



The Case for Transit:

How light rail can be a vehicle for sustainable economic development

Program Overview

8:00 – 9:00	Coffee and registration, Networking, and Display Tables
9:00 – 9:10	Introduction and Orientation
9:10 – 10:00	The Past, Present, and Proposed Future of Transit in Buffalo <u>Speaker:</u> Douglas Funke, President, Citizens for Regional Transit
10:00 – 11:00	Best Practices; Transit and Economic Development <u>Selected Videos:</u> Transit Oriented Development (TOD) <u>Speaker:</u> Chris Sandvig, Regional Policy Manager, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
11:00 – 11:30	NFTA Plans <u>Speaker:</u> Tom George, NFTA Director of Surface Transportation
11:30 – 12:15	Lunch, Networking, and Display Tables
12:15 – 12:45	Keynote Speaker: Making Transit Work ... economically! <u>Speaker:</u> Dr. Nadine Lemmon, Legislative Advocate, Tri-State Transportation Campaign
12:45 – 1:45	Buffalo-Niagara Leadership Response and Vision <u>Panelists:</u> Mark Croce, Business developer Dr. Daniel Hess, Associate professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, SUNY at Buffalo Hal Morse, Executive Director, Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Patrick Whalen, COO, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC) Howard Zemsky, Business Developer, Chairman, NFTA Board of Directors