

CRT Updates

**Public Meeting
18 January 2023**

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Amherst Extension Beginning Engineering Design



Still on target!

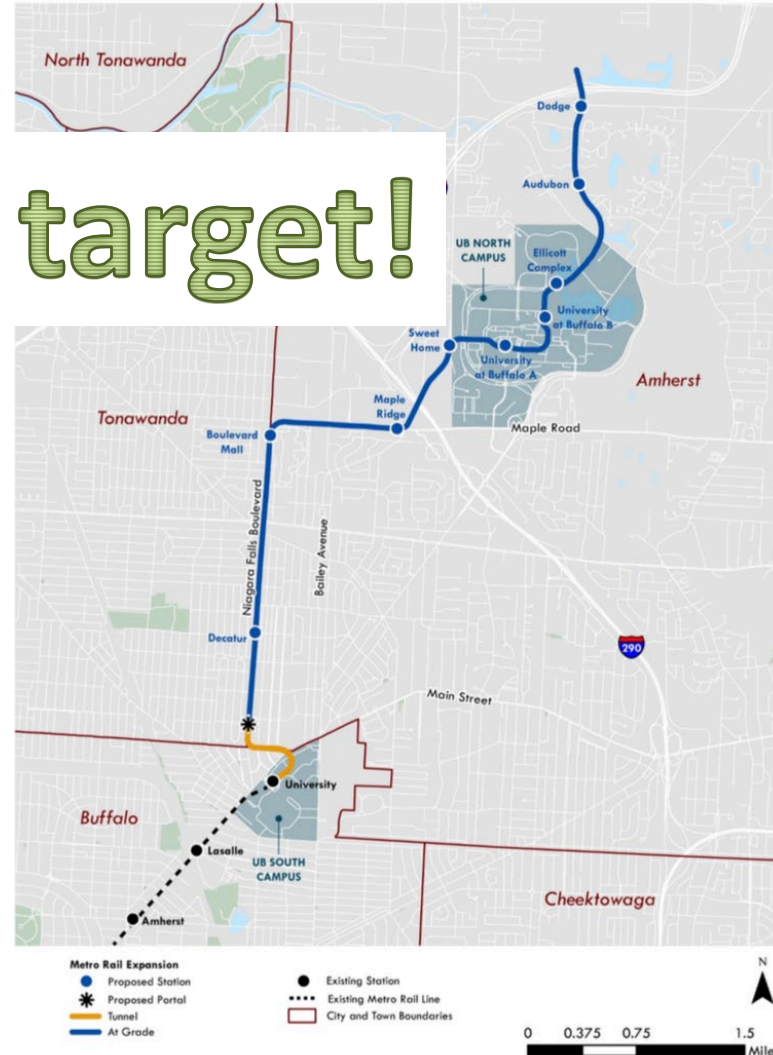


Image Source: NFTA Rail Expansion Draft EIS. December 2019



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An aerial photograph of an industrial area. In the foreground, there are several large industrial buildings and a parking lot filled with cars. A river flows through the middle ground, and a multi-lane highway runs along the right side of the image. In the background, more industrial structures and a bridge are visible.

DL&W Extension Under Construction!

Still on target?
This spring?

