



GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting
March 4, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment on Action Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Action Items (Approve)
 - a. Resolution 2022-1 PIN 5815.34 – NITTEC TOC – Project Split/New PIN for 22/23 to 24/25 (Approve)
 - b. Resolution 2022-2 GBNRTC SFY 22-24 Unified Planning Work Program (Approve)
 - c. Resolution 2022-3 BRIDGE NY Project Additions (Approve)
6. Discussion Items
 - a. TIP Construction Season Update
 - b. Goodell Street Study
 - c. Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Update
 - d. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula
7. Member Agencies Initiatives
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting/ Adjournment of Policy Meeting

Minutes of the March 4, 2022 meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Policy Committee

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Policy Committee was held on March 4, 2022 at 10 am.

The following GBNRTC-POLICY representatives were present:

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| 1. NFTA | Tom George |
| 2. NYSTA | Scott Helser |
| 3. NYSDOT | Frank Cirillo |
| 4. Buffalo | Michael Finn |
| 5. Niagara Falls | - |
| 6. Erie County | Darlene Svilkos |
| 7. Niagara County | Garret Meal |

Others present were:

- NITTEC Athena Hutchins
- NYSDOT Joe Buffamonte
- NYSDOT Greg Szewczyk
- NYSDOT Jim Cuzzo
- Buffalo Nolan Skipper
- GBNRTC Staff (5)
- 10 Members of the public viewing through Facebook Live link

Chairman Cirillo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Roll Call

- NFTA Present
- NYSTA Present
- NYSDOT Present
- Buffalo Present
- Niagara Falls Not Present
- Erie County Present
- Niagara County Present

2. Public Comments on Action Items

- There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

- *Motion to Approve (DOT/NC). Approved.*

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- *Motion to Approve (EC/DOT). Approved.*

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. NITTEC TOC Annual Staffing - Resolution 2022-1

- NITTEC TOC Annual Staffing was originally programmed in the TIP for 5 years.
- This is a request is to add a new NITTEC TOC Annual Staffing project to the TIP (PIN 581534) covering the 3-year period from SFY 22/23 to SFY 24/25.

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 - All defined approved public outreach procedures have been followed.
 - Public Review will complete on 3/7/22
 - This project has been submitted to the Interagency Consulting Group as exempt from Air Quality Conformity via code A7 - Traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects.
 - *Motion to approve (DOT/EC). Approved*
- B. SFY 22-24 UPWP - Resolution 2022-2
- A Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a required biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
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 - A SFY 2022-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) has been developed which:
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 - Provides a comprehensive view of the GBNRTC’s short and long-range transportation planning activities in Erie and Niagara Counties.
 - Process started with call letter from NYSDOT MO 11/16/21
 - The UPWP is organized into eight main sections:
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 - Long Range Transportation Planning (44.23.00)
 - Short Range Transportation Planning (44.24.00)
 - Transportation Improvement Program (44.25.00)
 - Other Activities (44.27.00)
 - Financial Tables
 - Each UPWP work task is presented, including:
 - Task Objective
 - Who will Perform the Work
 - Forecasted Start
 - Forecasted Completion
 - Linkage to MTP Goals and Federal Planning Factors
 - Resulting Work Products
 - Task description (need, background and goals)
 - Review of draft document
 - Meetings have been held with each member agency to present program, discuss content and make sure all needs are met.
 - NYSDOT Main Office review has been completed.
 - FHWA review has been completed.
 - A 30-day Public Review Period has been completed.
 - PCC has recommended (3/4/22) the UPWP to Policy Committee for approval.
 - *Motion to approve the SFY UPWP (DOT/EC). Approved.*
- C. BRIDGE NY Projects - Resolution 2022-3
- NY State is making funding available for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts statewide.
 - Four (4) new bridge replacement projects will be added to the TIP
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- 3. PIN 5763.80 State St @ Murder Creek (BIN 3328800)
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- 4. PIN 5763.81 East Canal Rd Bridge (BIN 3329070)
 - Total project cost is \$871,750 (\$828,163 federal STBG OSB + \$43,588 5% local match)
- One existing TIP project will be modified
 - PIN 5758.24 South Park Loop @ South Park Lake (BIN (2260590)
 - Total project cost will increase by \$1,220,000 (\$1,159,000 federal STBG OSB + \$61,000 5% local match)
- All defined approved public outreach procedures have been followed.
- Public Review will complete on 3/7/22
- These projects have been submitted to the Interagency Consulting Group as exempt from Air Quality Conformity via code A19 - Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes)
- *Motion to approve (DOT/NC). Approved.*

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FFY 22 Construction Season Update (Guarino)

- An update/summary of TIP projects was given
 - Non-transit TIP Projects - 86 projects @ \$293.03M
 - Construction Completed since last Policy Committee Meeting (November 2021) – 20 Projects @ \$53.65M
 - Under Construction – 29 Projects @ \$151.25M
 - Beginning Constructions in the Next 6 Months – 37 Projects @ \$88.13M

Cost of Projects by Member Agency

	Construction Completed	Under Construction	Upcoming Construction	Total
Erie County	\$ 4.22	\$ 0.78	\$ 4.48	\$ 9.48
City of Buffalo	\$ 16.24	\$ 76.60	\$ 9.44	\$ 102.28
Niagara County	\$ 3.13	\$ 2.12	\$ 3.33	\$ 8.58
City Niagara Falls	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.33	\$ 8.33
NYS DOT	\$ 28.92	\$ 71.75	\$ 55.08	\$ 155.75
Non-Member (Misc)	\$ 1.14	\$ -	\$ 7.47	\$ 8.61
	\$ 53.65	\$ 151.25	\$ 88.13	\$ 293.03

Number of Projects by Member Agency

	Construction Completed	Under Construction	Upcoming Construction	Total
Erie County	4	1	3	8
City of Buffalo	5	7	4	16
Niagara County	2	2	3	7
City Niagara Falls	0	0	2	2
NYS DOT	6	19	19	44
Non-Member (Misc)	3	0	6	9
	20	29	37	86

- Highlights of each member's projects was presented.
 - Transit Projects (NFTA) – 14 projects @ \$282.2M
 - Construction Completed since last Policy Committee Meeting (November 2021) – 2 Projects @ \$1.92M
 - Under Construction – 12 Projects @ \$280.3M
 - Beginning Constructions in the Next 6 Months – 2 Projects @ \$TBD (waiting on funding)
 - Highlights of NFTA's projects was presented.
- ### B. Goodell Street Study Update (Davis)
- Project purpose is to re-envision Goodell Street, Pearl Street, and Tupper Street and study proposed impacts to project area's roadway and intersection network
 - Project limits were explained with area map
 - Project team explained
 - Project tasks include:
 - Looking at existing conditions
 - Studying alternatives
 - Alternative 1 – Null
 - Alternative 2 – Goodell Street road diet from 4 to 3 lanes for all or part of this corridor

- Alternative 3 – Goodell Street road diet from 4 to 2 lanes for all or part of this corridor
 - Alternative 4 – Goodell Street converted from one-way to two-way for all or part of this corridor
 - Alternative 5 – Reconfigure terminus of NYS Route 33 (Kensington Expressway) between Jefferson Avenue interchange and Goodell Street Exit
- Project Schedule explained
- Next steps reviewed

C. Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Update (Weymouth)

- The Buffalo Niagara Region has a number of local and regional trails that offer tremendous opportunities for bicycle commuting, utility trips and for recreation.
- A high priority for the Regional Bicycle Network development is to fill gaps in the Greenway Trail Network and connect communities to regional recreational and cultural assets.
 - 41 of the recommendations are off-road corridors proposed as a part of the region’s greenway trail network.
 - Developed in consultation with local, county, state representatives, public organizations and institutions, advocacy groups, and private citizens.
 - Implementation of the proposed greenway trails would double the region’s roughly 220 miles of existing trails.
- Methodology for prioritizing projects explained
- Four Trail corridors Discussed
 - Northeast Greenway Initiative Trail
 - Scajaquada Creek Extension to Cheektowaga
 - The Riverline
 - Twin Cities Memorial Highway Sidepath
 - Southern Tier Connector Trail
- GOBike has been awarded contract to support GBNRTC and its members with Regional Bicycle Master Plan implementation activities.
- Outreach to local municipalities to advance on-road and off-road bicycle infrastructure projects consistent with the Regional Bicycle Master Plan underway.
- Exploring the feasibility of a RAISE Grant application for trail planning and design activities.
- Working with members to identify federal aid projects consistent with the RBMP for bicycle infrastructure consideration.
- Working with Niagara County Economic Development Committee and the Niagara River Greenway Commission to undertake a needs assessment for a countywide trail system.
- Participation in quarterly NYS Greenway Trails Working Group meetings to coordinate and advance Greenway Trail projects

D. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program (Dixon)

- Electric Vehicle linkage to defined Moving Forward 2050 MTP goals
- Program Goals explained
 - Put the U.S. on a path to a nationwide network of 500,000 EV chargers by 2030
 - Ensure convenient, reliable, affordable and equitable charging experience for all users
- NEVI Formula Program highlights
 - \$5. billion in dedicated funding to States to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure
 - Establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access and reliability
 - Initially, funding directed to designated Alternative Fuel Corridors for EV to build out this national network particularly along the Interstate Highway System.
 - Following build out of the national network, funding may be used on any public road or other publicly accessible locations.
- Discretionary Grant Program for Charging & Fueling Infrastructure highlights
 - Two distinct \$1.25 billion programs to support EV charger deployment
 - Meet administration priorities including rural charging, building resilient infrastructure, climate change and increasing EV charging in underserved communities
 - Corridor Charging Grant Program – strategically deploy public accessible EV charging infrastructure and hydrogen, propane and natural gas fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors

- Community Charging Grant Program – strategically deploy public accessible EV charging infrastructure and hydrogen, propane and natural gas fueling infrastructure in communities.
- Important NEVI program dates
 - February 10, 2022 - Program Guidance released
 - May 13, 2022 - FHWA to publish proposed regulations for minimum standards and requirements for NEVI Formula Program
 - August 1, 2022 - State DOTs plan for EV infrastructure deployment due August 1, 2022
 - September 30, 2022 - FHWA approves plans by September 30, 2022
 - If approved, funding becomes available

7. Member Agency Reports

- NFTA
 - Nothing additional to report
- Erie County
 - Starting construction season
- Niagara County
 - Starting construction season - receiving favorable bids
- Buffalo
 - Starting construction season
- Thruway
 - No report
- NITTEC
 - Feds have approved ATCMTD consultant. Meeting in 2 weeks.
 - Just published annual report – available on NITTEC website
 - NITTEC revolving loan fund remains available.
- NYSDOT
 - Kensington work to start in spring
 - Looking forward to Region Central study results.
- Niagara Falls
 - Not present.

