of Syracuse, New York
https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NRHP/64500453_text
So in the late 1800s, Charles Mulford Robinson was a pundit from Rochester sometimes credited with coining and writing about the term 'City Beautiful'. Apparently, some Syracuse 'City Beautiful' advocates asked Robinson for suggestions on how the city could improve. In a series of articles, Robinson lambasted the City for not doing decent planning, and just letting developers put whatever, wherever, however. For curing this problem, Robinson suggested creating a City Parks Commission, and hiring a Landscape Planner draft a system plan, linking the parks by scenic 'parkways' aka 'boulevards'. The City formed a Park Commission, hired George Kessler, who completed this plan in 1907. Note, most of the parks seemed already in place, and so then Kessler contributed his organizing expertise. But however much support this plan had, Kessler's boulevard was

eventually cancelled, maybe for tax reasons. (the above condensed from pp.109-112)
There is a similar narrative posted on the Kansas City Kessler Site I link on above.

* Home Specific Projects Miscellaneous New York—Syracuse—Lower Onondaga Park

http://georgekessler.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=221

For years SUNY-ESF Landscape Architect professor Emanuel Carter suggested similar ideas. Now I know one likely source for his inspiration!

Also worth noting a more recent data point for supporting bicycle / ped linkage within the DEIS.
In May 1998, the ~4k attendees at the 1st 'FOCUS Greater Syracuse' Visioning Fair voted for one clear winning idea,

"Build bicycle paths, hiking trails and walkers' paths throughout the county."

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Dear Mark Frechette,

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I do not believe that all the necessary changes are being addressed in the widening of the current Interstate 481. My concerns are:

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  Our company is one of several who have fleets of heavy vehicles using the same exit/on ramps as Hanson Aggregates, Barrett Paving Materials, and B&B Lumber to name a others. A typical summer day sees **700-800 trucks** using the Jamesville interchange. Traffic at this interchange will obviously grow significantly and become more crowded as more traffic shifts to what will be route 81.

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I would be glad to share more specifics based on our company's experience should you think that it might prove useful in trying to accommodate the needs of so many highway users. Please feel free to contact me.

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Sun 7/18/2021 8:32 AM

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Best Regards,
Shannon Klonowski

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I support the community grid in Syracuse.
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Hannah Brazil

From: spk07=hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Shaun Knutsen <spk07@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:04 PM
To: David Smith
Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Hannah Brazil

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Thank you, Dean Kolts

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Route 81 Project - A Request

Elizabeth Leich <e.leich.dc@gmail.com>

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My name is Elizabeth Leich I live at 326 Kirsch Drive Mattydale, NY. I'm in agreement with the proposed Route 81 plan, and I know that a lot of time and thought has gone into the planning.

I would like to add a request, on behalf of all the people living in the area in which I live. I'm requesting that a sound barrier wall be placed along the border of the Roxboro Middle school campus ground which borders Route 81 North heading toward the Mattydale exit. This is the land that borders the back of Roxboro Middle school from the end of Kirsch Drive to the swimming pool area at the Orchard Estates Apartment complex.

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Please consider this to be a serious quality of life / healthy life issue for those families living on the north side of Kirsch Drive along the border of Roxboro field.

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Elizabeth Leich
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Mattydale, NY 13211
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Cc:	Smith, David (DOT)
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John Lemondes, Jr.

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Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Mark Frechette
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Dear Mr. Frechette,

We are reaching out in regards to the "Community Grid" plans for Interstate 81, and the fact that they exclude the Town of Salina's needs. I am an employee of the Town of Salina, for more than ten years now performing Maintenance Services for PDM Estates. I try my best to be an active member of the community, and stay up to date on current events within the area as I am commuting here five out of seven days a week.

In my opinion, "The Grid" is going to undesirably impact the Town of Salina, and the community as the road improvements are happening all around us, yet overlooking necessary improvements at the Northern most trafficked intersection of I-81 in the Town of Salina. The interchange here is ugly, unwieldly, obstructs the view of the Onondaga Lake, and not to mention is a danger to the pedestrian traffic in the area. As the years have gone by, this intersection has only gotten worse, and it would be wonderful to see some developments in the near future.

As an employee in the Town of Salina, I am asking New York State to consider improvements near the Parkway, in hopes that they will spur economic activity, make the entrance to the town more attractive, and by removing the divisions, make the area more pedestrian friendly.

I hope that you seriously take these requests into consideration, not just for myself, but for all of the residents and employees in the Town of Salina.

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Peggy Liuzzi <peggyliuzzi@gmail.com>
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Many thanks for the numerous opportunities you've provided for local citizens to give input on changes to Route 81 in Syracuse.

I have read as much as I can about plans to replace I81 in our area and have attended several meetings and community forums. What I learned has led me to strongly support the community grid plan. I hope you will not be deterred by the narrow commercial interests that lobby to replace the I81 viaduct along its current footprint. I believe the community grid will provide better transportation options, greater health benefits and more opportunities for our city and its residents.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Sharon Millhouse

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Callie Lockwood

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To: Smith, David (DOT); Parmley, Elizabeth (DOT); Doucette, George (DOT)
Cc: Bjorness, Joan E (DOT)
Subject: Fwd: A Response to Save 81's Letter to our Members
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:52:17 PM

FYI.
Joan submit as a comment.
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From: "Frechette, Mark (DOT)" <Mark.Frechette@dot.ny.gov>
Date: September 24, 2021 at 8:49:54 PM EDT
To: Jonathan Link Logan <jlinklogan@centerstateceo.com>
Subject: Re: A Response to Save 81's Letter to our Members

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On Sep 24, 2021, at 11:24 AM, Jonathan Link Logan <jlinklogan@centerstateceo.com> wrote:

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Sirs:

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Yes, can you explain this?

