PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS SET ON STATE LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS

State Department of Transportation to Give Update on I-81 Project and General Overview of Property Purchase Procedures

In response to requests from the public during discussions of the I-81 improvement project, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will host three informational meetings next week about the process it uses to acquire property for highway projects. The three sessions on June 1 and 2 in the city of Syracuse, Onondaga County, will provide an update on the I-81 project and an overview of the land acquisition process.

NYSDOT is in the midst of a comprehensive environmental review that will help determine which project plan will move forward. Once that is known and the project has been designed, decisions about the potential need for temporary or permanent property acquisition will be made. Those decisions are expected in about two years.

The meetings, all with the same content, will be held:

- Wednesday, June 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club at Central Village (212 Van Buren Street).
- Thursday, June 2, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Carnegie Building (335 Montgomery Street).
- Thursday, June 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Assumption Church Parish Center (808 North Salina Street).

I-81 Viaduct Project Director Mark Frechette and Eileen Moore, from the DOT’s Right-of-Way group, will provide general information on the process involved in identifying, inspecting and acquiring property rights for transportation projects. The discussion will not identify individual properties, but will provide basic information on the real estate acquisition process and answer questions.

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