

What We Need:

To meet the growing demand for a 21st century multi-modal transportation system in Buffalo-Niagara – including an expanded Metro Rail.

Why We Need It:

Attract & Retain Population – Growing numbers of Americans are seeking better transportation choices, including the option to live and work car-free in walkable, bikeable, mixed-use neighborhoods connected by transit.

Parking & Congestion – Transit moves people safely and cost-effectively without scarring our waterfront, parkland, or downtown streetscapes with acres of parking. Park & Ride facilities are free and reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and on-street parking shortages.

Access & Affordability – Over 1/3 of Buffalo households do not own cars. Transit expands mobility options for everyone (including seniors and the disabled), providing essential access to jobs, shopping, healthcare, education, etc. Up to \$10,000 a year can be saved for each car done without!

Economics – Investments in light rail and bus rapid transit are transforming many US cities by stimulating economic growth (“Transit-Oriented Development”). Because WNY’s many rail rights-of-way are already publicly owned, expansion of our system is among the nation’s most affordable.

The Environment – Automobiles in New York State emit more carbon per year than industrial, residential, or commercial sources; their exhaust contains pollutants that cause cancer and asthma. Buffalo’s light rail runs partly on clean hydroelectric power – with the potential to run on 100% non-polluting Niagara Falls waterpower.

Health Benefits – CDC studies correlate transit use with increased physical fitness and decreased rates of chronic disease.

Transit Advocates for Over 50 Years!

Your tax-deductible membership funds the ongoing work of our all-volunteer staff. We educate the public, government officials, and their authorities and agencies about the increasing importance of public transportation in a rapidly changing world.

Join Citizens for Regional Transit and be counted among those demanding a sufficiently funded, 21st Century multimodal mobility system in Western New York, including a fully expanded Metro Rail.



How to Join:

By Mail:

Treasurer
Citizens for Regional Transit
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Via Website: www.citizenstransit.org (PayPal)

Annual Dues:

_____ \$250+ Corporate (logo put on our website)

_____ \$50 Group / Organization

_____ \$35 Household

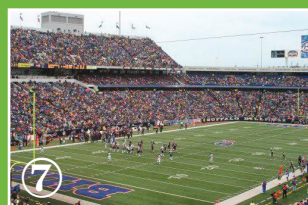
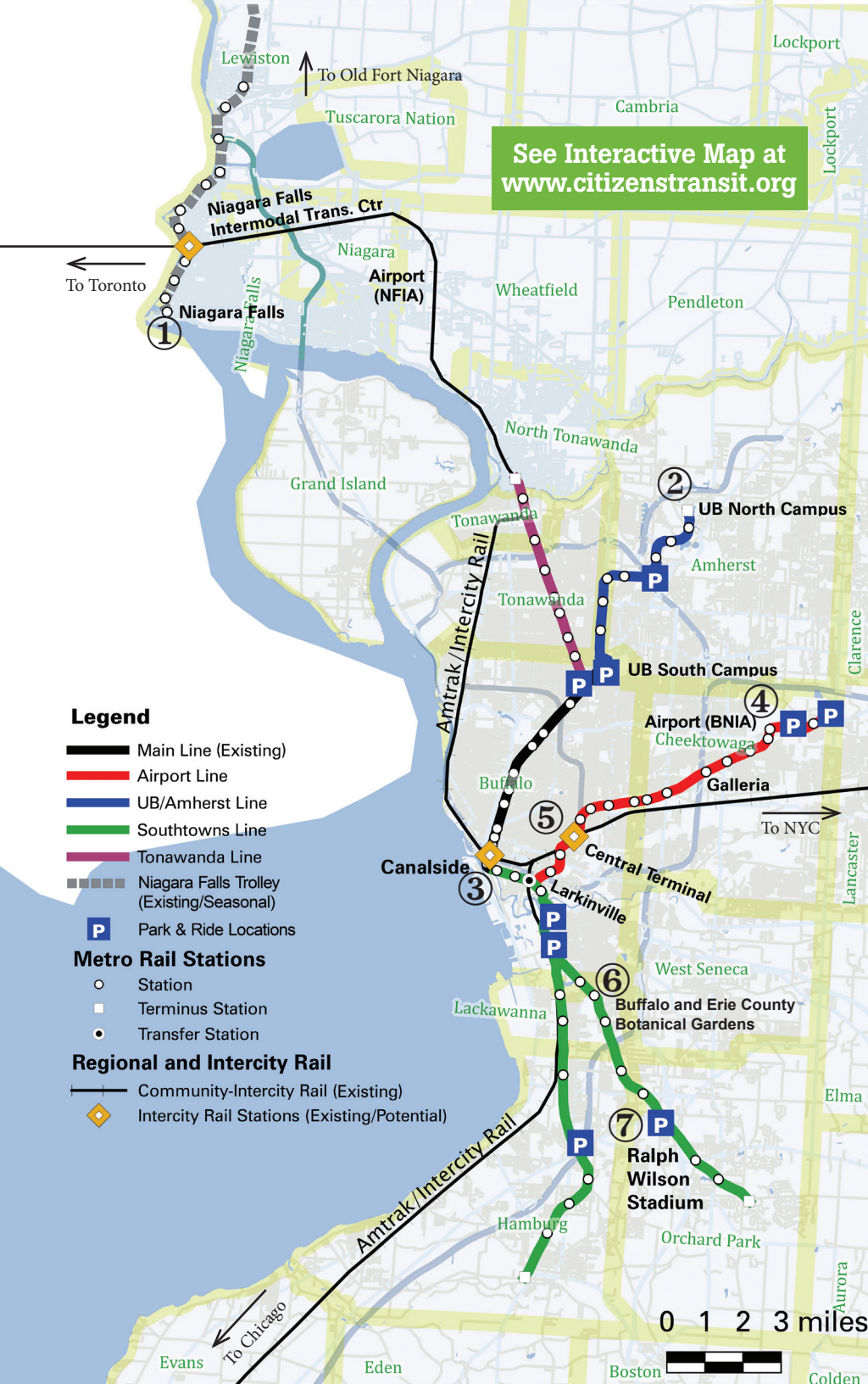
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Extend Metro Rail





Top Priorities:

Airport Extension – Extend our existing Metro Rail line beyond Canalside through the Cobblestone District and eastward above ground to Larkinville, Central Terminal, Thruway Mall, Walden Galleria, and the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport, ending at a Park & Ride on Transit Road near the I-90.

Amherst Extension – Unite UB Amherst with its urban campuses via public rapid transit.

Leisure Connections – Provide car-free access to our region's most popular leisure destinations for residents and tourists alike – including a connection from Niagara Falls to Buffalo's Waterfront. Any public funding and incentives for development projects, including major sports, recreational, and entertainment venues, must be contingent on public transportation access.

Preserve Rights-of-Way – Preserve our publicly-owned rail rights-of-way to enable ultimate completion of a 46-mile Metro Rail System as originally conceived, including lines to the Tonawandas, Hamburg, and Orchard Park.

Dedicated Funding – Secure a dedicated source of funding to operate and maintain a state-of-the-art transit system for an increasing ridership, including cyclists, seniors, and commuters.

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