8. Other Business

- Guarino noted some highlights for the next round of Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
 - REDC Now Accepting Letters of Interest (LOI)
 - Letters of Interest to identify prospective projects that can be developed over the next few months and, as a result, be of a higher quality.
 - As a LOI is received by the Regional Council, staff from the WNY ESD office will contact the applicants to discuss projects and provide technical assistance
 - ESD will be holding information sessions
 - Wednesday, March 9 - Erie County 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Buffalo History Museum
 - Wednesday, April 6 - Niagara County 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Common Council Chambers
 - Learn more about LOIs and to RSVP for sessions, go to the REDC website:
<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/western-new-york>

9. Next Meeting/Adjournment

- Guarino noted that the next Policy Committee meeting will take place in the fall. Time, location and date will be defined at a later time.
- *Motion was made to adjourn (DOT/COB). Approved.*



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March 2022 Policy Committee

- I. Proceedings
- II. Action Items
- III. Discussion Items
- IV. Status Reports

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Action Items



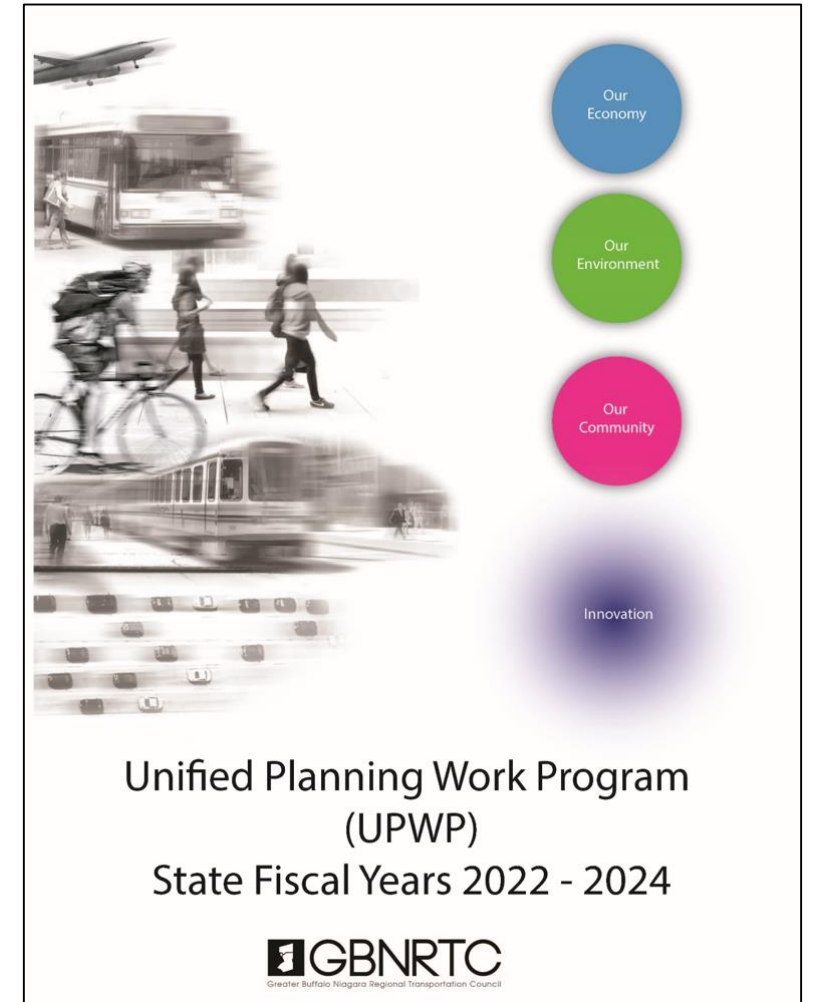
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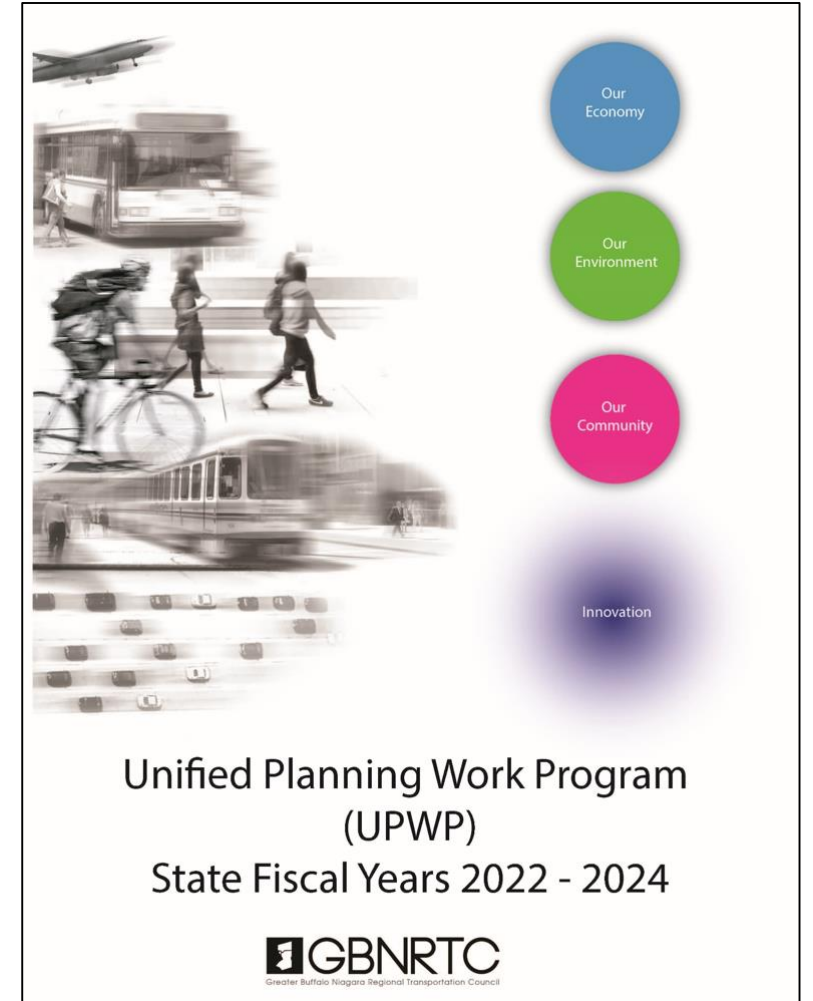
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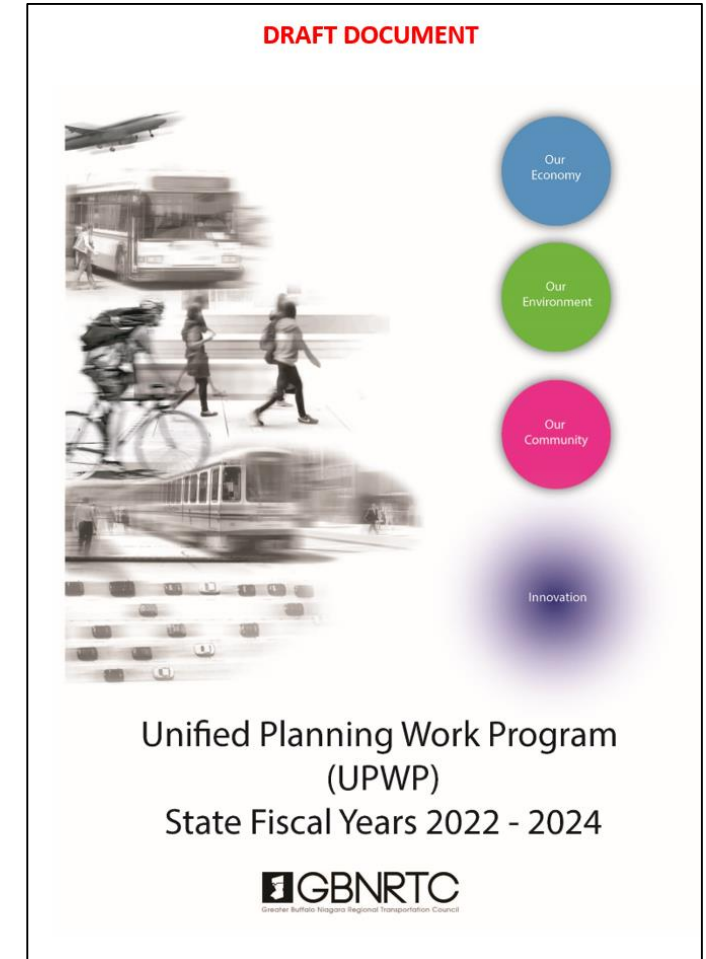
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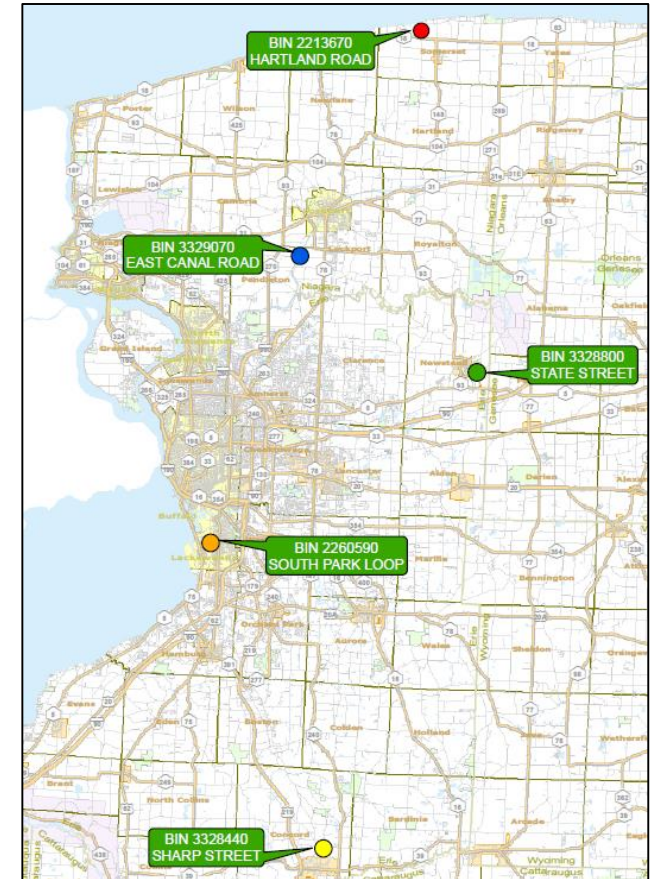
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 - FHWA review has been completed.
 - A 30-day Public Review Period has been completed.
- PCC has recommended the UPWP to Policy Committee for approval.
- **Today's action would be to approve the GBNRTC Unified Planning Work Program for SFY 22-24**