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Mark Frechette
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Dear Mr. Frechette,

I am reaching out in regards to the "Community Grid" plans for Interstate 81, and the fact that they exclude the Town of Salina's needs. My place of employment, PDM Estates, is located on 7th North Street in the Town of Salina. I have worked as an Accountant and Office Manager for over six years for Pascarella Development, being an active member of the community, and staying up to date on current events within the area and neighboring areas as well.

I feel that "The Grid" is going to negatively impact the Town of Salina, and the community as the road improvements are happening all around us, yet overlooking necessary improvements at the Northern most trafficked intersection of I-81 in the Town of Salina. The interchange here is ugly, cumbersome, obstructs the view of the Onondaga Lake, and not to mention is a danger to the pedestrian traffic in the area.

As an employee in the Town of Salina, who commutes from outside the city limits five out of seven days a week, I felt it was necessary to voice my opinion. We are asking New York State to consider improvements near the Parkway, in hopes that they will spur economic activity, make the entrance to the town more attractive, and by removing the divisions, make the area more pedestrian friendly.

I hope that you take these requests into consideration, not just for myself, but for all of the residents and employees in the Town of Salina.

Thank you for your time.

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Dear Mark and Rick:

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Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BJ Mack
Accounting
Homewood Suites Syracuse Liverpool

From: Frechette, Mark (DOT)
To: Bjorness, Joan E (DOT)
Subject: Fwd: Comments on I-81 Rebuild
Date: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 7:33:26 PM

Another comment.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Thank you for listening.

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From: Kristin Mahoney <knmahoney94@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:58 AM
To: i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov
Subject: I81 Opinion

To Whom it May Concern,

I think that tearing down the I81 is a wonderful idea. The Community Grid Plan looks good. I hope that Almond Street will not resemble unwelcoming Erie Blvd. I think that would include a 30 mph speed limit and integrating pedestrians into the traffic flow. Pedestrian signals that are a part of the traffic light cycle, not a button to push asking permission to enter the car's domain.

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Kristin Mahoney
749 W Onondaga St.
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From: mikeandliz=verizon.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Liz Mahony <mikeandliz@verizon.net>
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Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Comments on I81 Viaduct Project

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To Whom It May concern:

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Respectably submitted,
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Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:31 AM
To: i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov
Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live along the Rt 57 corridor and regularly utilize RT 81 through the city of Syracuse. Be it know that I fully support the rebuilding of Rt. 81 at street level, recognizing the benefits to the city of Syracuse, the heart of our community. I look forward to a transformed city to be proud of, and see no bothersome inconvenience by the intended traffic pattern over such a relative short distance. This is a roadway being built for the future, a future quickly approaching in which traffic and traffic management systems will communicate as one, clearing paths for emergency vehicles, eliminating accidents, and assuring efficient transit. I for one am so pleased that the most prudent option has prevailed. Thank you for your efforts, Brian J. Meany, Liverpool NY

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Attached are my comments concerning the DEIS for the I81 project.

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My name is David Michel. I now live in the outer Comstock neighborhood in Syracuse after living in the Berkley tract east of Syracuse University for 49 years. I was Syracuse Commissioner of Community Development from 1970 to 2003 and Director of Economic Development from 2004 to 2009. I join many current and former Syracuse elected and appointed officials to support the Community Grid proposal.

The Community Grid will facilitate the reconnection of City neighborhoods, particularly downtown and the University Hill area and eliminate the negative impacts of the current Rt 81 on the City's more distressed neighborhoods. The community grid has limited impact on traffic indices and often the impact is positive compared to the restoration of the viaduct. Finally, the major negative impacts of extensive property acquisition, loss of tax revenue and businesses, if a new viaduct is built are avoided. Only four properties are proposed for acquisition as opposed to 24 for the viaduct alternative.

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Finally, I encourage the State and Federal government not to delay further the decision making process. The State Department of Transportation has done an excellent job of encouraging citizen input. All parties have had ample time to present their arguments about the various alternatives.

I do have specific comments on some aspects of the proposal:

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Dear Mr. Frachette,

I am reaching out in regards to the "Community Grid" plans for Interstate 81, and the fact that they exclude the Town of Salina's needs. I reside in the Town of Salina with my wife and three children. I do my best to be an active member of the community, and keep up to date on current events within the area and near areas as well.

I feel that "The Grid Project" is going to negatively impact the Town of Salina, and the community as the road improvements are happening all around us, yet overlooking necessary improvements at the Northern most trafficked intersection of I-81 in the Town of Salina. The interchange here is ugly, unwieldly, obstructs the view of the Onondaga Lake, and not to mention is a danger to the pedestrian traffic in the area. I try to avoid this intersection because of how quickly the flow of traffic becomes a mess, especially after work and school hours.

As a resident in the Town of Salina, who has children growing up in the area and this will most likely affect them more than myself even, I felt it was my obligation to reach out to you. We are asking New York State to consider improvements near the Parkway, in hopes that they will spur economic activity, make the entrance to the town more attractive, and by removing the divisions, make the area more pedestrian friendly.

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Thank you for your time.

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While I believe that most of the arguments made by its opponents are valid and have been treated with less than the seriousness or professionalism they deserve by NYSDOT, I reluctantly favor the so-called "Community" Grid alternative. If current engineering technology cannot provide a longer design life for such highway viaduct than fifty years than we shouldn't be (re)building them through the centers of cities. (Though the former assumption was called into question for me at the beginning of 2018 when I observed the Pulaski Skyway carrying Interstate Highway a considerable distance over the New Jersey wetlands west of New York City standing in exactly the same form as I had observed them as a child in the mid 1950s.) Secondly, the grid alternative would take significantly less time to accomplish, with its inevitably very high level of noise in close proximity to both three of Syracuse's hospitals and several major housing developments.

