



PACNY - Resolution Supporting the NYSDOT I-81 Project “Community Grid Option”

The Preservation Association of Central New York resolves to support and engage the NYS DOT and the Federal Highway Administration’s planning & design process, for the Interstate 81 Viaduct Project “Community Grid Option” impacting Syracuse and Central New York.

Whereas: the Preservation Association of Central New York is a community not-for-profit organization covering the five county area of Onondaga, Oswego, Cortland, Cayuga and Oneida counties with a membership of 320, and

Whereas: the organization is dedicated to the preservation of the historical and architectural resources of Central New York. Its principal areas of activity are historic preservation and education. It will actively pursue the conservation and protection of significant historical resources that are essential to the cultural and economic well-being of the community. It will work independently and in cooperation with other civic organizations and preservation groups to produce and disseminate information on the value and preservation of the historic resources throughout the CNY region, and

Whereas: the PACNY was identified as a stakeholder, appointed to and has served on the “Stakeholders Working Advisory Group” for the NYS DOT “I-81 Viaduct Project” since 2013, and

Whereas: PACNY supports retaining our historic buildings and existing urban infrastructure supporting the long term economic vitality of the city and region, and

Whereas: the PACNY does not support the larger “ReBuild Viaduct Option”, to be increased in size by faster federal highway design standards, which would require the demolition of 24 additional properties, including at least 12 irreplaceable historically significant buildings, and

Whereas: the PACNY does not support additional demolition of historic buildings for highway projects in the City of Syracuse, which destroy our history and lower land values through the center of the urban core, and

Whereas: the planning recommendations of the AIA CNY I-81 Task Force, changing trends in Federal Highway Administration standards for the future of urban areas, and national ‘Urban Planning & Design’ “best practices” standards, all supporting the “Community Grid Option” [as modified by the AIA CNY I-81 Task Force] on the NYS DOT I-81 project, as the best long term planning option for Syracuse and the Central New York region, and

Whereas: only the “Community Grid Option” [as modified by the AIA CNY] would enable upto 20+ acres of former DOT land to be returned to the city for redevelopment, increased city land values, promoting long term economic development and growth, improved pedestrian safety, reduced traffic speeds and congestion through urban areas, and

Whereas: the “Community Grid Option” will enhance and improved access, for public health and development between the Hospital / University Hill areas, and the Downtown Syracuse area and



Therefore Be It Resolved:

Resolved that PACNY shall indicate to local and state government leaders, state agencies and the public that the PACNY supports the "I-81 Viaduct Project / Community Grid Option" [as modified by AIA CNY] as the best interest of the city of Syracuse, county of Onondaga and the region of CNY Region of Upstate New York.

presented at the PACNY Board Meeting of November 15th, 2017.

Enacted by a majority vote of the board of directors as recorded

by the Secretary, Cynthia Carrington Carter

Cynthia Carrington Carter
Signature of Secretary