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- **Today's action would be to conditionally approve as Amendment # 53 (3/7/22).**



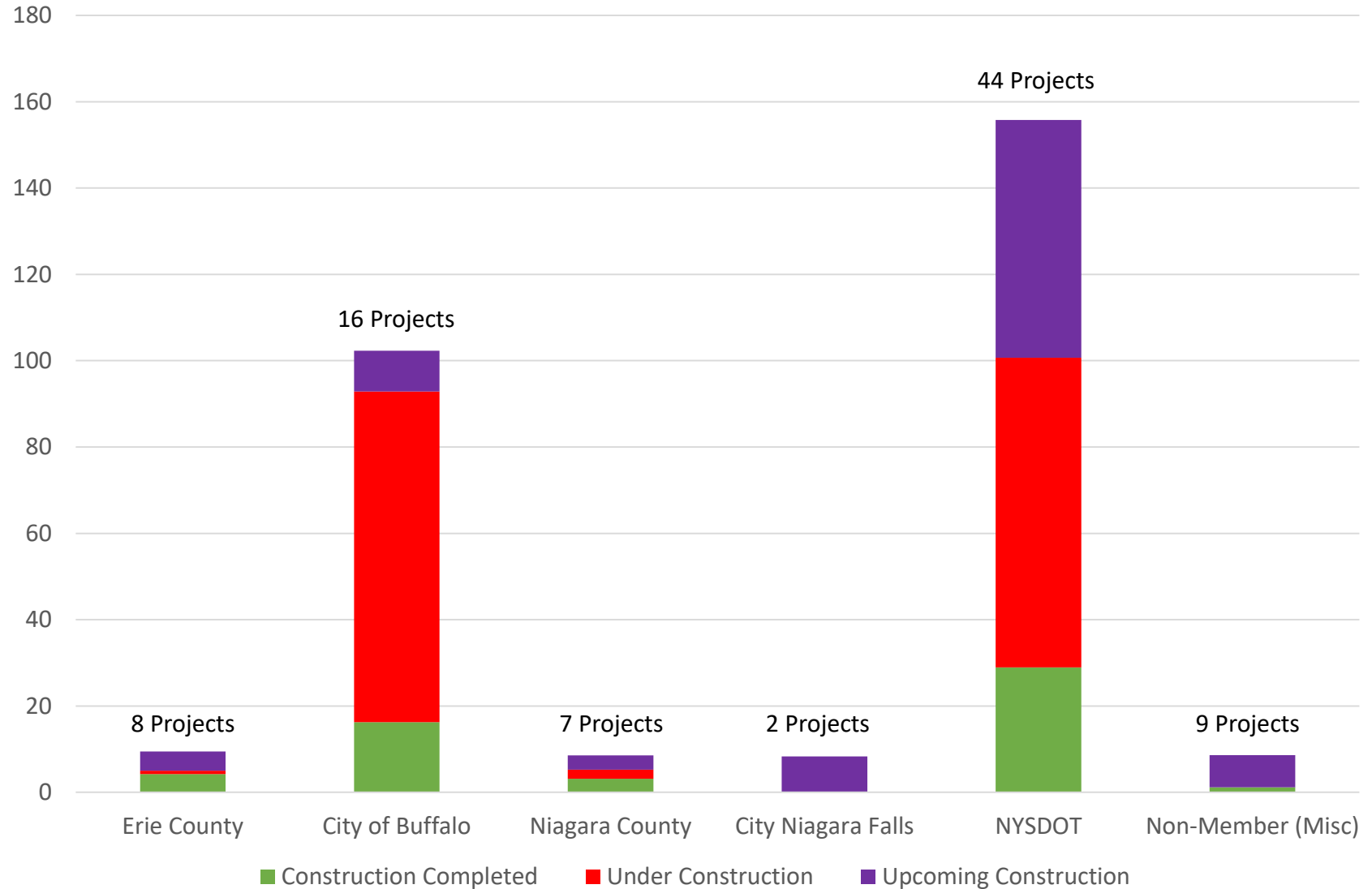
Discussion Items



FFY 22 Construction Season Update

86 Non-Transit Projects @ \$293M

Construction Complete \$53.65M
 Under Construction \$151.25M
 Upcoming Construction \$88.13M



Erie County

TIP projects that have completed construction (since last Policy Committee meeting)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576177	PONTIAC RD OVER BIG SISTER CRK	\$ 1.52
576204	BRIDGE REPAIRS, OVERLAYS AND JOINTS, ERIE COUNTY	\$ 1.47
576178	CEDAR ST OVER LEDGE CRK	\$ 0.93
576205	BRIDGE WASHING, ERIE COUNTY	\$ 0.30

TIP projects currently under construction		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576264	SHORELINE TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS; ERIE COUNTY	\$ 0.78

TIP projects that will soon begin construction (within next 6 months)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576331	WEHRLE DR; HARLEM RD TO AERO DR	\$ 3.59
576339	ERIE COUNTY BRIDGE DECK SEALING	\$ 0.48
576340	ERIE COUNTY BRIDGE WASHING	\$ 0.42



City of Buffalo

TIP projects that have completed construction (since last Policy Committee meeting)

PIN	Name	Total Costs (M)
576081	NIAGARA STREET PHASE 3: HAMPSHIRE TO FOREST	\$ 12.00
576344	MAIN ST REHABILITATION: FERRY ST - DELAVAN AVE	\$ 1.39
576159	WALDEN AVE: GENESEE ST TO SYCAMORE ST	\$ 1.03
576265	BNMC, PHASE 4 - COMPLETE STREET FEATURES AROUND BNMC	\$ 0.95
576191	FILLMORE AVE RESURFACING, E. FERRY TO KENSINGTON	\$ 0.87

TIP projects currently under construction

PIN	Name	Total Costs (M)
576121	CARS SHARING LOWER MAIN: SCOTT TO EXCHANGE	\$ 25.00
575825	OHIO ST & MICHIGAN AVE LIFT BRIDGES OVER BUFFALO RIVER	\$ 19.94
576239	NIAGARA ST SUSTAINABLE CORRIDOR - PHASE 4A	\$ 11.03
576317	ALLEN ST PHASE 2; WADSWORTH TO DELAWARE (BNMC)	\$ 7.18
576158	BUFFALO ROADWAY REHABS	\$ 5.97
576167	ABBOTT RD RESURFACING & STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 5.80
576238	RT 5 (MAIN ST) @ KENSINGTON AVE & HUMBOLDT PKWY PLUS BAILEY/DELAVAN	\$ 1.69

TIP projects that will soon begin construction (within next 6 months)

PIN	Name	Total Costs (M)
575823	SOUTH OGDEN/BUFFALO RIVER	\$ 5.71
576213	DEWEY AVE/CSXT, CITY OF BUFFALO	\$ 2.73
576258	CURB/JOINT REPAIRS - CITY OF BUFFALO	\$ 0.55
576253	NIAGARA ST/SCAJAQUADA CREEK REPAIRS	\$ 0.45



Niagara County

TIP projects that have completed construction (since last Policy Committee meeting)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576296	SLAYTON SETTLEMENT OVER 18 MILE CREEK	\$ 2.29
576299	LOCKPORT CULVERT OVER CAYUGA CREEK	\$ 0.84

TIP projects currently under construction		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576313	AKRON RD; DYSINGER TO LOCKPORT LINE	\$ 1.78
576364	BRIDGE WASHING/SEALING, NIAGARA CO	\$ 0.34

TIP projects that will soon begin construction (within next 6 months)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576362	CARMEN RD/JOHNSON CRK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	\$ 2.04
576371	WILSON BURT / 18 MI. CRK. VERTICAL DOWN	\$ 1.00
576370	BRIDGE DECK OVERLAYS 2022	\$ 0.29



City of Niagara Falls

TIP projects that have completed construction (since last Policy Committee meeting)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
TIP projects currently under construction		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
TIP projects that will soon begin construction (within next 6 months)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576189	RT 265 (MILITARY RD) RECONSTRUCTION & CAYUGA DR RESURFACEING	\$ 4.30
576358	NIAGARA FALLS CONNECTION TRAIL - CMAQ	\$ 4.03



MISC

TIP projects that have completed construction (since last Policy Committee meeting)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576271	CITY OF N TONAWANDA PSAP	\$ 0.46
576268	TN OF AMHERST PSAP	\$ 0.36
576273	TN OF TONAWANDA PSAP	\$ 0.32