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(Personally, I like them esthetically, but moderately dislike negotiating them when behind the wheel.) By chance, as a child, I attended, virtually exclusively by foot, for six years an elementary school located in similar proximity to a traffic circle at a major crossroads in Mount Vernon, NY, a densely populated industrial/commercial/residential city bordering on the Bronx. MacArthur Circle was located where Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue, perhaps the major east-west and north-south arteries in the city crossed and did so at the northern edge of the Central Business District. *Everyone* walked to school; it had no parking lot, and any teachers that drove had to find a parking space on the street. There were traffic lights on two or three sides of the school where the kids were adjured to cross—and where they usually did. But, sometimes, occasionally, the quickest way home seemed to be across the traffic circle…. For what it's worth in six years there was never an accident involving any of my schoolmates from negotiating the roundabout.

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Mark Frechette
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I feel that "The Grid Project" is going to negatively impact the Town of Salina, and the community as the road improvements are happening all around us, yet overlooking necessary improvements at the Northern most trafficked intersection of I-81 in the Town of Salina. The interchange here is ugly, unwieldly, obstructs the view of the Onondaga Lake, and not to mention is a danger to the pedestrian traffic in the area. For being such a beautiful area with natural sights, I hesitate taking my dog on a walk past the park as I worry about the horrid intersection.

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Dear NYSDOT:

I humbly resubmit my 2019 DEIS comments and proposal regarding the Syracuse I-81 Redevelopment Project. See links below.

The current NYSDOT I-81 street-grid plan (A.K.A. Community Grid, CG) is, in my opinion, a very weak proposal in the following ways:

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4) The "Canal District", as presented, will fail miserably as a pedestrian place and will fail to draw new development if Business Loop 'BL-81' ramps cut through it and Erie Blvd becomes the congested intermediary street virtually all BL-81 traffic must cross/navigate to

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6) There is no urban design/redevelopment plan for the vastly altered cityscape (rezoning, new public or private construction, public transit, and long-term development planning).

A true full street-grid solution would provide much more opportunity to improve our street network, radically improve public transit, stimulate development, increase the tax base, and generally to refashion our city for future growth and prosperity.

The heart of the matter:
For a true street-grid solution, the key requirement is to convert all of I-81 freeway within Syracuse into city streets, not just the viaduct. On the southside, remove the berm (to facilitate future development) and connect earlier to several major streets. On the northside, convert to a city street with new development on both sides, and upgrade several parallel streets and intersection to share the traffic. With this approach, street connections fall naturally into place, the 'Canal district' can work, a new 'Canal Park' is created, and an enormous amount of development opportunity arises. Please view the full details in the proposal below:

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Dear Mark and Rick:

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Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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NAME and EMPLOYER:

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Public comment

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Liza Morrison
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
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Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Gail Mott

From: ACTS Convener <movingpeoplecny@gmail.com>
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The NYS DOT needs to hear from you about their Draft Environmental Impact Statement [DEIS] for the I-81 Replacement in the Syracuse region.

This opportunity is the closest thing we have to a referendum on this massive infrastructure project. Your voice on this matter is your vote.

Go to https://webapps.dot.ny.gov/i-81-viaduct-project?utm_medium=301&utm_source=i81.dot.ny.gov for DEIS contents and process.

See various means to communicate with the NYS DOT below the Moving People Statement. Send the message: I support the Community Grid.

Support the Community Grid for I-81 Replacement

Moving People Transportation Coalition asks you to consider making these critical points when communicating with NYS DOT

Critical Point #1: Jobs for local people! Support the training and hiring of local persons for the I-81 reconfiguration and rebuilding, specifically support the Urban Jobs Task Force's Recommendations For Building Equity in the Construction Trades including:

- A pro-Syracuse version of the federal government's Local Hire program (called SEP-14 Local Hire) that provides for training and hiring, and
- CWA-PLA agreement on I-81 that includes unions and community representatives in decision-making on the implementation of the I-81 plan.

Rationale: Social justice requires that chronically disadvantaged persons be made a priority for training and job placement in this huge infrastructure project.

Critical Point #2: Public Participation is Essential. DOT should promote and facilitate active participation by neighborhood groups and the public throughout the design and construction phases.

Rationale:

- Through special initiatives by the DOT, residents' concerns and self-interests need to be given due consideration by their significant and continuous input.
- All Central New Yorkers and Visitors to our region will benefit from ongoing active public participation for many decades

to come.

Critical Point #3: Changes for South Side! Support the new northbound exit at Colvin Street and the new roundabout at Martin Luther King East along Business Loop 81 [BL81]

Rationale:

- The new exit at Colvin will enhance access for the south side to promote business development and residential life. It will help with the diffusion of traffic going to the university and hence reduce the load further north on BL81.
- The new roundabout at MLKJ East will calm and smooth traffic flow as vehicles enter the street grid and hence reduce safety concerns at the nearby MLKJ School.

Critical Point #4: Health and Safety Concerns should be a priority along the street grid of BL81.

Rationale:

- Maximum speed of 30 mph and narrower 11 feet lanes along BL81 between Oswego Blvd and Martin Luther King Jr East will promote public health and safety for pedestrians and cyclists by calming traffic and is likely to reduce air pollution.
- DOT should use input from multiple sources including experts, "on the ground" people and technical measurements for air quality to monitor developments throughout the rebuild process.

