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No Car?? No Job!

Poverty--Transportation Link

Much has been made recently of Buffalo's status as a city of poverty.

Consider these facts:

The poorest fifth of Americans spend 42% of their annual household budget on the purchase, operation, and maintenance of automobiles, more than twice as much as the national average.

From 1959-1999, households went into car debt 7.4 times faster than the increase in total spending, while the savings rate dropped from 7.5 percent to zero.

Low income people typically buy older cars that incur unexpected repair costs.

Over 90% of former welfare recipients do not have access to a car.

--source, STPP www.transact.org/

What can we do?

Here's a start--attend the Anti-Poverty Summit, Saturday, 10-13-07, 11:00 AM, at People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH) headquarters, 271 Grant Street, Buffalo. This coalition of community groups will develop an "anti-poverty platform" of specific demands to take to our elected leaders, in the areas of: housing, economic development, employment, education, quality of life.

All of these areas of concern are impacted by transportation policy.

Let's make the connection!

Let's expand Metro Rail for the sake of all of us, especially those stuck in poverty!

for more information, contact
pushbuffalo.org 796-5008

CRTC Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 16
12:00 Noon

“Connecting High-Road Economics with Public Transit”

A conference report, by G. Gifford and S. Triggs

Hear CRTC leaders give their enthusiastic report from the conference held in Buffalo, Sept. 16-19, “The High Road runs through the City.”

The focus for the meeting was on revitalizing our city through local economic development. Experts discussed livable wages and creating jobs and a community that would be sustainable for the long-term.

Join us!

Citizens Regional Transit meets at:

3330 Main Street, corner NF Blvd., Buffalo

University Presbyterian Church education wing
Enter through the parking lot door, take elevator to “ML.”

CRTC meetings are free and open to the public.

**Step It Up 2007 continues!
A Rally and March for the Climate on November 3**

On April 14, Step It Up 2007 mobilized 1,400 rallies to call on Congress to reduce air pollution, including two rallies in Buffalo.

**Step It Up 2007 now calls for a
National Day of Climate Action,
Saturday, November 3!**

Rally at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, 11:00 am

Honor President Teddy Roosevelt, a champion for the environment and show Congress and presidential candidates that, like T.R., we care deeply about the environment and future generations.

Bring signs or banners about the global warming problem and solutions!

Help send a message to our political leaders:
cut carbon emissions and grow green jobs
in support of clean, renewable energy alternatives!

**Following the rally,
Join a march on Delaware Avenue
to the monument honoring President McKinley.
Short talks will be given by invited speakers.**

**Maps of the Rally & March
and invitations to politicians and Presidential candidates,
at:
<http://events.stepitup2007.org/november/events/show/2221>.**

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CALENDAR

Oct. 13 9:00-4:00 PM
Food Forum: speaker John DeGraaf,
producer of "Affluenza"
First Presbyterian Church, Buffalo
info: 332-6988 or email
WOYPBuffalo@aol.com

Oct. 13 11:00 AM
Anti-Poverty Summit
271 Grant Street, Buffalo

**Oct. 16 Noon
CRTC Monthly Meeting
3330 Main St., Buffalo
(corner NF Blvd & Main)**

Oct. 23 7:00 PM
Bringing It Back Home: Global
Climate, Local Change-
UB Climate Series lecture
Allen Hall, UB South Campus

Nov. 3 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Step it Up Rally and March
beginning at Theodore
Roosevelt Inaugural Site

Nov. 7 9:30 AM
PCC meeting of GBNRTC
Erie Co. Public Works Dept.
95 Franklin St., Buffalo