TIP projects currently under construction		
PIN	Name	Total Costs

TIP projects that will soon begin construction (within next 6 months)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
576345	VILLAGE OF LANCASTER ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION	\$ 3.82
576347	TONAWANDA - PARKER BLVD COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE	\$ 1.18
576350	VILLAGE OF HAMBURG HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	\$ 1.11
576351	N. TONAWANDA TRAIL CONNECTION TO EMPIRE STATE TRAIL	\$ 0.69
576346	GRAND ISLAND - BASELINE RD ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK	\$ 0.38
576269	TN OF CHEEKTOWAGA PSAP	\$ 0.31

TIP projects that have completed construction (since last Policy Committee meeting)

TIP projects that will soon begin construction (within next 6 months)

PIN	Name	Total Costs
503817	RT 354; BUFFALO ECL - TWO ROD RD	\$ 12.04
581321	BRIDGE MBC & PRESERVATION PROGRAM SFY 20/21 PHASE I; BINS 1050691, 1050692, 1068070, 1090119, AND 1047690; CITIES OF NIAGARA FALLS & TONAWANDA AND TNS OF LEWISTON & WEST SENECA, ERIE & NIAGARA COS	\$ 5.34
501131	STRUCTURAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS OF BINS 1034702, 1034690 & 1048340 & REPLACEMENT OR REMOVAL OF 1034701 ON NY 93 & 425 BRIDGE OVER E. BRANCH 12 MILE CREEK; TOWNS OF PORTER & WILSON; NIAGARA COUNTY	\$ 4.73
530838	RT 62/950K, NIAGARA FALLS BLVD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (KENMORE - ERIE CO LINE); ERIE COUNTY	\$ 3.46
530836	US 62/BIG SISTER CK; BIN 1028170; VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS; ERIE COUNTY	\$ 2.08
581098	PAVT MARKINGS (LINE-1); SFY 20/21; VARIOUS LOCATIONS ERIE & NIAG COS	\$ 1.26

PIN	Name	Total Costs
551255	NY 33 (KENSINGTON EXPWY); ELM/OAK - NY 240	\$ 10.42
530837	US 62 @ NY 429 & US 62 @ WITMER RD; INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 8.80
581309	BRIDGE PAINTING; VARIOUS LOCATIONS; ERIE CO	\$ 7.11
530839	US 62 (WALNUT & FERRY) LANE RECONFIGURATION	\$ 7.08
510196	US 219; NY 391 - DUERR RD OVERPASS	\$ 5.26
541057	NY 957A (NIAGARA SCENIC PARKWAY); I-190 - BUFFALO AVE	\$ 2.87
581453	NY 952Q (WALDEN AVE); TN OF LANCASTER; OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 2.56
535001	NY 187 (TRANSIT RD) @ MILESTRIP RD INTERSECTION	\$ 1.54
5V2257	VPP - NY 31; NY 265 - NY 429	\$ 1.48
5V2243	VPP - NY 16; CATTARAUGUS CL - RM 1048	\$ 1.14
581308	BRIDGE CLEANING & DECK SEALING; ERIE & NIAGARA COS (BRIDGE CLEANING SFY 2	\$ 1.10
5V2253	VPP - NY 31; LOCKPORT ECL - GASPORT RD	\$ 1.06
581367	ADA RAMP & PED SIGNAL UPGRADES ; VARIOUS LOCATIONS; ERIE & NIAGARA COS	\$ 0.97
581371	OVERHEAD SIGN STRUCTURES & SIGN PANELS; CATT, ERIE & NIAGARA COS	\$ 0.90
581536	TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOOPS; VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$ 0.75
5V2241	VPP - NY 5; JAYSAN DR - STURGEON POINT RD	\$ 0.73
5V2242	VPP - US 62; BAGDAD RD - LENOX RD	\$ 0.66
5V2258	VPP - NY 425 (950H); ECL - ERIE AVE	\$ 0.40
5V2252	VPP - RT 954P (UPPER MTN RD); NY 104 - NY 265	\$ 0.25

TIP projects currently under construction

PIN	Name	Total Costs
581361	NY 78 (TRANSIT RD); FRENCH RD - WEHRLE DRIVE	\$ 11.86
581348	NIAGARA ST & JOHN B DALY BLVD	\$ 8.43
581322	REHABILITATION OF US RTE 219 (NB & SB) / NORFOLK SOUTHERN RR	\$ 7.57
581406	NY 400 (SB & NB)/B&P RAILROAD	\$ 7.12
539246	NY 400/NY 16 Roundabout; NY 400, RT 16 to RT 20A	\$ 7.04
581311	LARGE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS & REHABILITATIONS; ERIE & NIAGARA COS	\$ 3.93
581314	PAVT MARKINGS (SOUTH/LINE 2); VARIOUS LOCATIONS; CATT, CHAUT & ERIE COS	\$ 3.55
581441	NY 61 (HYDE PARK BLVD); LOCKPORT RD - NY 104	\$ 3.40
581437	US 62 (NIAGARA FALLS BLVD); NY 324 (SHERIDAN DR) - GREEN ACRES	\$ 2.78
581443	NY 18F (CENTER ST); NSP SB RAMP - SOUTH 4TH ST	\$ 2.54
581312	PAVT MARKINGS (REQ) SFY 20/21 - SFY 21/22; CATT, CHAUT, ERIE & NIAG COS	\$ 2.13
581438	PCC JOINT RE-SEALING & CONC PVMT RESTORATION; ERIE & NIAG CO	\$ 1.85
581307	ADA COMPLIANCE & PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL UPGRADES; ERIE & NIAGARA COS	\$ 1.82
513139	NY 277 (UNION RD) @ NY 33 RAMPS	\$ 1.53
581451	WRONG WAY DRIVING & LOW CLEARANCE BRIDGE COUNTERMEASURES	\$ 1.47
581274	SIGNAL REPLACEMENTS, ROUTE 5, ERIE CO	\$ 1.46
581277	OVERHEAD SIGN STRUCTURES & SIGN PANEL PROGRAM; VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$ 1.34
581308	BRIDGE CLEANING & DECK SEALING; ERIE & NIAGARA COS	\$ 1.10
526852	STREAM IMPACT, SLOPE REPAIR & SM CULVERT REPLACEMENT; NY 240	\$ 0.84



TIP projects that have completed construction (since last Policy Committee meeting)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
DEHAVAN STATION PANEL LINER		
-	LRRT - DELAVAN STATION ESCALATOR TUBE PANEL REPLACEMENT	\$ 0.98
UTICA STATION BUS LOOP REHAB		
5900.53	BUS FACILITY PAVEMENT REHAB - UTICA BUS LOOP	\$ 0.94

TIP projects currently ongoing		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS DEPLOYMENT		
5824.78	COLD SPRING BUS GARAGE ELECTRIFICATION	\$ 8.17
5900.54	PURCHASE 10 BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES - CMAQ FY19	\$ 10.16
RAILCAR REBUILD		
5822.27	RAILCAR REBUILD	\$ 49.60
ESCALATOR REBUILD/REPLACEMENT		
5824.72	ESCALATOR REBUILD	\$ 1.44
5824.74	ESCALATOR REPLACEMENT	\$ 3.70
5824.74	ESCALATOR REPLACEMENT	\$ 10.73
5825.22	ESCALATOR REPLACEMENT	\$ 2.10
FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE		
5824.63/5825.18	BUS FARE COLLECTION	\$ 14.49
5824.71	RAIL FARE COLLECTION	\$ 11.39
METRO RAIL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT/REHAB		
MANY	\$100M WORTH OF PROJECTS OVER 5 YEARS	\$ 100.00
METRO TRANSIT EXPANSION		
5825.10	METRO RAIL EXPANSION - SRC \$6M	\$ 11.35
DL&W STATION		
5825.20	DL&W - YARD TRACK, CATENARY & TRAIN CONTROL REHAB	\$ 57.14

TIP projects that will soon begin (waiting on funding)		
PIN	Name	Total Costs
BAILEY AVENUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT		
TBD	This project would construct Bus Rapid Transit service along the entire length of Bailey Avenue in the City of Buffalo. The current Route 19 that serves this corridor supports the highest number of passengers per hour of revenue service in the entire Metro Bus system. The NFTA, City of Buffalo, and GBNRTC recently completed a "Corridor Improvements Study." The next step in the project is to prepare planning/environmental review documents with the intention to enter the Small Starts program when appropriate.	
DIVISION STREET BUS CANOPY		
TBD	This project will construct a Metro Bus stop canopy, pedestrian/bicycle amenities, and streetscape enhancements along North Division Street in the City of Buffalo. The NFTA has requested TAP funding from New York State with the intention to flex that funding to FTA for project execution.	