Critical Point #5: Public Bus Transit should be an integral part of the Community Grid Plan including cut outs for bus pull overs and accommodations for Bus Rapid Transit in the future along the grid corridor within BL81.

Rationale: The future of our transportation system must put greater reliance on bus traffic to avoid unnecessary parking and to lower the impact of fossil fuels on our environment. DOT must work closer with CENTRO.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will accept comments on the document through 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 14, 2021. All substantive comments received will

be summarized and responded to in the Final Design Report/Final EIS for the Project. You may submit your comments using our electronic comment form or by emailing us at i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov; by sending it via U.S. Mail to the addresses below; by leaving a voicemail on the Project hotline, 1-855-I81-TALK (1-855-481-8255); or by providing it verbally at the Project's public hearings. Find out more about the public hearings here.

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October 06, 2021

Mr. Mark Frechette, PE
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Dear Mr. Frechette,

Moving People is submitting some additional comments to those offered to you in our October 22, 2020 letter that outlined a set of recommendations. We have come to these further observations and positions after a review of the DDR/DEIS.

To maintain the context of our previous recommendations, the entire letter is herein reproduced with our additional comments italicized after the relevant points in the recommendations section.

Moving People is greatly appreciative of the DOT earnest efforts at public participation with the I-81 project. However, we wish to engage in dialog with you and your staff directly in the short term before the FEIS is issued to further explain our positions and continue exchanging ideas as we update our broad and diverse "members" who number in the thousands.

Dave Babcock, one of the Steering Committee members, will be reaching out to your office in near future with our request for further discussion in an appropriate venue.

Once again, thanks for your enormous undertaking of helping our community to emerge with the best possible replacement alternative for the I-81 Viaduct, the Community Grid.

Original Letter sent 10/22/20

Comments are enclosed from Moving People Transportation Coalition (MPTC) on the most recent Preliminary Draft Design Report / Environmental Impact Statement (pDEIS) available to the public in April 2019.

We appreciate the opportunity to make comments on the pDEIS to improve the NYSDOT I-81 design process and ask that you please address each comment.

Our comments are guided by MPTC's vision of a sustainable regional transportation planning for all neighborhoods that focuses on moving people and not just cars.

Balanced transportation planning should be grounded in access to safe transportation, public safety and social justice to promote sustainable economic growth for all communities. See attached policy statement originally adopted on 09/26/14.

We support the New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT) selection of the Community Grid option as the preferred alternative to replace 1-81 through the City of Syracuse.

We believe a well-designed Community Grid plan will improve transportation service, safety and environmental quality for Syracuse and Central New York because:

1. The Community Grid is the safest option because it corrects current design deficiencies and reduces both the volume and speed of traffic at the center of the city.

2. The Community Grid will improve air and environmental quality and public health by reducing pollution and noise at the center of the city, and by encouraging active, equitable mobility like walking, wheeling and bicycling.

3. The Community Grid option addresses social justice issues impacting minority neighborhoods since the original 1950-60s interstate design decisions and construction.

4. It will remove the rush hour “bottle-neck” at exits, by providing new multiple routes to the University Hill and Hospitals, and downtown destinations. Utilizing the original city street grid will improve traffic options to various locations and reduce traffic congestion.

5. Long distance, “through-traffic” will be diverted around the city center thereby improving daily commuter and visitor safety and access to the city.

6. The Community Grid option will increase the land values of properties adjacent to the current viaduct. The long-term revitalization of the city will be improved with this design option.

7. The Community Grid option has the shortest construction schedule and the lowest project cost.

Moving People Transportation Coalition has worked actively with the NYSDOT, many community groups and stakeholders to design and implement solutions that best address the needs of the community.

We will continue working with the DOT design team, throughout the design and construction phases of the project. We have carefully reviewed the pDEIS with this goal in mind and have developed the following recommendations for NYSDOT's consideration as this project progresses.

RECOMMENDATIONS with Additional Comments [10/01/21] in Italics

1. **Provide a transparent, engaging and effective public input process community wide** throughout the upcoming design and construction efforts to address key project

components in a timely manner:

a. Restart an earnest public engagement process as soon as possible using virtual technology tools as needed to build relationships and include more people in conversations between NYSDOT by utilizing existing neighborhood groups; and

b. Form technical advisory and citizen advisory groups to address questions during design and construction such as construction staging areas, dust and noise control, street design details, and quality of life for residents.

After viewing the DEIS, Moving People offers these additional comments

*"The public needs to be kept informed; the public must be able **to** provide **continuing** input to the project leaders; and the public deserves responses to the ideas we will continue to submit." Please be sure the Final EIS addresses public participation in a specific manner outlining how NYSDOT will seek public input and address public input provided.*

One way we suggest to meet this objective is to form technical advisory and citizen advisory groups to address questions during design and construction such as portions of the project to be contracted, construction staging area plans, dust and noise control methods and procedures, street design details, and air quality controls associated with construction. Please consider securing experienced public participation specialists from outside NYSDOT as warranted to assure this objective will be effectively met.

2. **Design Business Loop-81 [BL-81] with an 11-foot road lane width** from Erie Boulevard to Martin Luther King Boulevard. The Community Grid option should reduce the Almond Street corridor to 115-120' width, to accommodate it as a residential and commercial city street, with shops, restaurants, pedestrian sidewalks, bike lanes, street trees and parking.

3. **Reduce the design speed along Business Loop-81 [BL-81]** from Martin Luther King Boulevard north to Hiawatha Boulevard to 30-40 mph to improve the safety and quality of life for city residents and business owners and to support economic development potential for the future.

