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I-81 VIADUCT PROJECT FINAL SCOPING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced that the final scoping meeting for the I-81 Viaduct Project will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Oncenter, 800 South State Street in downtown Syracuse.

I-81 Viaduct Project Director Mark Frechette, P.E. will make a presentation on the development of the alternatives at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. In addition, boards explaining elements of the project will be on display, and project staff will be on hand to interact with the public and answer questions.

The final scoping meeting will present information found in the Draft Scoping Report, which will be available for viewing prior to the meeting, and solicit public comments on the project's purpose, need and objectives, as well as the preliminary screening of the project's 16 build alternatives. These 16 alternatives—which would rehabilitate, reconstruct, or replace the viaduct with either a new viaduct, a street-level roadway, depressed highway, or tunnel—were presented at the May 1 project update presentation. The agencies will recommend which of these alternatives should move forward for further study in the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement and seek public comment on these recommendations.

Those who cannot attend the scoping meeting will have access to the scoping materials via the project website, www.i81opportunities.org. The materials will be posted on the day of the meeting, and will also be available at the I-81 Viaduct Project Outreach Center at the Carnegie Building, located at 335 Montgomery Street in downtown Syracuse. The Center is open Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. NYSDOT will also schedule a series of neighborhood meetings later this summer to present the scoping recommendations.

Public comments may be submitted verbally at the meeting, either in front of an audience or one-on-one, with a stenographer, as well as in writing. Written comments will be accepted through July 31, 2014 and may be sent to Mark Frechette, Project Director, I-81 Viaduct Project, 333 E. Washington Street, Syracuse NY 13202 or submitted via the project's website, www.i81opportunities.org.

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