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Public Meetings Galore

For the active public, October presents four meetings that deserve attention. Please set aside time and energy for:

- * Partners for the Public Good (PPG) forum on public transit-- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4-5:30 PM
- * Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp.(ECHDC)--a public hearing to receive comments on the draft generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) for a mixed-use waterfront development initiative located within the City of Buffalo's Inner Harbor area.-- also on October 20, 6-9 PM
- * CRTC monthly meeting, featuring the local representative of the Apollo Alliance, advocating for strong transit support in the Federal transportation bill--Wednesday, Oct. 21, 12 noon
- * VOICE-Buffalo public meeting, focused on economic development and public transit--Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 PM.

These meetings engage the public as advisors, partners, and process enablers. But as a democracy, the citizens are supposed to have the power.

So, as we participate in these meetings, we should keep one simple question in mind:

Who has the power?

At PPG and the CRTC, the realities of power will be discussed in the context of advocacy for public transit.

At the ECHDC meeting, the powerful will invite the public to comment.

At the VOICE-Buffalo meeting, the public will speak powerfully to public leaders.

Come one, come all--participate!!

CRTC Monthly Meetings

**Wednesday, October 21
12:00-1:00 PM**

**“Rebuilding America
through world-class transit systems”**

a conversation with

Art Wheaton, Apollo Alliance

Art Wheaton is Co-Chair of the Apollo Alliance group (www.apolloalliance.org) in WNY. He serves as Workplace and Industry Education Specialist for the Institute for Industry Studies, housed in the ILR School of Cornell University, located at 237 Main Street in Buffalo.

Join us!

Citizens Regional Transit meets at:

617 Main Street, Market Arcade Building, Buffalo

Meeting space available courtesy Preservation Buffalo-Niagara.

CRTC meetings are free and open to the public.

WNY REGIONAL Public Meeting

October 22, 2009 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.

St. Martin de Porres Church
555 Northampton Street, Buffalo

A public meeting organized by
VOICE-Buffalo, PUSH and NOAH

seeking commitment from local leaders to:

- * revitalize WNY regional economy
- * improve public transportation
- * secure funding for green jobs and green housing
- * promote local hiring and job creation

For more information: call VOICE-Buffalo at 842-6571.

CALENDAR

Oct. 20, 2009 4 to 5:30 PM
Cornell ILR, 237 Main Street-
Suite 1200, Buffalo, Partnership
for the Public Good forum
“Investing in Public Transit.” --
www.ppgbuffalo.org

October 20, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
CANAL SIDE PROJECT
Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Bflo.

Oct. 21 12:00 noon
Apollo Alliance on transit
CRTC Monthly Meeting
617 Main Street, Buffalo

Oct. 22 7:00 PM public meeting
VOICE, 842-6571, office@voice-
buffalo.org

Nov. 4 9:30 AM
GBNRTC PCC meeting
Erie County Dept. Public Works
95 Franklin St., Buffalo

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student 5.00

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