4. **Work with stakeholders to plan for transferring ownership of any excess land** along the BL-81 corridor that is currently part of the I-81 right-of-way to a City of Syracuse and Onondaga County collaborative that will identify, plan and oversee execution of development projects on this land

After reviewing the DEIS, Moving People offers these additional comments

Moving People acknowledges that DOT has outlined a plan for "transferring ownership of any excess land" with the following comments:

*Upon the completion of construction, NYSDOT **could dispose** of potential surplus transportation right-of-way in the Central Study Area in accordance with Federal and State law, or the Contractor may sell staging sites. In total, implementation of the Community Grid Alternative could result in 10 to 12.5 acres of surplus transportation right-of-way, depending on how much land would be needed to accommodate the highway, sidewalk, shared use (bicycle and pedestrian) path, and other transportation features. NYSDOT would determine the size and location of the parcels once*

construction is complete

NYSDOT will form a land use working group *consisting of representatives from the city, the city's school district, economic development and economic opportunity organizations, the business community, environmental justice communities, neighborhood residents, and other organizations and stakeholders as appropriate to provide input to NYSDOT in establishing a framework for the nontransportation use of each potential surplus parcel. Further details about the formation of and participation in this working group will be presented* ***during continued project public involvement activities.***

HOWEVER, Moving People takes the position that a "land use working group" should be convened immediately after presentation of the FEIS. All stakeholders should be involved within the context of a collaborative planning body under local control to ensure that broad public interests are served. Such a planning body would utilize urban design principles, carry on its business in a transparent manner and pursue processes and structures of community decision-making.

5. **Employ Community Grid concepts throughout the section of BL-81** between Erie Boulevard and Hiawatha Boulevard to create a lower-speed, traffic-calming, and business-friendly roadway that promotes connectivity/ease of movement by pedestrians/bikes.

After reviewing the DEIS, Moving People offers these additional comments:

Moving People recommends the following stipulations for street design changes, for pedestrian safety and long term community development. They refer to the at grade portion of the Community Grid alternative, from south of I-690 to the existing interchange at Brighton, all streets within city residential and downtown pedestrian neighborhoods. Most of the Community Grid alternative lies outside these residential and downtown neighborhoods.

1. *Street design in pedestrian neighborhoods should not be oversized.*
2. *Oversized street design encourages higher speeds, increased traffic volumes and larger vehicle use, resulting in higher accidents and reduced safety for pedestrians & drivers.*
3. *Traffic speeds to 30 MPH for all downtown and residential city neighborhoods*
4. *All travel lanes should not exceed 11' design width, with corresponding design standards.*
5. *City streets shall not be designed and designated as "qualified highway" streets.*
6. *The "Qualified highway" designation shall not increase street design standards.*
7. *City street design must promote long term economic development & quality of place for the pedestrians in existing and future residential and downtown communities.*

6. **Display the cumulative impact of negative public health concerns in the DEIS** more clearly and holistically, by naming impacts from 50+ years of I-81 on public health with Syracuse as a hot-spot for asthma and other respiratory concerns. Greater clarity about health indicators enables better understandings, clearer responses, and more flexible planning.

After reviewing the DEIS, Moving People is offers these additional comments: Address the public health concerns in the DEIS more clearly and holistically.

- *I-81's location through Syracuse correlates with 50+ years of asthma hot-spots and other respiratory concerns, including lead poisoning. The I-81 project needs preventative measures addressing specific public health concerns.*
- *For the construction phase, DOT specifies contractors adopt a 'dust control plan' and 'lead exposure control plan' We agree, and recommend DOT consider the*

strongest measures for preventing airborne dust, for example New York City's "Construction Dust Rules".

- *We recommend DOT 'emplace' a clean soil layer over lead-contaminated soils near I-81. Soil layering methods are effective but less expensive than basic soil replacement, for reducing lead exposure.*
- *DOT should continue air monitoring after construction.*
- *We encourage the DOT in combining bicycle and walking along streets and trails with tree cover around BL81. Combining sidewalks and trails with adequate shading reduces heat buildup, and also allows cool breezes. These measures can help reduce air pollution exposure and summertime heat in Syracuse. We recommend DOT collaborate with Syracuse's Parks / Forestry Department, on planning multi-use trails as a public health measure.*

7. **Establish a special mitigation fund through collaborative government entities** to provide financial assistance as necessary to facilitate:

a. Investment opportunities for businesses that rely on "driver visibility" and may experience a reduction in traffic as a result of a Community Grid.

b. Urban design assistance to enhance all communities adjacent to the highway.

c. Implementation of a comprehensive, holistic mixed-use and mixed-income revitalization plan for the project area from Adams Street to Brighton Avenue.

d. Funding for losses caused by the reduction of parking in the City of Syracuse.

e. Establish a special fund through the various levels of government to ensure the long-term maintenance of infrastructure and city streets used for the Community Grid.

8. Provide a new exit ramp on BL-81 at Colvin Street for traffic traveling from the south in order to increase connectivity by further dispersing traffic to the Community Street Grid. This exit would improve access both to the South Side and to the University area near Manley Field House.

<u>After reviewing the DEIS, Moving People offers these additional comments:</u>

While Moving People supports the use of the roundabouts in general as a traffic innovation, we think that the proposed roundabout at Martin Luther East is too close to MLK School and should be relocated in the plans further south along BL81.

9. **Conduct a full examination of noise impacts along current portions of 1-81, West Street, and the I-481 corridor.** Work with local residents to develop a plan to design and install sound attenuation measures, where appropriate, that also provide environmental benefits (e.g. vegetation for filtering pollutants, solar panels to generate electricity, cooling/storm water retention, etc.).

10. **Work with Syracuse Builds, Urban Jobs Task Force and other local initiatives to provide workforce training and binding agreements** with contractors to ensure that local residents from disadvantaged neighborhoods are hired in significant numbers to work on the project. Real-time monitoring of compliance to work force hiring goals is critical.

