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Yes, we can! by t4america.org

an open letter to President-elect Obama:

First of all...Congratulations! Your election, and results from [Congressional races] around the country, represents a resounding call for a new direction.

We salute you. And we join you in seeking infrastructure investment that will stimulate the economy now and lay the groundwork for a clean-energy future that is less dependent on oil.

Americans are ready for this bold vision. Even in this tattered economy, citizens in California, Washington, Hawaii, Colorado and at least 10 other states voted themselves a tax increase so they could jumpstart construction of light rail, commuter train service, high-speed rail and other clean transportation options. Now they, and dozens of other communities, need a federal partner that can step up and do its part.

We call on you to follow through on the vision you offered in the campaign by acting rapidly, starting with the transition and during the first 100 days, to urge Congress to pass a smart package of stimulus investments as well as a new national transportation program. Appoint a Secretary of Transportation with a proven record of understanding both urban and rural needs, as well as how transportation, growth and development, the economy and the environment interact.

By fixing our highways, bridges and transit systems, and pushing ahead with ready-to-go rail projects, we can create millions of jobs that can't be outsourced, launch a clean, green economic recovery, and get started on building a 21st century transportation system.

To quote our next president: "Yes, we can!"

CRTC Monthly Meeting

**Wednesday, November 19, 2008
12:00 noon**

“How the NFTA will update the Strategic Transit Assessment”

**by
Robert Gower, NFTA
Manager of Planning**

The NFTA has hired a consultant to update the Strategic Transit Assessment, originally released in August, 2001. What exactly will this update do? Robert Gower, NFTA's manager of planning, will explain the details of this project, in relation to the recent interest by the Town of Cheektowaga in the Airport Corridor and the push for the Amherst Corridor from the University at Buffalo.

Join us!

Citizens Regional Transit meets at:

617 Main Street, Market Arcade Bldg., Buffalo

Meeting room indicated by poster in lobby.

CRTC meetings are free and open to the public.

Green Jobs Conference

Saturday, November 22, 2008

8:30 AM-12:00 noon

ECC City Campus

Hosted by NYS Assemblymember Sam Hoyt

The Green Jobs Conference, is a follow-up event from the Green Economy Summit held in April, 2008.

Features discussion groups:

- * **craft strategies to overcome existing obstacles to creating new green jobs at all skill and wage levels**
- * **find ways to provide training opportunities**
- * **recruit new green employers**
- * **develop strategies to create transportation infrastructure that provides and supports green jobs**

To register, reply to
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Registration sign-in will open at 8am.
The event begins promptly at 8:30am and finishes at 12:00 noon.

See you there!

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CALENDAR

Nov. 19 12:00-1:00 PM
CRTC Monthly Meeting
617 Main St., Buffalo

Nov. 19 UB 2020 Plan
Public Forum,
Allen Hall, UB South Campus
Presentations at 8 AM, 12 noon,
6 PM; exhibition available
7:30 AM-7:30 PM

Nov. 20 9:00-11:00 AM
GBNRTC Council meeting
Quality Inn, 7708 Niagara Falls
Blvd., Niagara Falls

Nov. 22 8:30 PM-12:00 noon
Green Jobs Conference
ECC City Campus (p. 2)

Dec. 3 9:30 AM
PCC meeting of GBNRTC
NYSDOT, 100 Seneca St., Buffalo

Dec. 17 12:00-1:00 PM
CRTC Monthly Meeting
617 Main St., Buffalo