

Annual Plan Public Hearing Questions April 25, 2025

Questions	SHA Response
Who makes up the Resident Advisory Board (RAB)?	Our RAB is made up of the Citywide Council which consists of the Tenant Associations of each of our properties.
The plan talks about extra units that are going to be available for the people that will be directly affected by I-81 coming down. Do you have a timeline for that?	~24 extra replacement units are planned for Phase I and ~53 extra replacement units are planned for Phase III.
	At this time, the move in estimates are slated for 3/1/2027 and 12/1/2027, respectively.
	The I-81 Viaduct Project is being led by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), not SHA.
	NYSDOT has informed us that the section of the viaduct closest to SHA-owned land, specifically between Colvin Street and Burt Street, will not be demolished until late 2026, as part of Contract 5, Phase 4A.
If you got word that I-81 is planned to come down, like tomorrow, are those people going to be able to be moved?	SHA is actively preparing for this timeline and has identified extra replacement units in the East Adams Phase I development, which is estimated to be ready in January 2027. These units, along with other SHA-managed housing, will be made available to Pioneer Homes residents who request to relocate during demolition. If demolition were to occur earlier than planned, SHA would coordinate with the City, NYSDOT, and our internal teams to support affected residents and identify alternative housing options.

How will it affect Toomey Abbott Towers when they take I-81 down?	Toomey Abbott Towers is not directly impacted by the demolition work under Contract 5, which covers the area from Colvin Street to Burt Street. Demolition north of Burt Street, closer to Pioneer Homes, will occur later, as part of Contract 8, and the timing for that work has not yet been finalized by NYSDOT. SHA continues to monitor the project's phases closely to ensure residents in all affected areas, including Toomey Abbott Towers, are informed and supported well in advance of any activity near their homes.
Will SHA be on top of whether DOT is doing the air quality monitoring at Toomey Abbott?	While NYSDOT is responsible for the environmental monitoring, SHA is fully engaged in oversight to ensure resident safety. NYSDOT has committed to active air quality monitoring during all demolition activities under Contract 5. SHA will continue to advocate for transparent communication and full adherence to these commitments, especially as work approaches residential areas, to ensure that monitoring occurs where and when it's needed, including near Toomey Abbott if future contracts affect that site.
What is the Annual Plan about?	The Syracuse Housing Authority's Annual Plan is a required document submitted each year to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It outlines SHA's key activities, priorities, and progress from the past year, as well as initiatives planned for the upcoming year. The plan covers a range of topics, including grant applications and awards, redevelopment efforts, and any proposed or implemented changes to policies and procedures. This may include updates to important governing documents such as the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan. The Annual Plan is developed by SHA staff and reflects our ongoing commitment to transparency, compliance, and service to our residents and community.

Is this the only Public Hearing for the draft Annual Plan that's going to happen or are there others that are going to happen?	Per HUD regulations, only one official Public Hearing is required for the draft Annual Plan. That said, the Syracuse Housing Authority has made multiple efforts to engage residents in the planning process. The draft Annual Plan has been presented and discussed several times over the past months, including with residents and the Citywide Council, to ensure transparency and provide opportunities for input ahead of the formal hearing.
Was the only way that people knew about this meeting was to go to the SHA website?	No. In addition to being posted on the Syracuse Housing Authority website, a Public Notice was published in <i>The Post-Standard</i> on March 11, 2025, and the meeting was also announced during the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting held on March 19, 2025, when the draft Annual Plan was presented to SHA residents. The FY2025 Annual Plan and all supporting documents were available for public review by appointment, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the SHA Administrative Offices (516 Burt Street), as well as at the following Property Management Offices: • 924 S. McBride Street • 1207 Almond Street • 312 Gifford Street • 947 Pond Street • 710 Lodi Street SHA is committed to ensuring transparency and accessibility throughout the Annual Plan process.