After reviewing the DEIS, Moving People offers these additional comments:

Moving People applauds the plans by DOT to fully engage the initiatives to generate project related jobs for city residents. We expect that the proposed labor quotas will be enforced by DOT with real time monitoring and public reporting using LCP Tracker or similar software.

11. **Integrate into the I-81 project design certain transportation features to enhance the effectiveness of the Community Grid** for bus riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists:

a. Install park-and-ride vehicle lots to be maintained CENTRO with covered protection for bus riders at several key locations to be identified in coordination with the City of Syracuse and its suburban municipalities to enhance moving people by buses from and to homes to work and education centers.

b. Provide safe bicycle and pedestrian pathways in consultation with neighborhood and user groups throughout the project area as a starting point for Smart Street standards impacting commercial and residential neighborhoods of Syracuse that are part of the Community Grid design.

After reviewing the DEIS, Moving People offers these additional comments:

DOT has listed a goal of this plan "to maintain access to existing bus service and enhance transit amenities" within the project limits in and around Downtown Syracuse. We do not find that goal clearly demonstrated in the plan. In fact, the visual visualizations show a BL81 with only passenger cars. A truer depiction should show buses and bus amenities along the BL81. How does the Community Grid maintain access to existing bus transit? We believe the plan to improve transit services should be reenforced and more clearly demonstrated.

12. **Add traffic flow enhancements along the current I-481 (future I-81)**:

a. Redesign Exit 3 and associated intersection with Genesee St. to improve traffic flow.

b. Add an auxiliary southbound exit directly to Butternut Drive and opening the east end of I-690 to connect to Butternut Drive.

c. Provide transportation distribution centers and park-and-ride nodes for future Bus Rapid Transit [BRT] implementation near the re-routed I-81 in Dewitt and at the southern and norther confluences of BL-81 with the rerouted I-81; and

d. Provide grade-separated pedestrian and bicycle crossings along Genesee Street where it crosses the current I-481.

13. **Additional Recommendation for regional transportation with the Community Grid**:

a. Eliminate tolls permanently on Interstate Route 90 (the NY State Thruway) through the Syracuse area for vehicles entering and exiting the Thruway between Exit 39 (Baldwinsville) and Exit 34A (current I-481). Doing so would allow through-vehicles to bypass around the Village of Liverpool and allow another way for

vehicles to bypass around the City. Thruway sound barriers installations are needed to protect the immediately adjacent Town of Salina and Village of Liverpool properties.

b. Transfer jurisdiction or ownership of certain NY State roads to either Onondaga County or to the local municipality to manage truck traffic more locally as needed.

c. Incorporate an analysis for the new Amazon Warehouse and distribution center in the Town of Clay into the "Transportation and Engineering Considerations" for the Community Grid alternative. The second warehouse in Town of Dewitt should be included in such study. Rigorous pursuit of impact data should be explored with all stakeholders. In particular, we ask that its traffic and environmental impact be added, and that local citizens' groups be consulted. Its siting process, and its traffic plan to access Thruway Exits 38 and 37, were opaque, non-inclusive and incomplete.

d. DOT's stated plans for construction health and safety are well-thought through, comparable with New York City's brownfield remediation standards. Proposed fugitive dust controls are especially needed in Syracuse, where lead and other heavy metals embedded in soils pose significant risks. We suggest verifying dust controls by routine construction site air monitoring, as NYC's remediation program does.

<u>After reviewing the DEIS, Moving People offers these additional comments:</u>

a. Exits 34A to 39 of the NYS Thruway are essential to help local traffic navigate during I-81 construction and to supplement the I- 481 Bypass of the City of Syracuse. Permanent elimination of I-90 Thruway tolls for local traffic using these exits has passed the NYS Legislature twice only to be vetoed by Governor Cuomo. This permanent toll-free initiative should be implemented. NYS funding sufficient to replace recent revenue losses sustained by the Thruway due to Covid's reduction of traffic will now likely be required to make this possible.

c. The impacts of the new Amazon Warehouse in Town of Clay and its Distribution
Center in Town of Dewitt on peripheral areas transportation and quality of life must be included into the "Transportation & Engineering Considerations" analyses for the Community Grid Alternative. Traffic and environmental impact data for the region they affect must be studied "after the fact", since input from entities beyond Amazon project siting jurisdictions was not solicited, per Home Rule prerogatives. The only Traffic Plans submitted to OCIDA were done by a company paid by Amazon, using Amazon data. Widening of County Roads to accommodate Amazon traffic were subsequently done within municipalities deemed by OCIDA as having no standing for input during the siting process. It is likely that Amazon prefers using these toll-free local roads but if Thruway I-90 traffic picks up, sound barriers and higher guard rails must be placed to shield Town of Salina and Liverpool Village residential properties within 50 feet of the highway between Exits 37 & 38.

In closing: We value our working relationship with the NYSDOT. We support the current design direction of the DOT Community Grid option.

Further, we acknowledge the efforts of the DOT design team and consultants in addressing one of the most complex “community transportation projects” impacting this city and region for generations.

We look forward to supporting the Community Grid outcome, and to addressing the identified issues with you.