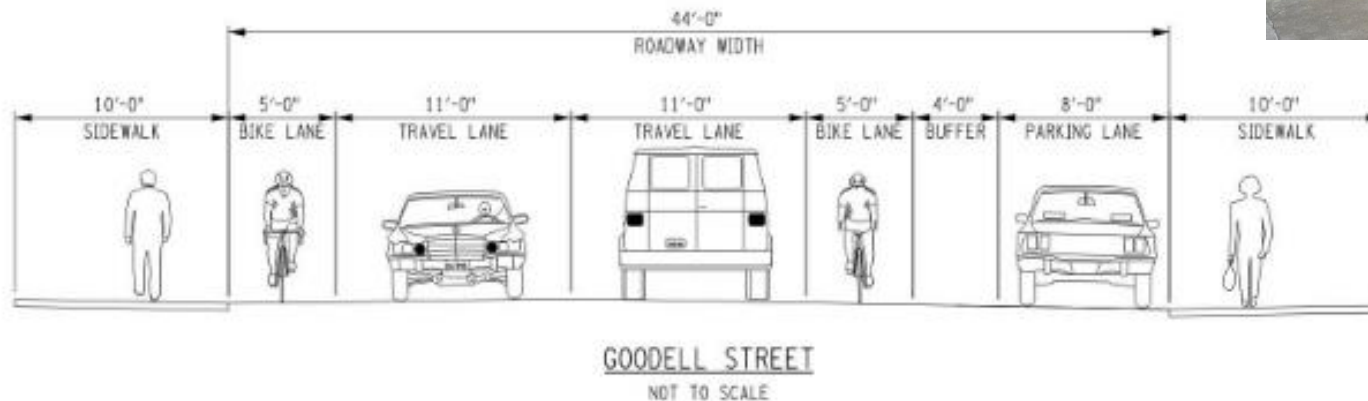
Goodell Street Planning Study



- ◆ Goodell Street from NYS Route 33 to Pearl Street
- ◆ Pearl Street from Goodell Street to Tupper Street
- ◆ Tupper Street from Pearl Street to NYS Route 33

Project Purpose

- ◆ Re-envision Goodell Street, Pearl Street, and Tupper Street
 - Accessibility
 - Safety
- ◆ Study impacts to project area's roadway and intersection network



Project Team

Project Team

- ◆ GBNRTC
- ◆ NYSDOT
- ◆ City of Buffalo
- ◆ NFTA

Consultant Team

- ◆ C&S
- ◆ Watts

Public Involvement

- ◆ BNMC
- ◆ Stakeholders
- ◆ General Public

Project Tasks

- ◆ Existing Conditions
 - Field Reconnaissance
 - Recently Completed Projects
 - Existing Studies
 - Crash Analysis
 - Existing Multi-Modal Infrastructure
 - Existing Traffic Models



Project Tasks

Study Alternatives

- ◆ Alternative 1 – Null
- ◆ Alternative 2 – Goodell Street road diet from 4 to 3 lanes for all or part of this corridor
- ◆ Alternative 3 – Goodell Street road diet from 4 to 2 lanes for all or part of this corridor
- ◆ Alternative 4 – Goodell Street converted from one-way to two-way for all or part of this corridor
- ◆ Alternative 5 – Reconfigure terminus of NYS Route 33 (Kensington Expressway) between Jefferson Avenue interchange and Goodell Street Exit

Project Schedule

Goodell Street Corridor Planning Study
Project Schedule

	2022											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Existing Conditions Inventory <i>TM #1 (Kick-Off and Walk Through)</i>	[Milestone Progression]											
Description of Alternatives <i>Public Meeting #1</i>			[Milestone Progression]	[Public Information Meeting]								
Review of Existing and Projected Traffic on Alternatives <i>TM #2 (Review of Existing Conditions)</i>				[Milestone Progression]								
Documentation of Alternatives Effects <i>TM #3 (Finalize Alternatives, Recommendations)</i> <i>Public Meeting #2</i>					[Milestone Progression]	[Team Meeting]	[Public Information Meeting]					
Construction Cost and Schedule					[Milestone Progression]							
Report <i>TM #4 (Review Draft Report)</i> <i>Draft Report Submission</i> <i>Final Report Submission</i>							[Milestone Progression]	[Team Meeting]	[Report Submittal]	[Report Submittal]		

Key

[Milestone Progression]	Milestone Progression
[Team Meeting Icon]	Team (Stakeholder) Meeting
[Public Information Meeting Icon]	Public Information Meeting
[Report Submittal Icon]	Report Submittal

- ◆ Late April/Early May
- ◆ Mid-June
- ◆ Mid-July

Next Steps

- ◆ Finish data collection
- ◆ Sketches for each alternative
- ◆ Public Outreach Meeting #1
- ◆ Analyze existing and future traffic conditions for each alternative





BIKE BUFFALO NIAGARA

Regional Bicycle Master Plan

The Buffalo Niagara Region has a number of local and regional trails that offer tremendous opportunities for bicycle commuting, utility trips and for recreation.



A high priority for the Regional Bicycle Network development is to fill gaps in the Greenway Trail Network and connect communities to regional recreational and cultural assets.





Bike Buffalo Niagara

Greenway Trails



BIKE BUFFALO NIAGARA

Regional Bicycle Master Plan
2020



Bike Buffalo Niagara Greenway Trails

- 41 of the recommendations are off-road corridors proposed as a part of the region's greenway trail network.
- Developed in consultation with local, county, state representatives, public organizations and institutions, advocacy groups, and private citizens.
- Implementation of the proposed greenway trails would double the region's roughly 220 miles of existing trails.





Prioritizing Projects



Safety: Does the proposed corridor focus improvements along a roadway where there has been a history of crashes involving motor vehicles and bicyclists?



Economy: Do bicycle improvements along the proposed corridor have the ability to encourage economic development, workforce access and tourism?



Regional Connectivity: Does the proposed corridor connect communities and common destinations by expanding the network of trails and on-road bike routes?



Design: Does the proposed corridor offer the opportunity to feature “all ages and abilities” (aka protected or separated) bicycle facilities?



Equity / Health / Environment: Does the proposed corridor encourage bicycling for those living in disadvantaged communities, where improved public health and environmental justice is critical?



Gap Closure: Does the corridor close a gap in our greenway trail network, or does it expand the network?

TOP 15 PRIORITY GREENWAY TRAIL CORRIDORS (REGION-WIDE)



PROJ #**	CORRIDOR	TIER	MUNICIPALITY	OWNERSHIP	MILEAGE	COST	PRIORITIZATION SCORE (MAX 100)
1	Northeast Greenway Initiative Trail	I	Buffalo	Buffalo	3.5	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	100
2	Perry Blvd/ Marine Drive Link Trail	I	Buffalo	Buffalo	0.2	\$\$	98
5	The Riverline	I	Buffalo	NFTA	1.7	\$\$\$\$	89
13	Scajagada Creek Extension to Cheektowaga	I	Buffalo, Cheektowaga	TBD	2.5	\$\$\$	85
18	Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension	I	Cheektowaga	TBD	7.8	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	81
33	Amherst I-290 Path	I	Amherst, Williamsville	NYSDOT	6.4	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	78
34	Lasalle Expressway Trail Extension	I	Niagara Falls	NYSDOT	1.0	\$\$	76
40	South Buffalo Rail Trail	I	Lackawanna, West Seneca	TBD	6.6	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	73
48	Empire State Trail Gap	I	Amherst	Amherst	1.3	\$\$ - \$\$\$	71
49	Peanut Line Trail	I	Amherst	Amherst	4.6	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	71
50	Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension	I	Depew	TBD	5.1	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	71
56	Twin Cities Memorial Sidepath	I	North Tonawanda	NYSDOT	1.2	\$\$	68
60	Tonawanda-Lockport Rail Trail North	I	North Tonawanda	TBD	3.9	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	68
62	Lackawanna-Hamburg Trail	I	Hamburg (T)	TBD	7.9	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$	68
65	North Grand Island Bridge Path	I	Grand Island, Niagara Falls	NYSTA	3.5	\$\$\$\$	66
74**	Southern Tier Connector Trail (North)	I	Aurora, Buffalo, Orchard Park	TBD	16.2	\$\$\$\$+	64
156**	Southern Tier Connector Trail (South)	I	Concord	TBD	12.1	\$\$\$\$	37

NORTHEAST GREENWAY INITIATIVE TRAIL (SPUR INCLUDED)

Concept

Planning

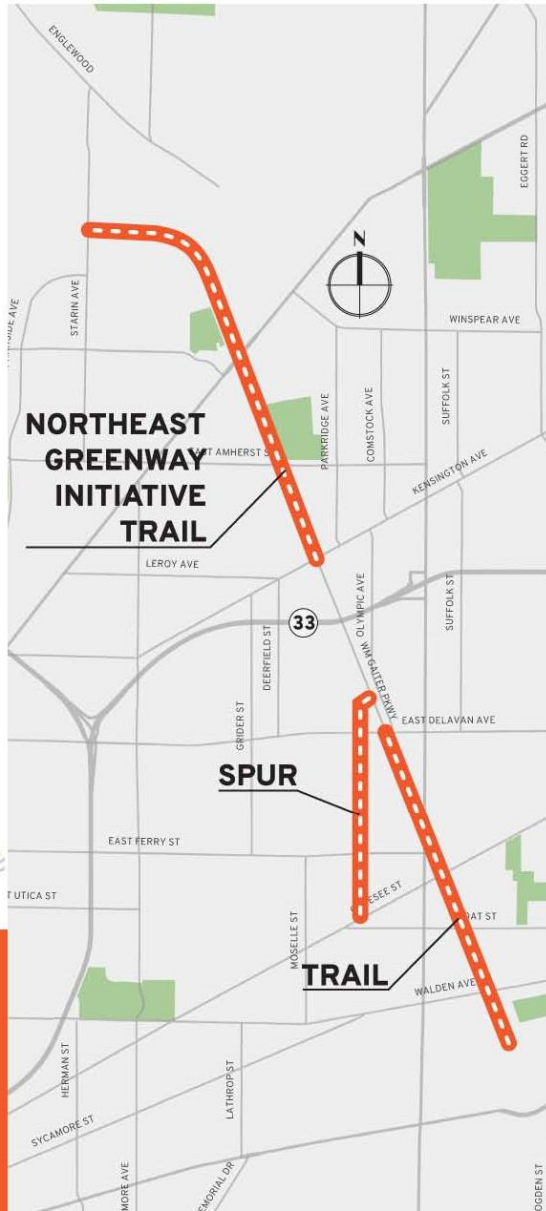
Design

Construction

This 3.5-mile off-road trail will provide an important connection in northeast Buffalo. It will connect the North Buffalo Rail Trail and William Gaiter Parkway Cycle Track by converting the abandoned DL&W/Erie Rail Road corridor into a multi-use walking and biking path - the first to be built on Buffalo's East Side. When completed, the link will improve rail-trail connections further north to the Tonawanda Rails to Trails and the Empire State Trail as well.



