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To: NYSDOT
Re: I-81 Redevelopment Project

Revision 3 Update: Northerly Traffic to Destiny Mall, Farmers Market, Transportation Hub, Stadium, etc.

Synopsis

A closer inspection of publicly available NYSDOT traffic counts revealed an apparent 10,000 – 15,000 vehicles per day coming from Liverpool and I-81N that do not reach Hiawatha Blvd. This traffic appears destined to Destiny Mall, Farmers Market, transportation hub, and stadium, etc. Today, and in Revision 3, I-81 SB traffic can access Destiny Mall directly, but must travel to Hiawatha Blvd and then to Park St to access the other destinations. In addition, Revision 3 does not provide a robust connection between Onondaga Lake Pkwy (OLP) and Park St. The orange connecting road at upper left roundabout (see Figure 1) was intended to be optional, for minor motorist use and primarily a convenience for cyclists and pedestrians.

In order for traffic of OLP, Park St, and I-81 Local to intermix freely without the need to reach Hiawatha Blvd, I propose re-introducing (from an earlier proposal) the two roundabouts connecting OLP, Park St, and I-81 Local exit ramp. In this configuration, the existing flyover can remain if desired, and serves to bypass the roundabouts for traffic that does not need to access Park St.

There remains the issue of a convenient return path from Park St to I-81 Local NB without having to reach Hiawatha Blvd. In order to do that, I propose a new ramp road from Park St to I-81 Local NB (orange line). See Figure 1 (see Revision 3 doc for full explanation of graphic).

Additional benefits of the proposed NB ramp are that: 1) it makes Park St an additional I-81 Local NB path for all traffic including evening commuter traffic; and 2) it eliminates a large amount of current traffic on Hiawatha Blvd between Salina St and Park St.

(Figure on next page.)

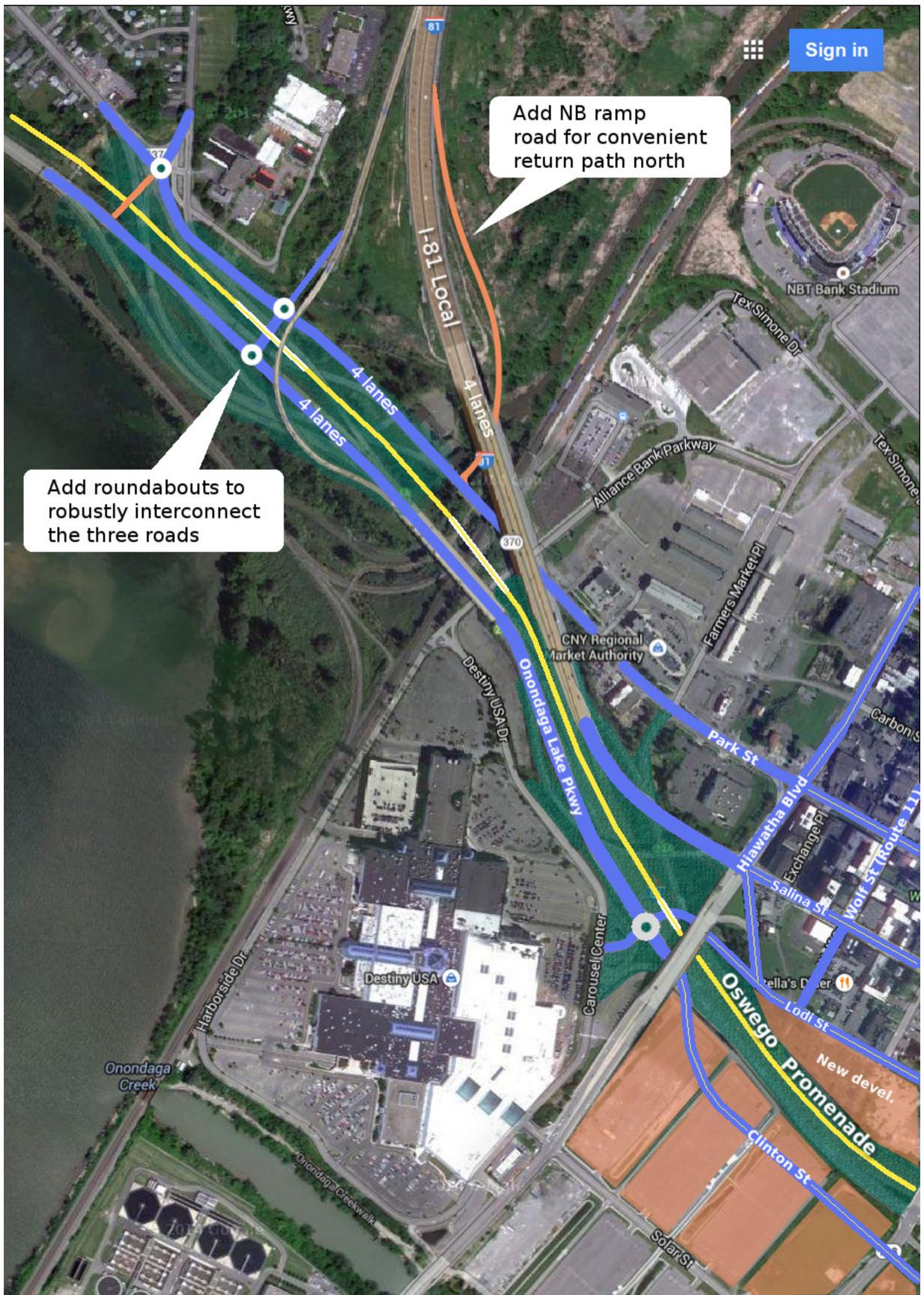


Figure 1: Liverpool/Destiny area update – Re-introduce two roundabouts (upper left) so that traffic can intermix freely among the three connected roads; add new I-81 Local NB ramp road at Park St (orange road) to provide a return path to I-81 Local without having to use Hiawatha Blvd. This way none of the northerly ~15,000 cars per day destined for Destiny Mall, Farmers Market, transportation hub, stadium, etc., will need to access Hiawatha Blvd, on arrival or on return.