

Let the Transit Revolution Begin!

A Petition for Investment in Sustainable Public Transit

Whereas; political leaders from across Buffalo Niagara (including mayors, city/town/village councils and the Erie County Executive) ***have signed the CRT petition calling for a Transit Revolution!***

Whereas; over 50 community organizations (including Coalition for Economic Justice, GoBike Buffalo, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, League of Women Voters, Network of Religious Communities, Partners of a Livable WNY, Partnership for the Public Good, PUSH Buffalo, Sierra Club, VOICE Buffalo) and a growing list of business leaders (including Carmina Woods Morris, Ciminelli Real Estate, Douglas Development Corp.) ***have signed the CRT petition for a Transit Revolution!***

Whereas; transportation is the largest source (40%) of green house gas emissions in WNY and therefore meeting Erie County’s announced commitment to the Paris Climate Accord goals ***will require moving from car-centered transportation to public transit.***

Whereas; ***every \$1 invested in public transportation generates \$4 in economic returns*** and over 70% of public funding in public transportation flows to the private sector creating and supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Whereas; public transportation ***provides opportunities for those unable to travel by automobile*** (low-income, older, and disabled citizens).

Whereas; hotels in cities with direct access to airports raise ***11% more revenue per room*** than hotels in cities without.

Whereas; ***Buffalo’s airport right-of-way (ROW) is available and publicly owned*** making an extension to the Buffalo-Niagara airport among the MOST AFFORDABLE in the country. Further, since the airport ROW is not on public roads, disruptions to businesses during construction will be minimal.

Therefore; we the undersigned, call upon the Erie County legislature to:

1. Designate \$1M of the \$9M Erie County budget surplus to initiate an ***alternatives analysis for extending Buffalo’s light rail to the airport.***
2. Designate an additional 1/8 % (for a total of ¼ %) of the county sales tax to NFTA operations in exchange for NFTA ***commitment to increase bus frequency*** (e.g., to 10 minute weekday headways on core downtown routes and priority corridors) ***and to make service improvements*** recommended in the 2016 NFTA-METRO Erie and Niagara County Service Plan study, without reducing service to outlying areas.

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