Municipality: Buffalo
 Corridor Ownership: City of Buffalo
 Mileage: 3.5
 Relative Cost: \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
 Phase: 3-5 years



- The proposed NGI trail begins at the LaSalle Metro Station on Main Street and runs east through the University and Masten districts. Once developed, it would connect the Tonawanda and North Buffalo Rail Trails to the bike path on William L. Gaiter Parkway, by converting the former DL&W Railroad into a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly trailway.

SCAJAQUADA CREEK EXTENSION TO CHEEKTOWAGA

This 2.5-mile off-road trail will provide a connection between the intersection of W. Delavan St/Main St/Canisius College area in Buffalo with a future trail in Cheektowaga along Scajaquada Creek. The proposed corridor includes a mix of potential on-road improvements along local streets in Buffalo, existing paths and the existing ped/bike bridge over the Kensington Expressway. The route also anticipates off-road trail improvements in the future along the former DL&W corridor south of William Gaiter Pkwy, allowing for a direct bicycle route along Scajaquada St to Kerns Ave and beyond to Cheektowaga.



Municipality: Buffalo, Cheektowaga
Corridor Ownership: TBD
Mileage: 2.5
Relative Cost: \$\$\$
Phase: 6-10 years



Concept

Planning

Design

Construction

- Scajaquada Corridor Trail Extension (SCTE), consists of an extension to the existing Scajaquada Trail, a footpath that follows the buried Scajaquada Creek running through Hamlin Park and Grider neighborhoods.
- Portions of the SCTE already exist between Jefferson and Fillmore Avenues.

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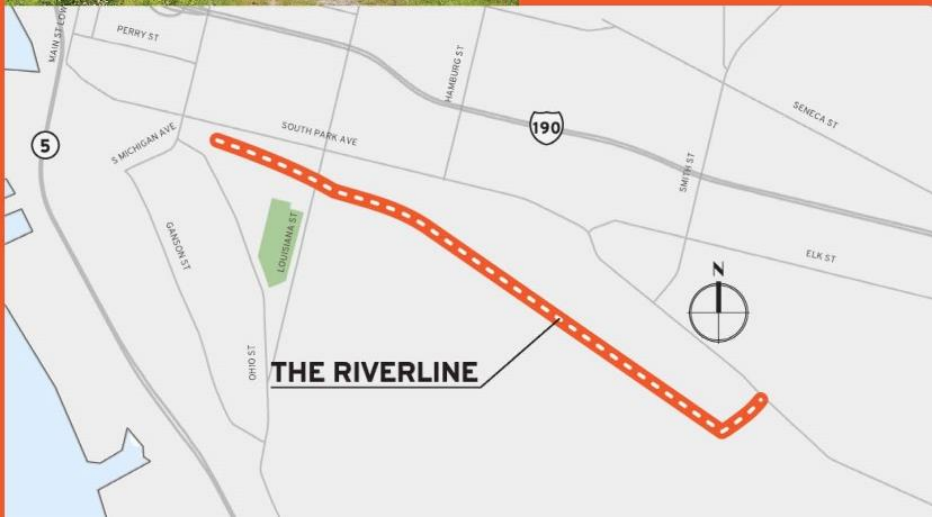
NGI and SCTE Corridors

- Project funded through the Ralph Wilson Foundation to support community engagement, planning, design and implementation.
- GObike Buffalo is managing the project, as well as outreach to residents and stakeholders.
- While this project will focus specifically on the NGI and SCTE corridors, it will generate data and information that will be helpful in future neighborhood and trail planning processes.

Originally part of the DL&W railroad line, The Riverline is a future off-road facility connecting South Park Ave and Moore St near Canalside to the Buffalo River in South Buffalo. It may share the corridor with future light rail rapid transit service for part or all of the corridor. It is a crucial piece of waterfront connectivity and an important link in developing a walkable, bikeable regional trail and greenway system, reaching neighborhoods that have yet to benefit from these investments. The Western New York Land Conservancy has helped to organize community support and fundraising for many years and the formal planning and the design process for 1.7 mile corridor will begin in the fall of 2020.



Municipality: Buffalo
Corridor Ownership: NFTA
Mileage: 1.7
Relative Cost: \$\$\$\$
Phase: 3-5 years



Concept

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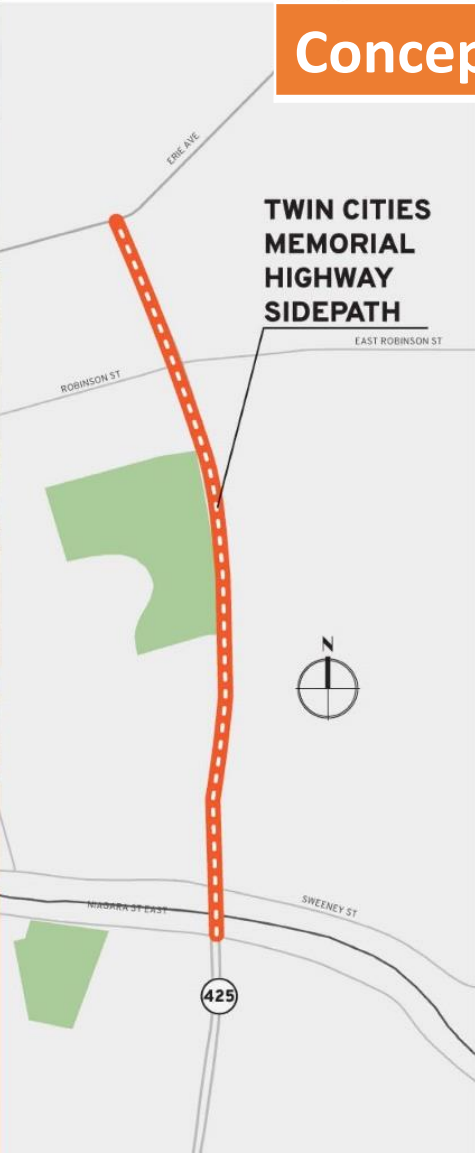
- Project being managed by the WNY Land Use Conservancy.
- Concept design completed in July 2021.
- Currently coordinating shared used details with NFTA.
- Pending available funding, survey, environmental studies, and preliminary design activities to begin this year.

56 TWIN CITIES MEMORIAL HWY SIDEPATH

This sidepath would run adjacent to NYS Route 425 for 1.2 miles from Erie Ave in North Tonawanda to Tonawanda Creek. The concept includes an improved connection over the Creek to link with the Empire State trail running along the south side, adjacent to East Niagara Street.

TOP 15 PRIORITY GREENWAY TRAIL CORRIDORS (REGION-WIDE)

Concept	Planning	Design	Construction
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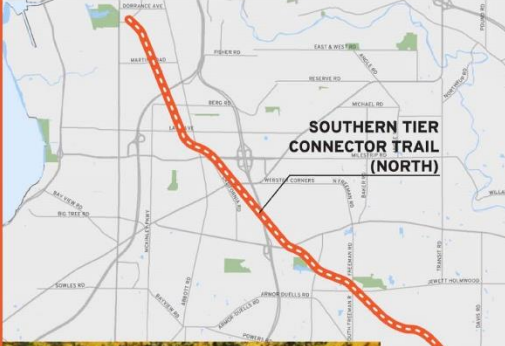


Municipality: North Tonawanda
Corridor Ownership: NYSDOT
Mileage: 1.2
Relative Cost: \$\$
Phase: 3-5 years

- Proposed bicycle facility would run adjacent to NYS Route 435 for 1.2 miles from Erie Avenue in North Tonawanda to Tonawanda Creek.
- The concept includes an improved connection over the Creek to link with the Empire State trail running along the south side, adjacent to East Niagara Street.
- The purpose of the planning study is to evaluate alternatives and advance recommendations for the redesign of the corridor.

SOUTHERN TIER CONNECTOR TRAIL*

Concept	Planning	Design	Construction
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This proposed multi-use trail will follow the Buffalo-Pittsburgh rail corridor potentially connecting the Empire State Trail in the City of Buffalo through towns and villages within Erie and Cattaraugus Counties to connect to the Genesee Valley Greenway. A feasibility study is currently underway and supported by funding from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds.



Municipality: Aurora, Buffalo, Orchard Park
Corridor Ownership: TBD
Mileage: 16.2
Relative Cost: \$\$\$\$+
Phase: >10



*While neither project 74 nor project 156 received prioritization scores high enough to be included as a Top 15 Priority Greenway Trail Corridor, the Southern Tier Connector Trail (North and South) is considered regionally significant and therefore highlighted in this chapter.

Municipality: Concord
Corridor Ownership: TBD
Mileage: 12.1
Relative Cost: \$\$\$\$
Phase: >10

- GObike, with Alta Planning & Design, finalized a feasibility study supported by funding from the Ralph Wilson Foundation.
- 80-mile multi-use trail in and adjacent to the Buffalo-Pittsburgh rail corridor between the City of Buffalo and the Town of Hinsdale.
- The proposed multi-use trail would connect 20 Western New York towns and villages, and link to 750-mile Empire State Trail and 90-mile Genesee Valley Greenway Trail.