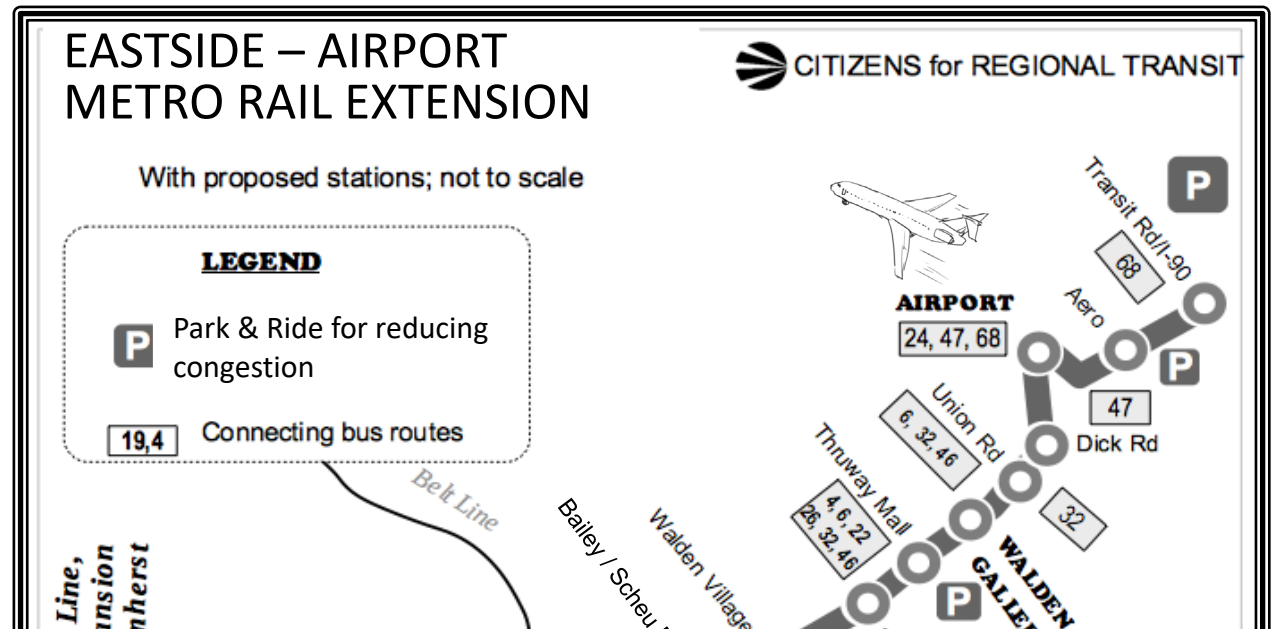
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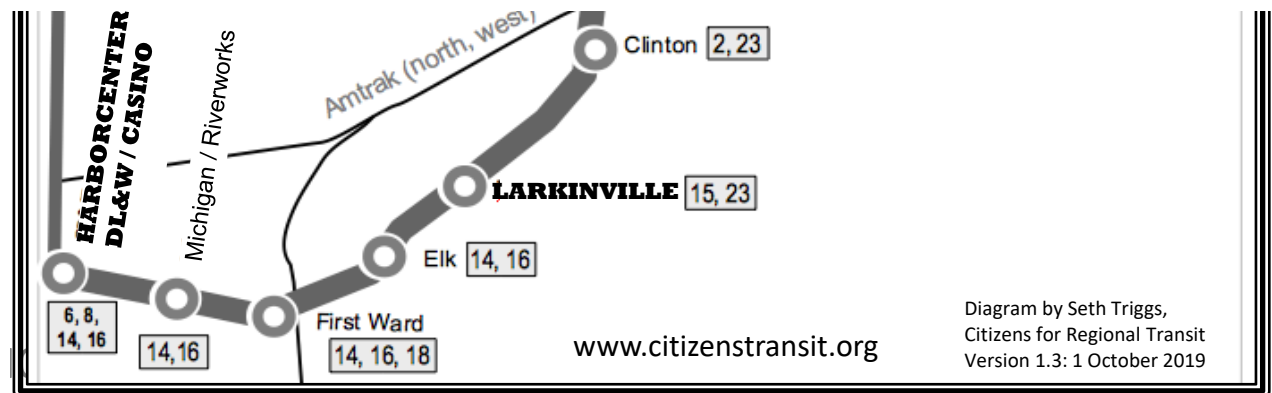
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Proposed Eastward Extension

(on existing,
publicly-owned
rights-of-way)



Alternative to Kensington Expressway



GBNRTC /NFTA/City of Buffalo Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (eTOD) Projects

LISC WESTERN NEW YORK

LaSalle Station

Utica Station

Delavan Station



Panel discussion with German Government representatives

US State Department



Topics

Is there public support?



CRT Social Media Impact Skyrockets!

Your results

See your Facebook Page reach and Instagram reach from last week.

Total last week

785



Facebook Page reach

Total last week

34



Instagram reach



New article by Bradley Bethel, CRT Bo...

