

Citizens for Regional Transit Annual Meeting

18 January 2023

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President, Citizens for Regional Transit

And

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Treasurer, Citizens for Regional Transit



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Announcements
- Nominations and Remembrances
- 2023 Budget
- 2022 Accomplishments & 2023 Priorities
 - Doug Funke, CRT President - Summary
 - Jim Gordon, CRT Treasurer - Selective Drill Down
- Adjourn



2022 CRT Board Nominations

Executive Officers:



Douglas Funke
President



Seth Triggs
Vice President



James Gordon
Treasurer



Rebecca Reilly
Secretary

Executive Board Members:



Bradley Bethel



Carl Skompinski



Gladys Gifford



Patrick Whalen



Thomas
DeSantis



Recognizing Emeritus Board Members



Joan Bozer



Lynn Magdol



Remembrances

Elizabeth (Betsy) Giles

MARCH 4, 1964 – APRIL 29, 2022



Gregory Paul Stein, PhD

DECEMBER 21, 1937 – DECEMBER 25, 2022



Can You Help Us?

Examples of Help Needed

- Festival Tabling
- Outreach Material Update
- Grant Identification / Writing
- Data Entry (e.g., new members)
- Minutes / Record Keeping
- Spreading the Word at Community Meetings
- Membership and Sponsor Recruiting
- Letters-to-the-Editor
- Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter (boost, share...)



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2023 Budget

Budget Items	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Previous Yr Closing Balance M&T Bank		1,164.42	
Previous Yr Closing Balance PayPal		1,564.99	
Previous Yr Ending Balance Combined		2,729.41	
Capital Expenditures			
Computer (TBD consideration)			-800.00
Budget			
INCOME			
Donations	300.00	712	700
Dues	500.00	735	700
Grants	0.00	0	50
Totals	800.00	1,457	1,450
EXPENSES			
Copy & Printing	0	0	50
Office Supplies & Postage	40	0	50
Event Registrations	0	315	350
Conferences, Tickets, Transportation	600	0	200
Ads	0.00	0	0
Memberships (NYPTA, B-Preservation)	135	135	150
Miscellaneous (Betsy's Plaque)	100	410	150
Web Hosting / Domain Listing	250	453	500
Total Proposed Budget	1,125	1,313	1,450
Difference between income & expenses (2021 surplus = \$348.45)	-325.00	144.00	0.00



Some 2022 Highlights

- **DL&W Terminal extension**
 - *under construction!*
- *** Buffalo – Amherst LRT Extension**
 - Federal Transit Agency (FTA) Is Sponsor
 - Preferred Local Alternative (PLA) Selected
 - *Engineering Study Funding in Place*
- *** Cornell / PPG High Road Fellowship**
 - 2021, 2022: Study of Social and Economic Benefits of East Side Airport Extension
 - 2023 proposal: Improve CRT Outreach Capability
- *** Equitable TOD Workshop Series**

Buffalo Metro Rail
First Extension since 1986
Is now under construction

DL&W train station, built in 1917, is being restored & will be a new station for Buffalo Metro Rail

13,045 People reached 2,101 Engagements ↑ +24.8x higher Distribution score Boost post



Some 2022 Highlights

- **Successful Petition (517 signatures)**
 - Make transit competitive with driving
 - Coordinate road diets with transit investments
 - Study transit connections between Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Southern Ontario
 - Integrate transit with regional planning
 - Fix the transit funding problem
- **Tabling and Outreach at Festivals Again**
- **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) Passed.**
 - Scoping Plan Published
- **Erie County Climate Action Plan Completed**
 - Calls for Extending Buffalo Metro Rail and transit improvements
- **Monitored NFTA and GBNRTC Operations Providing Inputs and Critique (e.g., serve on NFTA CAC, attend public hearings, etc.)**



Some 2022 Highlights

- **Completed Training Video for non-English Speaking Immigrants**
- **Increased Transit Funding**
- **Successful 2023 PPG Plank Proposal (with BTRU, snow removal)**
- *** Initiated Humboldt Parkway Campaign**
 - Campaign Calls for Restoring Humboldt Parkway, Extending Light Rail Instead
- **Dedicated Bench and Plaque for Betsy**



Looking Ahead to 2023

- Snow removal at bus stops & sidewalks
- * Restore Humboldt and Extend Buffalo Metro
- Implement Erie County Climate Action Plan
- Make transit competitive with driving!



Looking Ahead to 2023

- The World's Greatest Waterfront
- Amtrak Improvements
 - Cleveland-Buffalo-Toronto Enhancements
 - High Speed Rail (HSR)
- Electric Buses Coming to Buffalo
- Funding In Place to Initiate Design of a linear Transit Hub on North Division Street

