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## **TRAVELER ADVISORY** **Bridge Deck Repairs on Northbound I-81 in Downtown Syracuse**

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) reminds motorists of a highway closure and a ramp restriction on northbound I-81 as it approaches the interchange with I-690, in downtown Syracuse. Between 8 p.m. on Friday, January 4 and 6 a.m. on Monday, January 7, 2013, the following restrictions will be in place:

- Mainline northbound I-81 will be closed to all traffic past the Adams Street off-ramp;
- The on-ramp from Almond Street to northbound I-81 will be reduced to one lane.

Recent inspections found several areas of loose concrete in the bridge deck of elevated I-81 near the I-690 interchange. NYSDOT has determined that the best option is to remove the loose material and replace it with new concrete. These full-depth patches require that traffic be kept away from the repair areas. Performing the repairs over the weekend means fewer motorists will be inconvenienced.

Traffic approaching Syracuse on northbound I-81 from points south of the city will be encouraged to use northbound I-481 as an alternate route; this would allow access to downtown Syracuse via westbound I-690. I-481 continues north and west and eventually intersects with I-81, north of Hancock International Airport.

North of the suggested I-481 alternate route, northbound I-81 traffic will be channelized into the right lane and have to exit onto Almond Street at Exit 18. On Almond Street, traffic will continue northbound to the right lane of the entrance ramp to northbound I-81. From the top of the on-ramp, motorists will be able to access eastbound I-690, westbound I-690 or continue on northbound I-81. Motorists using northbound I-81 and Almond Street should expect some delays, even with the lower volume weekend traffic.

Depending on the extent and speed of the repairs and keeping the changeable winter conditions in mind, additional weekend repairs may be required.

The scheduled restriction is subject to change due to adverse weather conditions or unforeseen logistical complications. For real-time traffic updates, call 511, visit [www.511NY.org](http://www.511NY.org) or use NYSDOT's 511NY smart phone app.