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## Leadership Required

What are the necessary ingredients for a successful turn-around of a Rust Belt city like Buffalo?

On June 1st, Green-Options Buffalo and others sponsored the viewing of the video: *Beyond the Motor City*, part of PBS's series, *Blueprint America*.

The film clearly laid out many trends and decisions that have led to the current crisis in Detroit, Michigan. The parallels with Buffalo, New York, were frequent and obvious.

Detroit is making strides to a better future, including investment in public transportation. What will push Buffalo to do likewise?

Panelist and main speaker at the event was the film's producer and director, Aaron Woolf. He offered three elements that are required for significant change in public policy: Active leadership, an impending/realized Crisis, and innovative Technology.

CRT would respond by saying that the innovative Technology for Buffalo is in hand: passenger rail modes, both light rail and trolley propelled by hydropower.

Add the realized Crisis: Buffalo rated as a center of poverty, amidst classic regional sprawl which tripled the land area consumed while maintaining the same total population.

The missing ingredient??

Active leadership, whose vision insists that a revitalized region must be a connected region, where clean and environmentally-friendly public transit facilitates access to jobs while supporting vital neighborhoods.

Leaders, come see our regional potential. ACT up for the Airport Corridor tour!

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## CRTC Monthly Meeting

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

## “Kensington Expressway Options”

a conversation with

**David Torke**

Recent discussions about the Kensington Expressway (NYS 33) have suggested intriguing options for the four-lane separated highway that cuts urban Buffalo in half and destroyed the historic Humboldt Parkway, part of the landmark Olmsted design.

Hear the options, as researched by David Torke, and help identify traffic options for users of the expressway (including extending Metro Rail).

David Torke is the writer of *fixbuffalo.blogspot.com* and lives in Buffalo.

**Join us!**

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**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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## Leadership Tours Scheduled

Citizens *for* Regional Transit is sponsoring bus tours of the proposed Airport Corridor extension of Metro Rail.

**Tours to run Thursday afternoons,  
July 8, 15, 29,  
start from and return to Buffalo's City Hall,  
1:30-3:30 PM.**

Reservations required, since seating is limited on buses.

**Reservations are accepted at  
[crtc@citizenstransit.org](mailto:crtc@citizenstransit.org).**

Please include phone number and organization affiliation.

See potential sites for stations.  
Hear how the project will benefit metro Buffalo.

Tours provided courtesy of  
Citizens *for* Regional Transit.

### CALENDAR

**June 16 12:00 noon**  
**CRT Monthly Meeting**  
"Kensington Expressway Options"

July 7 9:30 AM  
GBNRTC PCC meeting  
Niagara Co.Public Safety Bldg  
5526 Niagara Street Extension  
Lockport

July 8, 15, 29 1:30-3:30 PM  
Leadership Tours of Airport  
Corridor (p. 2)

**Notice:**  
**no monthly meetings of  
CRT in July or August.**

**See you in September!**

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