Citizens for Regional Transit

Boost post



Nov 14, 2022

341

People reached

138

Post engagements

21

Reactions



Weigh in. Cap or Fill?

Citizens for Regional Transit

Boost post



Oct 17, 2022

329

People reached

82

Post engagements

5

Reactions



If you want to come to the City today, ...

Citizens for Regional Transit

Boost post



Dec 28, 2022

4.4K

People reached

265

Post engagements

27

Reactions



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CRT Social Media Impact Skyrockets!

Audience ⓘ

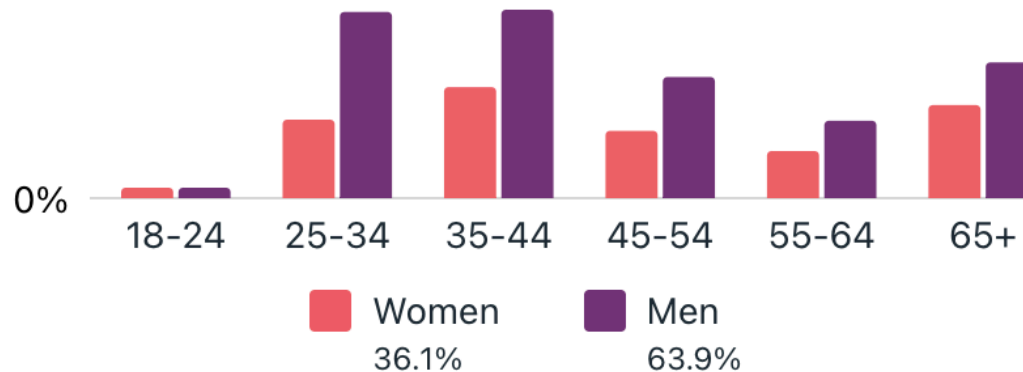
Facebook Page likes ⓘ

734

Instagram followers ⓘ

49

Age & gender ⓘ



CRT Social Media Impact Skyrockets!

Reach

Compare your reach from this period to the previous one.

Facebook Page reach ⓘ

5,708 ↑ 468%

Instagram reach ⓘ

39 ↑ 77.3%





CitizensTransit.org

1,901 Tweets



Edit profile

CitizensTransit.org

@WNYTransit

The purpose of the organization is to build an understanding of the benefits of transit in Buffalo, Western New York, and beyond.

📍 Buffalo, NY [🔗 CitizensTransit.org](https://citizenstransit.org) 📅 Joined February 2015

98 Following **264** Followers

CRT Membership is up!

**Helps with the budget
but we need donations**



Announcing!

