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STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO HOST OPEN HOUSE ON CONTRACT THREE OF THE I-81 VIADUCT PROJECT, FOCUSING ON THE NORTHSIDE AND INNER HARBOR IN THE CITY OF SYRACUSE

June 27 Meeting to Highlight New Interchange at North Clinton Street, the Replacement of Three Bridges, Safety and Access Enhancements, Construction Schedule, and Environmental Commitments

The New York State Department of Transportation will host an open house on Thursday, June 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. pertaining to construction on the northside and Inner Harbor area of the City of Syracuse as part of contract three of the I-81 Viaduct Project.

The informal, open-house-style meeting will be held at OneGroup, 706 N. Clinton Street, in Syracuse. Project renderings will be available for review and NYSDOT representatives, along with the Prime Contractor, who will be available to answer questions. No formal presentation is planned.

Contract three of the I-81 Viaduct Project includes the construction of new on and off ramps to North Clinton Street from southbound I-81 (future Business Loop 81) and a

new bridge that will connect Bear Street to future Business Loop 81, improving access to the northside and Inner Harbor. The contract will also replace three bridges at Bear, Court, and Spencer Streets, which will be longer to accommodate the expanded future Business Loop 81. All three new bridges will include sidewalks, while shared use paths will be included on the Court and Spencer Street bridges to accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians, connecting them from the northside to the Inner Harbor. Additional contract features include over 700 new trees, decorative street lighting, improved access to the Empire State Trail, new traffic signals and safety improvements at the on-ramp from Bear Street to Interstate 690 westbound.

The purpose of the I-81 Viaduct Project is to address the structural deficiencies and non-standard highway features of the 1.4-mile elevated structure in downtown Syracuse, while creating an improved corridor through the city of Syracuse that meets transportation needs and provides infrastructure to support long-range planning efforts.

This open house is part of NYSDOT's ongoing commitment to public engagement and communication in the construction of transportation projects.

OneGroup is accessible to people with disabilities. Please contact TeNesha Murphy at 315-728-4251 if a sign language interpreter, assisted listening system, or other accommodation will be required to facilitate your participation in the open house. For additional information on the project, please email Tenesha.Murphy@dot.ny.gov.

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