Sincerely,

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I-81 Viaduct Project DEIS Comment Regarding Oakwood Cemetery

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Good afternoon,

As a Landscape Architecture undergraduate student at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and neighbor and steward to Oakwood Cemetery, I would like to advocate for restoring access to Oakwood Cemetery's main entrance gate, currently severed from the city by Interstate 81. A redesign of I-81 to a slower, lower-volume road, would minimize noise and visual pollution in Oakwood Cemetery generated by the highway. However, the current community-grid design alternative has the potential to increase noise pollution in the cemetery as trucks and cars brake upon approach to the proposed traffic circle. To mitigate this, extending Almond Street's traffic calming beyond where it is currently proposed to either Colvin or Brighton Avenue, would be beneficial and inclusive of Oakwood Cemetery. If a non-community grid alternative is chosen, it is our hope that access and environmental and cultural impacts to this federally and locally protected site be considered and addressed.

Oakwood Cemetery is a major resource; historically, culturally, locality wise, as well as vital public green space. It is used daily by students and faculty from both Syracuse University and SUNY ESF, as well as residents of the east-side adjacent neighborhoods. A connection to the southside and downtown through the historic main entrance gate provides an unmatched opportunity to reconnect the city through a pedestrian safe and serene park-like setting, as it was originally designed and utilized for decades. It is an opportunity to right the environmental injustice that occurred through the original construction of I-81 which devasted and inequitably separated the southside community from the rest of the city.

This connection would also provide new activity leading to renewal and revitalization in the most historic sections of the cemetery which, is in itself a major asset to the city of Syracuse. Currently these sections are out of sight to most, having been left to demolition by neglect, vandalism, and considered dangerous.

It is important to note that Oakwood Cemetery's current administration (non-for profit) does not have an interest in restoring access to Oakwood's historic main entrance gate. However, our ask is that I-81 be designed so that future administrations could if they chose. This is a once in a lifetime

opportunity to holistically address circulation, environmental justice, reweaving the urban fabric, and so much more in Historic Syracuse, while celebrating the creativity of the rural cemetery movement of the 19th century.

I urge you to consider righting this wrong and restoring access to Oakwood Cemetery's historic main entrance gate. As it's been said, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Emma Mrakovcic

Support for the Community Grid

Nancy Mudrick <nmudrick@gmail.com>

Thu 9/2/2021 1:05 PM

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I am a resident of the Town of DeWitt and I strongly SUPPORT the plan for the Community Grid. I am aware that my town has officially come out opposed to the plan, but that position does not represent my view. I base my support on a couple of observations:

- I have seen first hand the beneficial outcome in the Hayes Valley neighborhood of San Francisco where the earthquake damaged freeway was removed, rather than being rebuilt. I look forward to seeing beneficial community impact in Syracuse, without the barrier of a dark dripping highway.
- The I81 – 690 interchanges are extremely dangerous. The left entrance from I81 north to 690 west can be terrifying when one is trying to enter on the left into fast moving traffic while coming off a curve. The entrance the other way, from 690 east to I81 south has inadequate vision from 690 and a short lane to gauge the speed of the I81 south cars for merging. The entrance to I81 north at Adams/Harrison also is dangerous as traffic coming from the south is moving to the right lane to exit onto 690 east, while entering traffic needs to move left to stay on I81 north. I look forward to the additional exits off 690 and I81 (at Colvin) that will spread out some traffic while diverting much thru travel to 481.
- I work at Syracuse University and for many years my office was on the second floor of Brockway Dining Hall, right off Almond St. at Burt St. I could see the congestion on Almond, and often the back-up on I81 North as a lot of cars were funneled into a single intersection. I disagree with those who argue that a rebuilt viaduct is more efficient for access to this dense area of hospital and university than the Community Grid. I find the plan to enable greater spread across more streets very appealing.

I hope that the interests of the City of Syracuse and the community that is located in the immediate area of the highway are given strong weight in assessing the balance of benefit and loss associated with the I81 project.

Sincerely,
Nancy Mudrick
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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

I implore you conduct more fact based research on how much revenue would be lost from the travel based industry businesses located off I-81, including hotels, gas stations, restaurants and fast food establishments. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement suggests it would only be 1% decline in business. As a person dealing directly with the guests who choose to stay at our hotel because we're right off I-81, I can assure you it's not merely 1%!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Comments on I-81 Viaduct Project

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To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for the countless hours of work in examining the different options for the I-81 project in Syracuse. I was originally in favor of a tunnel / grid hybrid that would allow for the elimination of the viaduct, while preserving the I-81 mainline, but I understand this would not be feasible. I am now in support of the community grid option. I am eager to see the project begin and get completed.

I wanted to offer a few comments regarding the plans which were recently released.

1) A quick general comment: as long as I-81 exits will need to be renumbered from Syracuse northward, wouldn't this be a great opportunity to renumber ALL the exits, based on mileage rather than sequentially? Many other states made this change with the interstates years ago, and even New York has already converted to mileage-based exits on I-84 and I-99. If the rest of New York's interstates will eventually change to mileage-based exit numbers at some point anyway (as they should), renumbering I-81's exits during this project will eliminate the expense of having to renumber them again in the future. When I travel to other states, I like how you can always tell how far to your exit when the numbers are based on mileage.

2) As a resident of the Fayetteville-Manlius area, I am very happy to see that upgrades will be made to existing I-481 so it will be ready to handle the additional traffic expected before the I-81 viaduct is closed and the I-81 designation replaces I-481.

I am also happy that some attention will be given to the stretch of NY 5 and 92 between 481 and "Lyndon Corners." I drive this stretch every day. I agree, going eastbound, it would be helpful to have a second lane for NY92... all too often, I see people zipping up the middle lane and cutting over at the last minute, rather than dutifully waiting in the right lane with everyone else who is heading for 92.

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Or maybe it would be easier to keep both (3E and 3W) exit ramps, but make westbound 5/92 traffic turn left to get on 481 (future 81) south, using the existing eastbound onramp. If there is any data to suggest there is less traffic going this way, the red lights to allow such movements would be shorter than the red lights needed to let exiting traffic turn left onto 5 / 92.