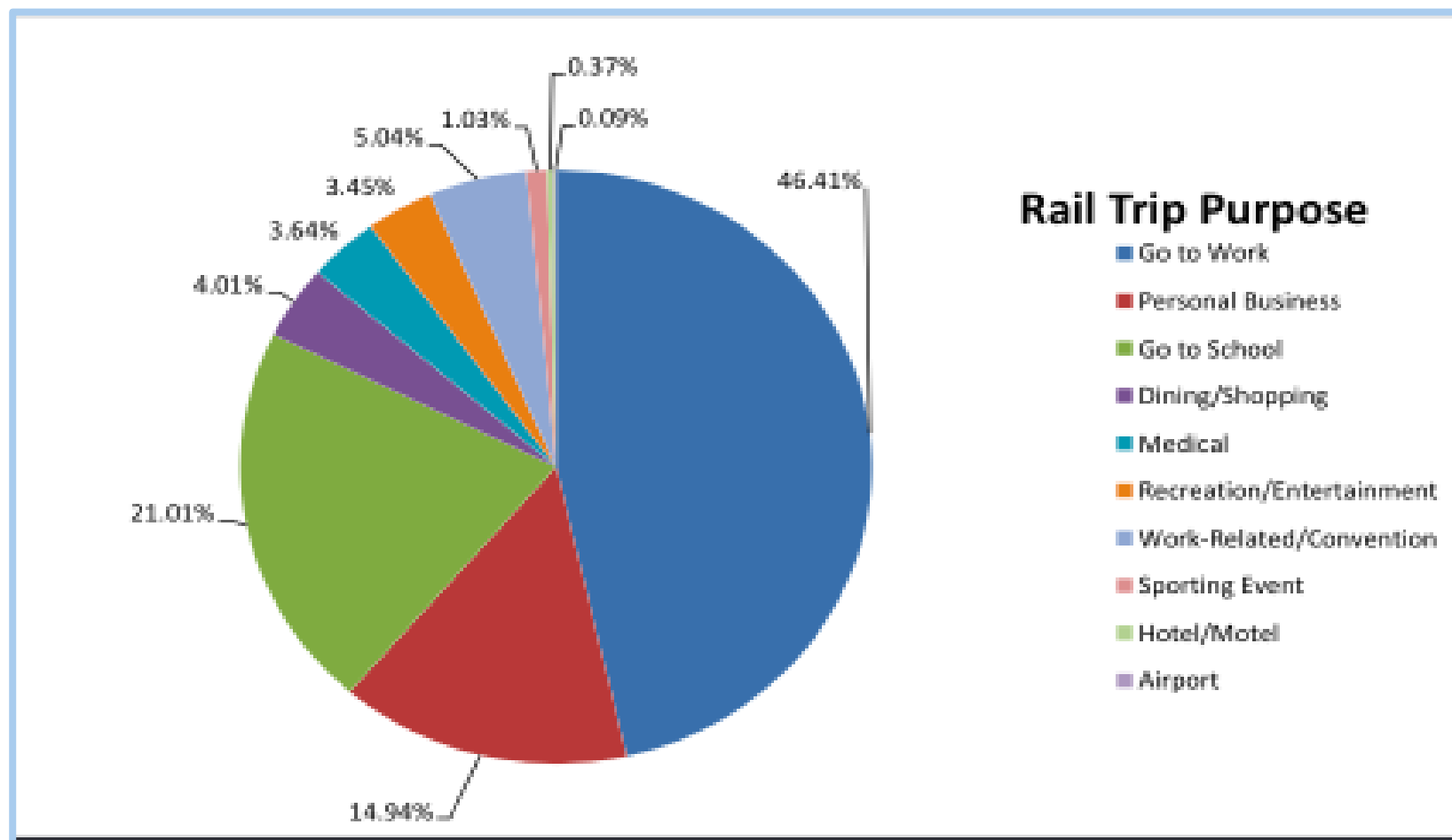
East Buffalo Airport Metro Rail Extension Analysis



Updated 2022 by
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Original Work by
ELIZABETH TABER 2021

66 Pages of Facts and Analysis



From Downtown to Lancaster



Question #6: Where would you expand public transit to?

Citizens were free to respond to this question with as many or as few locations as they wanted.

Citizens chose the Airport, UB North Campus, and Niagara Falls most often as the **destinations they would like to see public transit expanded to**. While transit includes light rail, street cars, and bus rapid transit, many citizens responded that the existing Metro Rail should be expanded to connect these locations. Other destinations that appeared frequently often had large concentrations of employment and/or residences.

Where would you expand public transit to?

Destinations citizens wanted public transit expanded to

- 1 Airport
- 2 UB North Campus
- 3 Niagara Falls
- 4 Southtowns
- 5 Northtowns
- 6 Walden Galleria
- 7 Central Terminal
- 8 Larkin District



