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KEEP CRT ON TRACK IN 2020

In 2019, Citizens for Regional Transit continued to shape and accelerate the conversation around improvement and expansion of bus and rail transit for all citizens of the Niagara Frontier.

We held public informational meetings to facilitate inclusive conversations on issues critical to expanding transit in the region.

- We brought citizens, experts, and policymakers together to address issues including: the implications of midterm election results for transit funding; electricity and hydrogen as alternative energy sources for transit; and East Side development and transit access.

We worked with the Partnership for the Public Good on our plank to increase transit funding from Erie County.

- We gained an understanding of the county sales tax structure and why it is politically challenging to change. We met with Deputy County Executive Maria Whyte, who encouraged us to work with the NFTA on new sources of funding. We obtained over 450 signatures on our petition supporting the PPG transportation plank.

We met with WNY elected officials at Transit Awareness Day in Albany.

- We renewed old contacts and made valuable new contacts with elected officials who are influential in transit funding decisions at the State level. Follow-up meetings at district offices were held during the year to brief them on new developments and potential projects for transit.

Throughout the year, we have been busy with letters, opinion pieces, and interviews in local media; meetings with state and federal government representatives, presentations to community groups; information tables at events; attendance at meetings of transportation agencies and community organizations; written and oral comments on regional transportation plans; and more.

CRT relies on members for all ongoing expenses. We are entirely staffed by volunteers, so contributions go directly to promoting transit. Your membership fosters our continuing and expanded efforts. You can help to keep this momentum going in 2020. Join or renew now at www.paypal.com (payment to crtc@citizenstransit.org) or mail the attached form with a check to the address above. Contributions are tax-deductible.

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