Thanks!

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Good evening, my name is Timothy Nelson. I just wanted to share my concern about the Interstate 81 project.

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Across Almond Street was Wilson Park which had a sprinkler and a swimming pool.

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My concern, is that everyone has voiced an opinion, but not listing their concerns in the true sense of 'priorities'.

For example. The number one priority is how any project would impact the life and health of a human being.

The second priority would be the impact it may have the surrounding environment.

And a third priority would possibly be the inconvenience.

Officials have taken an oath of a sort, to uphold the betterment of the... people, people, people... that they serve, not the conveniences or inconveniences of a person's daily Affairs.

What I mean by that is: the stronger voice because of the amount of people expressing it, only falls in the category of "what is an inconvenience." Or, " I have to drive 15 minutes longer to and from." The inconvenience does not overshadow the Health and Welfare of a human beings daily living. And it should not even be in the same context of consideration.

For example if it was a snowy day and you had to leave 15 minutes early for work you would do it without hesitation and no overly concern.

If your child I was fortunate enough to make the soccer team, or the dance class and had to be dropped off 15 minutes early or picked up 15 minutes later you would do that without hesitation and it would not be a concern.

So to alter your daily convenience because of a longer Drive and to say you would rather impact the health of a child living in the area that would be affected by Interstate 81 to me, shows priorities are not in the right place. So regardless of who has the bigger bullhorn the number one priority should be how will it impact the health and daily living of the children, parents, and seniors of people living in the area.

When that is addressed, then perhaps move on to what would be secondary thank you for listening.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:38 PM
To: i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov
Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Another comment.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:44 PM
To: i81opportunities@dot.ny.gov
Subject: Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

I implore you conduct more fact based research on how much revenue would be lost from the travel based industry businesses located off I-81, including hotels, gas stations, restaurants and fast food establishments. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement suggests it would only be 1% decline in business. As a person dealing directly with the guests who choose to stay at our hotel because we're right off I-81, I can assure you it's not merely 1%!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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We need a consensus plan that meets the needs of all residents, like the Grid + Bridge design. A grid only plan will slow traffic down, especially if that traffic is headed to the Carrier Dome or the State Fairgrounds during the fair and/or an amphitheater concert. Grid supporters argue that you can take I-481 from South of Syracuse to get to I I-690. That is out of the way if you want to go West of Downtown. I don't want to have to choose between driving through traffic lights in backed up traffic and going out of my way on I-481. We need to maintain high speed access through Syracuse proper. Eliminating that high speed access will deter people from visiting Syracuse, especially the people South of the city. You have to go through downtown to get from South if Syracuse to almost anywhere else in the area. I live in Cortland and if Syracuse loses high speed access, I, along with many other people, will stop visiting Syracuse. Personally, I'd rather go to Ithaca or Binghamton than deal with a community grid. The community grid will be the community gridlock. Please do not force that on Syracuse and the rest of Central New York. Thank you.

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Thank you for your work on this project.
Judith L. O'Rourke

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mark and Rick:

I am writing to express my concerns with the announcement of the Community Grid as the Department of Transportations preferred option. I am currently employed at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Syracuse-Liverpool, which is located directly off I-81 at exit 25.

I am worried that re-routing I-81 to the current 481 will cause my employer to lose business or close. My schedule and hours are always made based on hotel needs and availability. If the hotel isn't busy enough I could lose hours, ultimately affecting my income.

Everyday our hotel sells anywhere from 5-30 or more additional rooms on the day of arrival. This means guests who did not have a reservation for a particular date, make their reservation on the day they plan to arrive. Some people walk-in to the hotel without a reservation and book a room to stay. Please do not assume that "today's travelers" have planned ahead and know where and when they are staying because of the advancements we've seen in technology. Yes, technology has helped people have unlimited booking options; however, plans change and some people travel alone and cannot safety utilize the technology to make room reservations for themselves while driving. The assumption being made that same day reservations and walk-ins no longer happen in this industry is not based on fact and can have a detrimental effect on my job and income. It is clear and obvious that whomever believes this assumption did not consult with anyone in the hotel industry, especially the hotels located off I-81 in the Town of Salina. Walk-in hotel business and same day reservations (typically made based on location alone) are certainly not a thing of the past and continue to happen daily at hotels all across America. If my hotel were to lose these 5-30 reservations per day because we are no longer located of I-81 it could cost me my job or the jobs of my co-workers. Additionally, it is important to note a large majority of our reservations – in advance or same day of arrival bookings – are made based on our easily accessible location. Most hotels are built next to freeways and Interstate highways for a reason... people want easy access to their travel routes regardless of traveling for business, leisure, passerby, etc.

I implore you conduct more fact based research on how much revenue would be lost from the travel based industry businesses located off I-81, including hotels, gas stations, restaurants and fast food establishments. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement suggests it would only be 1% decline in business. As a person dealing directly with the guests who choose to stay at our hotel because we're right off I-81, I can assure you it's not merely 1%!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tear Down the Structural Racism of I-81

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Dear Mr. Smith

More than 50 years ago, Interstate 81 ripped through a working-class Black neighborhood in Syracuse. It displaced long-time residents and ensured that poverty, pollution, and a lack of resources would hurt the community that lived in the highway's shadow that persists today.

I agree with the New York State Department of Transportation's current preferred option to remove the 1.4 mile stretch of the viaduct and replace it with a street-level grid. Removing the viaduct is a great first step toward racial justice. However, we need to continue to advocate for environmental, racial, and economic justice to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of community members who live in the shadow of the viaduct.

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● Accommodate residents who would like to relocate with an automatic right to return.

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