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Airport Parking: A Solution

The NFTA operates both Metro Rail and the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport. Part of their airport operations is management of airport parking lots.

A recent article in the News (3-12) detailed their happy problem at the airport--full parking lots. Many people drive to Buffalo to use the airport, especially Canadians.

A solution was offered seven years ago, in the Strategic Transit Assessment (STA). Of the four transit corridors considered for Metro Rail expansion, the Airport Corridor rose to the top. Here's why the STA preferred the Airport Corridor: cheaper to build and serves more of the transit-dependent population, not to mention the added convenience for air travelers and airport commuters.

Wouldn't you rather not bother with parking when you fly? Here's a comment from Joan Bozer, on her recent experience in Boston, Mass.

"I just returned from a Boston conference on sustainability and stayed at the Seaport Hotel across the street from their Trade Center. At the end of the conference, I walked across the street from the hotel to the T and took an electric bus to the airport for \$2. What convenience! How economical! How sensible! It took 20 minutes. I could only wonder--how long would it take to go from the Hyatt in downtown Buffalo to the airport if we could do so on Metro Rail?"

Let's invest in the Airport Corridor-- to reap the rewards shown by the STA for the region; to make it easy for locals to take transit to the airport; and incidentally to alleviate parking problems at the airport for everyone who visits Buffalo-Niagara.

CRTC Monthly Meeting

**Friday, April 18, 2008
12:00 Noon**

"Updating the Strategic Transit Assessment (STA)"

by

**Robert Gower, NFTA
Manager of Planning**

Robert Gower, Manager of Planning at the NFTA, will present current plans to update the Strategic Transit Assessment, first issued in 2001. At the NFTA, Mr. Gower was directly involved in the planning for the current Metro Rail system and proposed extensions. Since 1995, he has been responsible for the planning, design, scheduling and monitoring of all Metro service, bus, rail and Metrolink.

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.

Second Forum on
UB's Comprehensive Physical Plan
April 22, 2008
day-long workshops and exhibit
Center for the Arts, UB North Campus

access: transit--bus shuttle from UB South Campus,
car--Coventry Entrance off Millersport Highway

UB is asking:
Do you think the UB Comprehensive Physical Plan
can improve our North, South, and Downtown campuses
and surrounding communities?

8:00 AM-3:30 PM four constituency group workshops

4:00-5:30 PM community-at large workshop

UB will present the campus concepts embodied in the UB Comprehensive Physical Plan for discussion and critique.

6:00-7:00 PM evening capstone session

An overview presentation of campus concepts, a summary of each of the five workshop discussions, and an open forum for everyone to offer comments on the growth strategies and design and planning ideas.

7:00-9:00 PM Celebration of progress!

UB invites everyone. Your input is vital.

For more info: www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/plan

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CALENDAR

Apr. 18 12:00 noon
CRTC Monthly Meeting
3330 Main St., Buffalo

April 22 Go Green
Earth Day Initiative, led by
Ecology & Environment

April 22 UB Plan Forum (p. 2)

May 7 9:30 AM
PCC meeting of GBNRTC
Carnegie Bldg., Niagara Falls

May 10 National Train Day
www.narprail.org/trainday

May 16 12:00-1:30 PM
CRTC Monthly Meeting
3330 Main St., Buffalo

June 1: BuffaloFirst 6:00-7:30 PM
Market Arcade Bldg, 617 Main St
"Green Transportation"
Screening of "The End of
Suburbia." Discussion to follow.
Guest speaker: Justin Booth,
Buffalo Blue Bicycles, others.

June 26-29 Buffalo Homecoming
See: buffalohomecoming.com
Most events transit-friendly

Oct. 26-29 RailVolution
conference, San Francisco, CA
www.railvolution.com