- GOBike has been awarded contract to support GBNRTC and its members with Regional Bicycle Master Plan implementation activities.
- Outreach to local municipalities to advance on-road and off-road bicycle infrastructure projects consistent with the Regional Bicycle Master Plan underway.
- Exploring the feasibility of a RAISE Grant application for trail planning and design activities.
- Working with members to identify federal aid projects consistent with the RBMP for bicycle infrastructure consideration.
- Working with Niagara County Economic Development Committee and the Niagara River Greenway Commission to undertake a needs assessment for a countywide trail system.
- Participation in quarterly NYS Greenway Trails Working Group meetings to coordinate and advance Greenway Trail projects



National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law





MOVING FORWARD 2050



Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTS

OUR ENVIRONMENT



- **Electric Vehicles** offer increased fuel efficiency.
- Personal owners, public transit, commercial fleets adopting EV.
- Assist in cutting fuel use and costs.
- Help to greatly reduce the future environmental impact.
- Adoption depends on what infrastructure and incentives are in place.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

Goals:

- Put the U.S. on a path to a nationwide network of 500,000 EV chargers by 2030
- Ensure convenient, reliable, affordable and equitable charging experience for all users

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

This national network will:

- Accelerate equitable adoption of EVs, including for those who cannot reliably charge at home.
- Reduce transportation-related GHG emissions and help put the U.S. on the path to net-zero emissions by no later than 2050
- Position U.S. industries to lead global transportation electrification efforts

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

NEVI Formula Program:

- \$5. billion in dedicated funding to States to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure
- Establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access and reliability
- Initially, funding directed to designated Alternative Fuel Corridors for EV to build out this national network particularly along the Interstate Highway System.
- Following build out of the national network, funding may be used on any public road or other publicly accessible locations.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

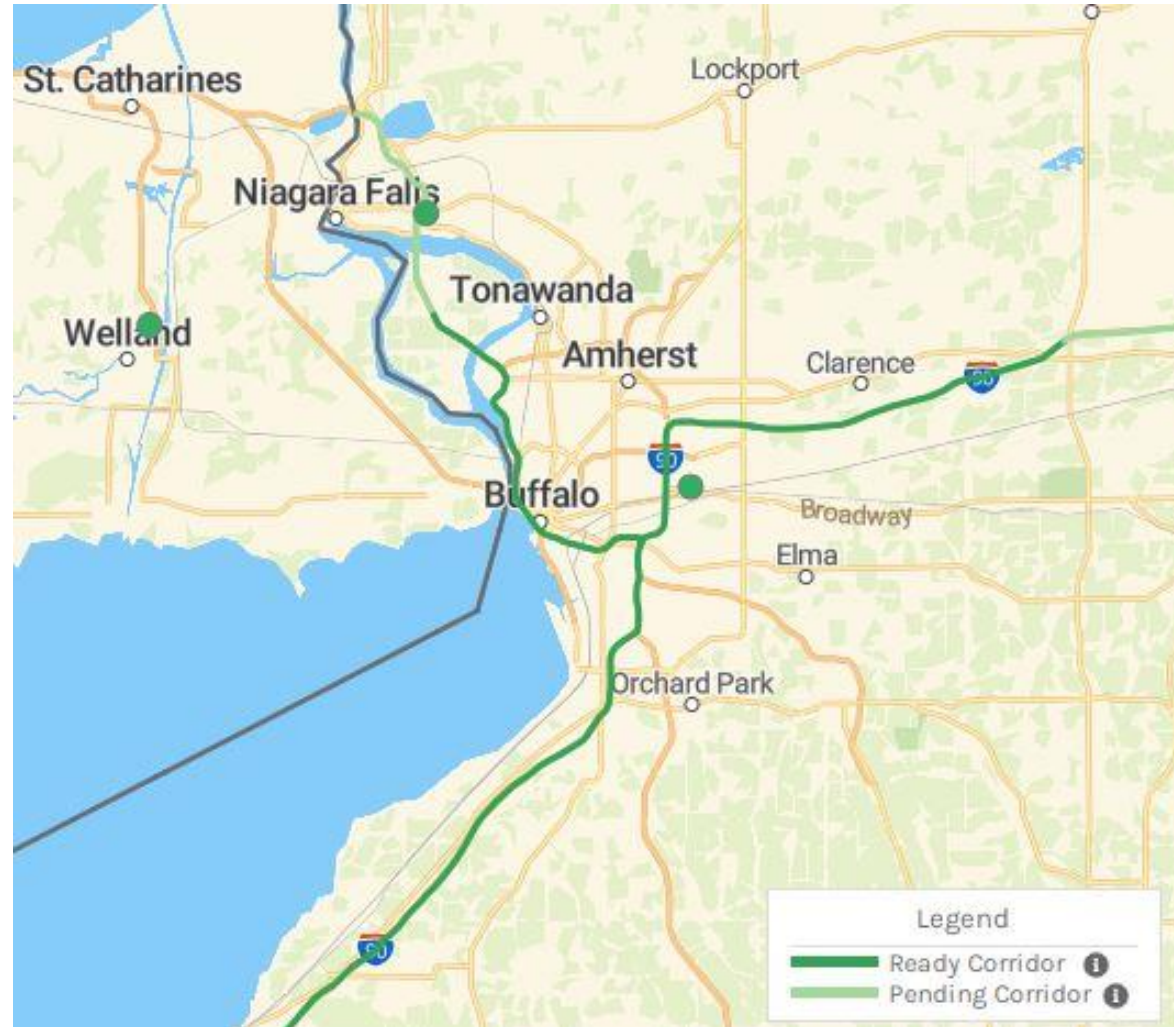
NYS Alternative Fuel Corridors



Source: U.S Dept. of Energy Alternative Fuel Data Center

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

WNY Alternative Fuel Corridors



Source: U.S Dept. of Energy Alternative Fuel Data Center

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

Discretionary Grant Program for Charging & Fueling Infrastructure:

- \$2.5 billion program
 - Divided into two distinct \$1.25 billion programs to support EV charger deployment
 - Meet administration priorities including rural charging, building resilient infrastructure, climate change and increasing EV charging in underserved communities

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program

Discretionary Grant Program for Charging & Fueling Infrastructure:

- Corridor Charging Grant Program – strategically deploy public accessible EV charging infrastructure and hydrogen, propane and natural gas fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors
- Community Charging Grant Program – strategically deploy public accessible EV charging infrastructure and hydrogen, propane and natural gas fueling infrastructure in communities.



Schedule:

- **February 10, 2022** - Program Guidance released
- **May 13, 2022** - FHWA to publish proposed regulations for minimum standards and requirements for NEVI Formula Program
- **August 1, 2022** - State DOTs plans for EV infrastructure deployment due August 1, 2022
- **September 30, 2022** - FHWA approves plans by September 30, 2022
 - If approved, funding becomes available

Meeting Wrap Up

- Member Agency Initiatives
- Other Business
 - Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
 - REDC Now Accepting Letters of Interest (LOI)
 - Letters of Interest to identify prospective projects that can be developed over the next few months and, as a result, be of a higher quality.
 - As a LOI is received by the Regional Council, staff from the WNY ESD office will contact the applicants to discuss projects and provide technical assistance
 - ESD will be holding information sessions
 - Wednesday, March 9 - Erie County 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Buffalo History Museum
 - Wednesday, April 6 - Niagara County 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Common Council Chambers
 - Learn more about LOIs and to RSVP for sessions, go to the REDC website:
<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/western-new-york>
- Next Meeting / Adjournment



Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Public Participation via Facebook Live

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A glossary of transportation terms is available at <https://www.qbnrtc.org/glossary-of-terms>

Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment on Action Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Action Items (Approve)
 - a) Resolution 2022-8: Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination
 - b) Resolution 2022-9: FFY 23-27 Transportation Improvement Program
 - c) Resolution 2022-10: 2023 Safety Performance Measure Targets
 - d) Resolution 2022-11: GBNRTC Host Agency Agreement
 - e) Resolution 2022-12: Safe Streets for All Regional Planning Grant Application
 - f) Resolution 2022-13 Memorandum of Understanding
6. Discussion Items
 - a) Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update - Status Update
 - b) NFTA Metro Expansion Project
 - c) Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation
 - d) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – New Funding Opportunities Update
 - e) TAP/CMAQ Award Announcements
7. Member Agencies Initiatives
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting/ Adjournment of Policy Meeting



Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

Policy Committee Meeting

September 7, 2022



- I. Proceedings
- II. Action Items
- III. Discussion Items
- IV. Status Reports



I. Proceedings

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II. Action Items

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- b. Resolution 2022-9: FFY 23-27 TIP
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- e. Resolution 2022-12: SS4A Application
- f. Resolution 2022-13: Memorandum of Understanding

A. Res. 2022-8 Transportation Conformity Determination

- As part of its transportation planning process, the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) completed a new transportation conformity determination for the GBNRTC 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).
- The Clean Air Act requires that federally funded or approved highway and transit activities are consistent with (“conform to”) the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP).
 - Conformity to the purpose of the SIP means that transportation activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant NAAQS or any interim milestones.
 - EPA’s transportation conformity rules establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether metropolitan transportation plans, transportation improvement programs (TIPs), and federally supported highway and transit projects conform to the SIP.

A. Resolution 2022-8 Transportation Conformity Determination

- Interagency consultation was conducted with the NYSDEC, NYSDOT, FHWA, FTA and USEPA for air quality conformity in New York State.
- The vast majority of TIP projects have been classified as “exempt” from air quality conformity determination.
- Six (6) projects have been classified as “non-exempt” from air quality conformity determination but are not required to be modeled for air quality impacts at this time.
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) concurred with the proposed conformity classification for all TIP projects on 8/25.
- Public review of the draft conformity document completed on 9/1.
- PCC recommended approval of this item on 9/7.
- **Today’s Policy Committee action would be to approve the Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination.**

551252	Kensington Corridor Project	Reconnecting neighborhoods on east and west sides of 1.3-mile section of NY RT 33 Kensington Expressway.
576377	John B. Daly Extension	0.85-mile extension of John B. Daly Blvd from Niagara St to Pine Avenue in the city of Niagara Falls.
576393	Cars Sharing on Main St; Exchange to Church	Returning vehicular traffic to 0.27 miles of Main St in the city of Buffalo. Project will create one new travel lane each way, sharing the road with NFTA’s existing Metro Rail (LRRT) line.
576394	Cars Sharing on Main St; Mohawk to Exchange	Returning vehicular traffic to 0.29 miles of Main St in the city of Buffalo. Project will create one new travel lane each way, sharing the road with NFTA’s existing Metro Rail (LRRT) line.
582510	Metro Transit Expansion SRC (NYSDOT State Rail Capital Funding) \$6M	Additional Funds from NYSDOT State Rail Capital (SRC) for Metro Transit Expansion to complete environmental review of 10.14-mile extension of NFTA’s Metro Rail line.
582570	Metro Transit Expansion	Environmental review of 10.14-mile extension of NFTA’s Metro Rail line connecting South Campus Station with the University at Buffalo’s North Campus in the Town of Amherst, NY. Review includes LRRT and BRT options for transit line extension.

