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The Future of Metro Rail is Now

...summary of an article by CRTC President Gifford, 11-23-09.

Essential planning is happening now, for the future of Metro Rail in Erie County.

At their Board of Commissioners meeting on 11-23-09, the NFTA announced that the draft assessment from their transit consultants will be ready for review in January, 2010.

New Federal transportation legislation was introduced in March (in the Senate) and in June (in the House). Action is expected in 2010, after Congress completes health care legislation

The release of the TMD study by the NFTA plus the next Federal transportation bill plus the next set of data from the national census all taken together point to a pivotal moment.

Buffalo-Niagara is poised to either build on the assets of its existing light rail line within densely-populated urban areas, or to follow the lead of those developers whose 20th-century mindset requires automobile parking at every destination.

Now is the moment.

Let's craft a regional vision for all transportation modes.

...find the complete article by CRTC President Gifford, published 11-23-09, at buffalorising.com/2009/

Responses to the article indicate a lively interest in Metro Rail's future in the community.

Let's bring that energy together!
Join CRTC, and insist on a future with expanded Metro Rail--
"the world's greenest mass transit!"

CRTC Monthly Meetings

**Wednesday, December 16
12:00-1:00 PM**

“Highlights from Rail-Volution 2009: Helping Buffalo Catch the Train”

with

Dr. Seth C. Triggs, CRTC Vice President

In late October, Boston, MA hosted the annual Rail-Volution Conference. Seth Triggs of the CRTC attended to discover new strategies for getting Metro Rail expanded. Hear some new information and enjoy rousing discussion as we lay out a path forward.

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.

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Community Agenda for 2010

Roll-Out and Press Conference, December 16, 3:30 p.m.

at
Merriweather Library, corner of Jefferson and Utica.

**Press and elected officials will be there,
as they were the last two years--**

Come and show the power of the community--

Support the 2010 Agenda!

for more info, see: ppg-buffalo.wikispaces.com

CALENDAR

Dec. 14 9:00 AM
2010-2011 NFTA Budget hearing
181 Ellicott St., Buffalo

Dec. 15 9:00 AM
GBNRTC Policy Committee
Niagara Falls International Airport
(via NYS #62, north of I-290)
2035 Niagara Falls Blvd
Niagara Falls, NY

Dec. 16 12:00 noon
Rail-Volution report
CRTC Monthly Meeting
617 Main Street, Buffalo

Dec. 16 3:30 PM
PPG Agenda Press Conf,
Merriweather Library (p. 2)

Jan. 6 9:30 AM
GBNRTC PCC meeting
NFTA , 181 Ellicott St., Buffalo

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