

Section 106 Consulting Parties

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consider the effects of projects on historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in consultation with NYSDOT and the New York State Historic Preservation Office, is identifying consulting parties for the Section 106 review process.

Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project may qualify as consulting parties based on a legal or economic relationship to the project or concern about its effects on historic properties.

To request consulting party status, complete an application at this Scoping Meeting or submit a written request explaining your interest and how your participation will inform the Section 106 process. Include your name, mailing address, and contact information.

Written requests must be submitted on or before August 14, 2026 to the address listed below. Approved consulting parties will be invited to participate in meetings to discuss the project's potential effects on historic resources and measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts.

Your Feedback is Important

The NYSDOT invites you to participate in and provide comments on the Central New York Forward Project. Public scoping comments will be accepted through August 14, 2026. The NYSDOT will consider all comments received and respond to substantive comments in the Project Scoping Report, which will be posted on the project website (www.cnyforward.com).

Comment at today's meeting



Comment Orally
Record comments with a stenographer



Comment Form
Fill out a comment form and drop it in a comment box



Comment Electronically
Submit comments electronically on a tablet/laptop

Comment after today's meeting



Comment Online
Submit comments to the project website at www.cnyforward.com



Comment by Email
cnyforward@dot.ny.gov



Comment by Mail
Central New York Forward Project Team
NYSDOT, Region 3
State Office Building
333 E. Washington Street
Syracuse, NY 13202



Visit the Community Outreach Center
4483 State Route 31
Clay, NY 13041
Tuesdays: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Thursdays: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Central New York Forward Project

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Welcome to the Public Scoping Meetings

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) thanks you for attending this Public Scoping Meeting for the Central New York Forward Project.

Preliminary Project Schedule



Meeting Format

Today's meeting is in an Open House format. The stations throughout this room present the project and identify opportunities for public involvement. Members of the project team are available at each station to answer questions, and a pre-recorded video presentation is available for viewing.



NYS Route 31 at NYS Route 81 Interchange

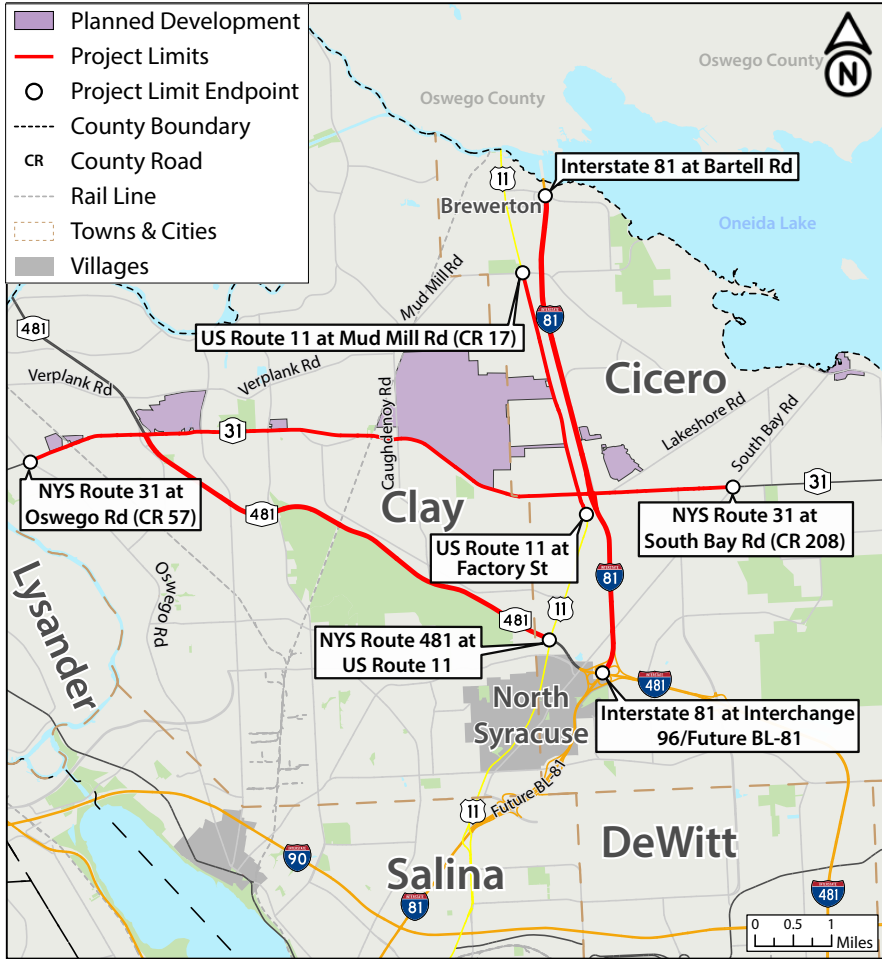
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Project Location



Environmental Review Process

The NYSDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The EIS will be prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and supplemented as needed to comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

For the EIS, the NYSDOT will assess the potential social, economic and environmental effects of the project, in consideration of public and agency input. The preparation of the EIS will include early and continuing opportunities for public involvement and comment.



Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed for a project. This public scoping meeting provides an early opportunity for the NYSDOT to provide information about the project and receive public and agency input. The NYSDOT will provide meaningful opportunities for public participation throughout the project.

The NYSDOT will consider all comments received during the scoping comment period and prepare a publicly available Project Scoping Report. The Project Scoping Report will include responses to substantive comments received and identify the alternatives to be studied in the Draft EIS.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to address existing and reasonably foreseeable transportation needs, including multimodal, within the project limits on NYS Route 31, on US Route 11, and at the interchanges of NYS Route 31 with NYS Route 481 and Interstate 81.

Project Objectives

The objectives of the project are:

- Improve traffic operations and safety to accommodate and address potential traffic growth associated with planned economic development/land use changes;
- Reduce commercial truck traffic on local residential streets and improve accommodations for truck traffic on the state highway system within the project limits;
- Improve multimodal transportation features for public transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists within the project limits; and
- Address the aging bridge infrastructure within the project limits.

Environmental Considerations

The potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the project will be assessed for the Draft EIS. Key topics to be assessed for the project include the following:

Energy & Greenhouse Gases*	State & Federal Regulated Wetlands	Historic Resources
Water Resources & Stormwater Management	Traffic Noise	Parks & Recreation Areas
Air Quality	Ecology & Wildlife	Social Considerations
Land Use	Visual Resources	Hazardous Waste & Contaminated Materials
Economic Considerations	Construction Effects	Farmland

*This topic will be evaluated as part of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process.