
CRT News

CRT Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday,

October 17, 2012

12:00-1:00 pm

“Planning for Transit Corridors”

Darren Kempner, NFTA Manager of Grants

Mr. Kempner works with federal, state and local government officials and private-sector partners to formulate and manage projects to meet NFTA goals and grantor requirements. He previously served as Erie County’s Deputy Commissioner for Environment and Planning.

Citizens for Regional Transit meets at:

237 Main Street at Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY



Follow signs, to the second floor Mezzanine conference room

CRT meetings are free and open to the public

Back to the future....?

The Congress for New Urbanism (CNU) is holding a retreat at Chautauqua Institution, and CRT will be there!

Why?

Because the CNU charter advocates for a community designed for access by pedestrian and public transit.

When the CNU visits Buffalo on 2014, they will see Buffalo’s wonderful downtown buildings, built so that the population had easy access to the whole city-- via streetcars and passenger rail.

CNU may visit cohesive neighborhoods, such as Allentown and Hertel and Hamlin Park, which were built with the expectation that residents could walk or take a streetcar for their daily needs.

Perhaps they may look at outlying towns, such as Hamburg or Orchard Park or Williamsville, sprouted where the commuter rail line offered development.

Metro Buffalo was built around transit.

Metro Buffalo needs to restore transit.

CNU, we welcome you!

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and visit our website, citizenstransit.org

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Concerning the **Cars Sharing Main Street** project in **Buffalo, NY**, see excellent writeup in Investigative Post...

<http://www.investigativepost.org/2012/10/04/cars-main-street-program-criticized/>

Next public workshops of the **WNY Regional Sustainability Plan** are scheduled for October, in Cheektowaga, Jamestown, Sanborn and Cuba, NY.

See www.sustainable-ny.com.

Will the Plan include light rail extension as a strategy to fulfill Gov. Cuomo's "Cleaner, Greener Communities Program" ?

The **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** organized by the **NFTA** met in late September. CRT's representative is Elizabeth Giles, who has chosen to travel entirely by public transit. She reported that the first meeting was taken up by organizational needs, and expects that the next monthly meeting will begin work on items of substance.

VOICE-Buffalo will advocate for increased public transit funding from NYS legislators at its public meeting, Oct. 28. **NOAH** will call on Niagara County to contribute funding for **NFTA** Metro services.

Several members of the **CRT Board** will attend the Congress for New Urbanism retreat, Oct. 12-14. While there, President Gifford will present the work of CRT and urge attendees to promote public transit as a critical element in urban planning.

Negotiations between the **University of Buffalo** and the **NFTA** are at an impasse, so UB students do not have access to a Metro pass this semester. Other local colleges which continue their student pass programs are: **Buffalo State, Erie Community College, Canisius, Bryant & Stratton**. **Medaille** provides Metro passes at full cost to students who request them.

Surely there is a way for UB to solve this situation. Metro passes work well for students who live near the Metro Rail stations, as well as for academic travel between the Main Street and downtown campuses.

Calendar**Oct. 15, 6-8 pm**

WNY Sustainability public meeting, Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga

Oct. 17, 12-1 pm

CRT quarterly meeting, 237 Main St., Buffalo

Analysis of Transit Corridors with Darren Kempner, NFTA

Oct. 28, 3-5:30 pm

VOICE-Buffalo and NOAH public meetings. VOICE meets at St. Martin de Porres RC Church, 555 Northampton St., Buffalo

Nov. 7, 9:30 am

Planning & Coordinating Committee of GBNRTC, Erie Co. Public Works, 95 Franklin St., Buffalo

Jan. 16, 12-1 pm

CRT Annual Meeting, 237 Main St., Buffalo

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