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Topics

The World's
Greatest
Waterfront



Topics

Transit and the
Environment



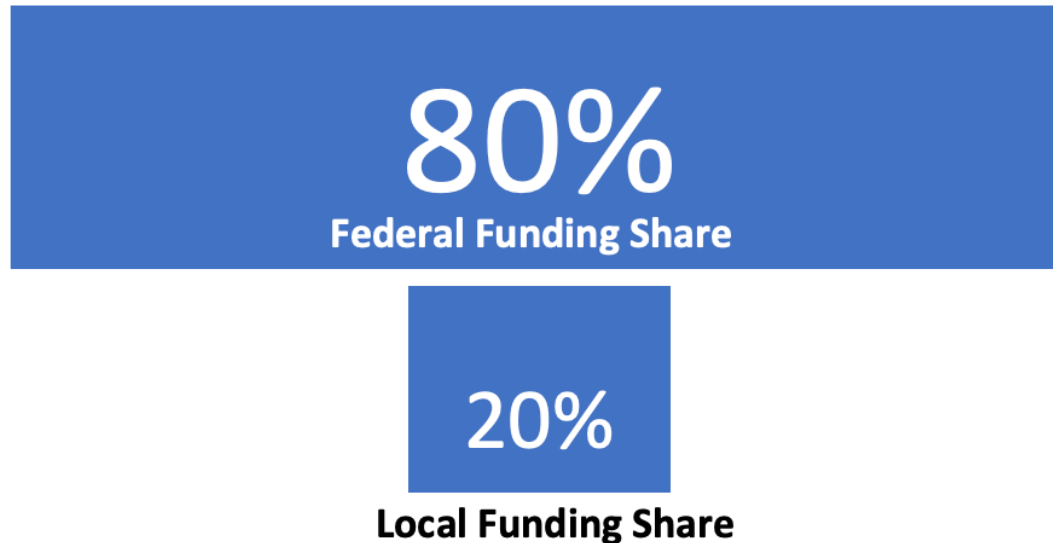
Topics

Mobility
Justice



The Biggest Inequity

Road and Highway Projects get Priority



Federal share for transit is less than 50%
To be equitable, Transit funding must be shared
the same as road and highway funding



Topics

Conclusion



Let's Connect our Region with Transit

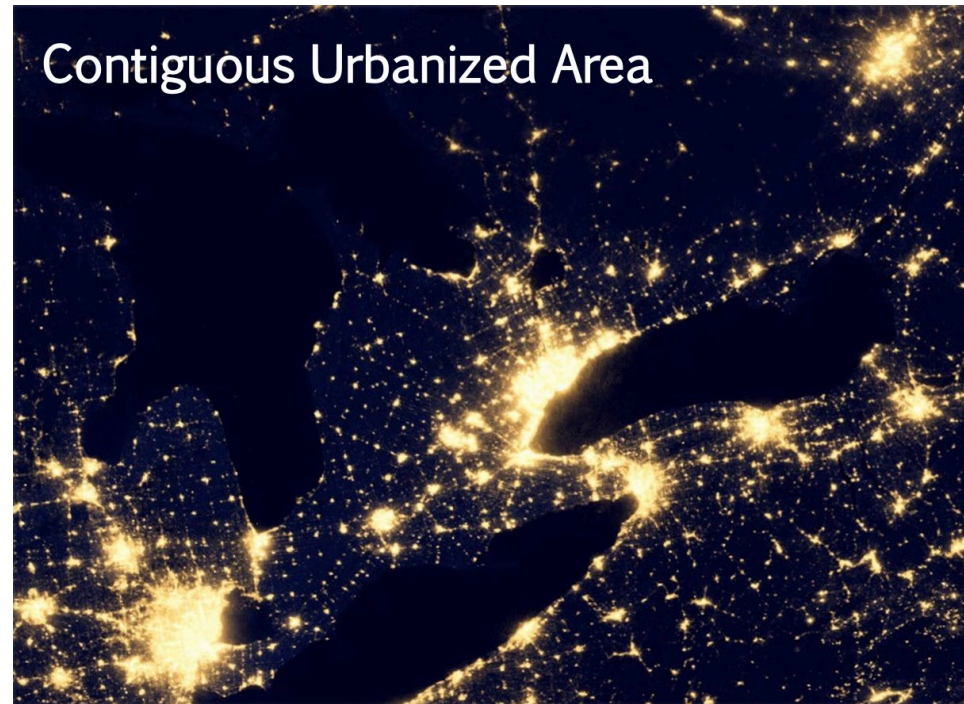


Image courtesy for Dan Leonard, Economic Development Director at the Buffalo Niagara Partnership

Toronto – Hamilton - Buffalo-Niagara

Population = 8 million, GDP = \$400 billion

Canada's impact on WNY Economy = \$900 million

Source: Gallagher, Loomis and Balsom. Planning must begin for opening U.S.-Canada border. Another Voice. The Buffalo News. 11 May 2021.



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References and Links to Sources

