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This Draft Design Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation documents the social, economic, and environmental effects of the Interstate 81 (I-81) Viaduct Project in Onondaga County, New York. I-81 is important to the efficient movement of people and goods in and around greater Syracuse and is crucial to the integrity of the national transportation network. The purpose of the I-81 Viaduct Project is to address the structural deficiencies and non-standard highway features in the I-81 corridor while creating an improved corridor through the City of Syracuse that meets transportation needs and provides the transportation infrastructure to support long-range planning efforts. After careful consideration of a range of alternatives, FHWA and NYSDOT have studied the No Build Alternative, the Viaduct Alternative, and the Community Grid Alternative in this document.

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