

# CRT News

## CRT Monthly Meeting

**Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**12:00-1:00 pm**

### “Airport Corridor: tunnel options at Walden-Harlem intersection”

an engineering study

presented by Steve Goodsell

**Citizens for Regional Transit meets at:**

**617 Main Street, Market Arcade Building, Buffalo**

Meeting space available courtesy Preservation Buffalo-Niagara



**CRT meetings are free and open to the public**

### *What's in Santa's Bag?*

*by Gladys Gifford*

The children are gathered all around, expecting wonderful things to pop out of Santa's bag on Xmas Eve. But just suppose..

Suppose that this time, the bag is full of the good things that they will be able to enjoy for a lifetime, instead of for a few hours.

Suppose that Santa brought--

clean air, clean water

fertile soils, open spaces

trains that connected with the airports and Amtrak

streetcars within an easy walk from home

stores full of local wares at every train station

But Santa needs help.

Let's work together today, so that Santa's bag outfits the future.

Happy Holidays!

*Save the date! Stand Up for Public Transportation!*

**Transit Advocacy Days, February 13-14, 2012, Albany, NY**

**Come to Albany, and help the New York Public Transit Association and the New York State Transportation Equity Alliance call out to Gov. Cuomo: More Transit = More Jobs!**

*Details on schedules and transportation to follow...*



## 2012 TRAC Agenda

The Transportation Regional Advisory Coalition (TRAC) represents the non-profit community in WNY before the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council.

In 2012, TRAC will:

- \* advocate for action on new Federal transportation act, with an emphasis on provisions for equitable funding for public transportation;
- \* advocate for increased State Transit Operating Assistance from New York State, thereby reducing the need for fare increases or service cuts at the NFTA;
- \* object to the final design for Cars Sharing Main Street, which eliminates the Theater Station;
- \* support plans for a downtown Buffalo multi-modal station, through working with the Erie Canal Development Corporation, noting that the Donovan site is our preferred location;
- \* support development of an education program to be presented to elected and appointed officials in municipalities to encourage the adoption of policies and practices that improve transportation effectiveness such as updated zoning and parking regulations, traffic-calming and Complete Streets;
- \* continue to monitor the implementation and completion of the North Buffalo and Tonawanda Rails to Trails funded projects;
- \* seek support to move an extension of Metro Rail from illustrative to actual status in the long-range plan of the GBNRTC.

Each TRAC member organization is encouraged to take action on each of these items, in accordance with its overall mission.

### Calendar

#### **Dec. 21, 2011, 12-1 pm**

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#### **Jan. 4, 2012, 9:30 am**

Planning Coordinating Committee of GBNRTC, at NFTA, 181 Ellicott St., Buffalo

#### **Jan. 10, 2012, 12 noon**

C-SAAHN lecture on public transit by Kim Minkel, NFTA, and Gladys Gifford, CRT

#### **Jan. 18, 2012, 12-1 pm**

CRT Annual Meeting, 617 Main St., Buffalo --elect officers, receive Annual Report, plan 2012

#### **Feb. 13-14, 2012**

Public Transit Advocacy Days, Albany, NY

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