B. Resolution 2022-9 FFY 23-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Title 23, United States Code, Section 134, and Title 49, United States Code, Section 5303, require each MPO to develop and approve a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- GBNRTC in cooperation with NYSDOT, has reviewed and documented compliance of the GBNRTC planning process with all existing federal rules and regulations, including Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) requirements.
- Extended consultation efforts have been made with appropriate state and local agencies to increase involvement in the planning process and development of the TIP.



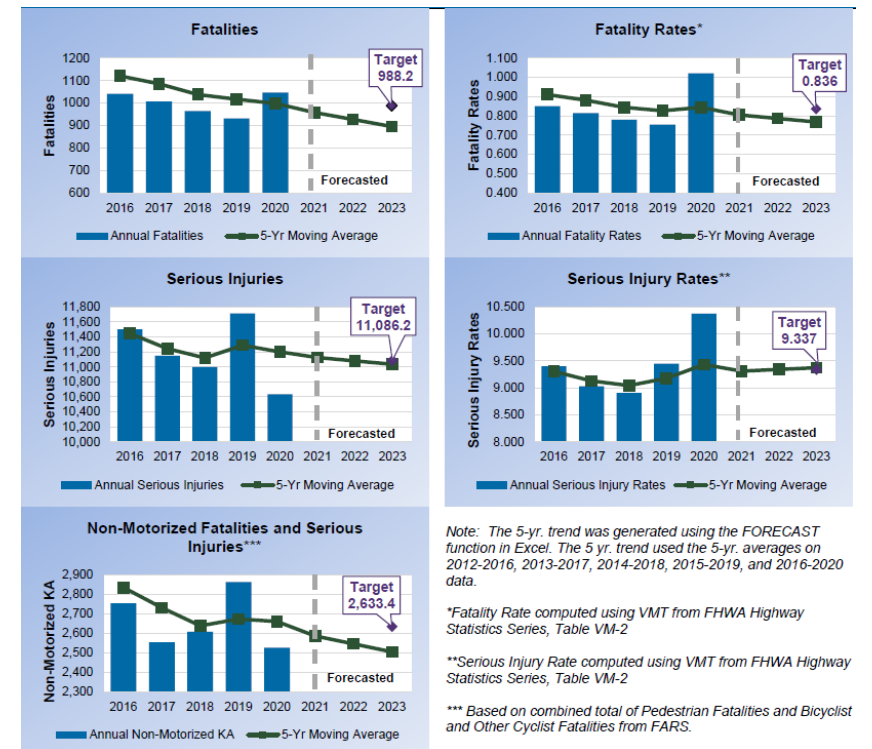
B. Resolution 2022-9 FFY 23-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The TIP continue to be fiscally constrained in accordance with federal regulations.
- On 8/25, the ICG concurred that transportation plans and programs within the Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY Non-Attainment Area, including the GBNRTC 2023-2027 TIP, are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan.
- Public review completed on 9/1.
- PCC recommended approval of this item on 9/7.
- **Today's Policy Committee action would be approve the FFY 23-27 Transportation Improvement Program.**



C. Resolution 2022-10 2023 Safety Performance Measure Targets 2023

- The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures and update annually.
- NYSDOT has established targets for five performance measures based on five year rolling averages for:
 1. Number of fatalities
 2. Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
 3. Number of serious injuries
 4. Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT
 5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries



C. Resolution 2022-10 Safety Performance Measure Targets 2023

- Federal regulations state that MPOs have the option to support defined state safety targets or set their own.
- The GBNRTC supports the NYSDOT 2023 safety targets and agrees to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned targets.
- Today’s Policy Committee action would be approve the 2023 NYSDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets.

NYSDOT Safety Targets – 2023	
Measure	Target
Number of Fatalities	988.2
Fatality Rate	0.836
Number of Serious Injuries	11,086.2
Serious Injury Rate	9.337
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	2,633.4

D. Resolution 2022-11 GBNRTC Host Agency Renewal

- All MPOs within New York State are required to have a Host Agency in order to provide administrative, legal and contractual support.
- The Host Agency for GBNRTC since 1973 has been the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA).
- The agreement that enables NFTA to act as GBNRTC's Host Agency expired on March 31, 2022.
- A new Host Agency Project Agreement was executed between NFTA and NYSDOT on July 11, 2022 for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2032
- **Today's Policy Committee action would be to approve the Host Agency Project Agreement.**



E. Resolution 2022-12 Safe Streets for All Action Plan

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program to fund regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- A comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan) is required before an implementation grant is requested from the USDOT.
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations are eligible to apply for a planning grant that can be used to develop an Action Plan.



E. Resolution 2022-12 Safe Streets for All Action Plan

- The GBNRTC will submit a regional SS4A Action Plan planning grant application by September 15 to fund the development of an SS4A Action Plan.
- The GBNRTC SS4A Action Plan will conduct a safety analysis of all roads in Erie and Niagara Counties to identify safety improvements, programs and strategies that will eliminate fatal crashes and reduce serious injury crashes fifty percent (50%) by 2050.
- This regional Safety Plan will eliminate the need/duplication of local municipalities within the GBNRTC planning to develop additional Action Plans.
- **Today's Policy Committee action would be to commit to the stated GBNRTC SS4A goals and to develop projects that will assist in achieving these stated goals.**



F. Resolution 2022-13 Memorandum of Understanding

- The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formally affirm the transportation planning process and to set forth the MPO responsibilities of the Council and its members, in accordance with the most current federal and state regulations.
- The MOU is subject to amendment and/or reaffirmation by the Council on an annual basis
- This was most recently affirmed and set forth in the MOU adopted by the Council on November 12, 2021 via Resolution 2021–27.
- The Counties of Erie and Niagara; the Cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls; the New York State Thruway Authority; the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority; and the New York State Department of Transportation will continue the cooperative transportation planning and programming process in Erie and Niagara Counties that is required for Federal and State funding.

F. Res. 2022-13 Memorandum of Understanding

- Projects will be developed based on the continuing, comprehensive and coordinated transportation planning process.
- Transportation systems embracing various transportation modes will be developed, so as to efficiently maximize mobility of people and goods.
- Plans and programs will be developed that are vital to the economic, social and civic well-being of the metropolitan area.
- Air quality conformity determination analysis will be performed by the MPO for transportation plans and programs.
- An open planning and programming process will be conducted to reach out to stakeholders, interest groups, and the general public, especially under-represented and under-served populations, as well as to the media.
- **Today's Policy Committee action would be to reaffirm the current MOU.**



III. Discussion Items

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update
- NFTA Metro Expansion Project
- Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - New Funding Opportunities
- TAP/CMAQ Award Announcements

MOVING
FORWARD

2050

UPDATE



2050 UPDATE

How Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) Work

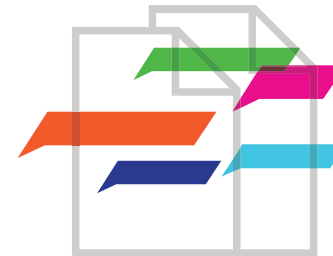
Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) update MTP plans every five years.



The MTP sets the foundation and priorities for the distribution of federal transportation funds.



Include goals and strategies to effectively develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system.



2050

UPDATE

- Maintain the 2050 planning horizon, reaffirming regional planning goals and strategies of the approved 2050 Plan.
- Demographic, land use and transportation conditions has been updated to reflect the most current data available.
- System Performance Report to provide key system information to determine the progress towards achieving goals and objectives.

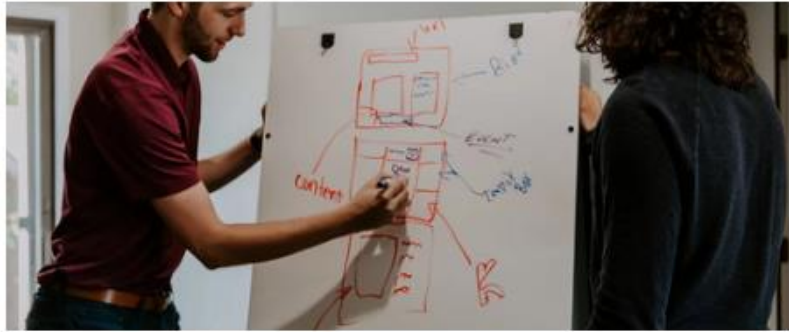


2050 UPDATE

- Update of financial resources available to the region to implement MTP projects based on new federal transportation legislation and anticipated funding resources.
- Meets federal planning requirements as specified in the latest federal transportation.
- Inclusive participation process to ensure transparency and variety of opportunities for engagement.



2050 UPDATE



PHASE 1 SPRING/SUMMER 2022

Existing Conditions/Emerging Trends

Reaffirm Goals and Objectives

Performance Measure Updates



PHASE 2 FALL/WINTER 2022

Financial Plan Update

Planning Studies, Projects, and Strategies



PHASE 3 WINTER/SPRING 2023

Draft Plan Document Development

Public Presentation of Draft Plan

GBNRTC Policy Approval by May 2023

Buffalo-Amherst-Tonawanda Corridor Transit Expansion Project

GBNRTC Policy Committee Update
September 7, 2022

Metro Transit Expansion

- Transit expansion project to continue high-frequency and reliable service into Tonawanda and Amherst
- The ***purpose*** of the Buffalo-Amherst-Tonawanda Corridor Transit Expansion project (Proposed Action) is to link established and emerging activity centers along the existing Metro Rail line in Buffalo with existing and emerging activity centers in Amherst and Tonawanda and provide a fast, reliable, safe, and convenient transit ride. Additionally, the Project would improve livability by increasing mobility and accessibility in communities throughout the region.
- The ***need*** for improved transit service has three main components:



Serve existing and future travel demand

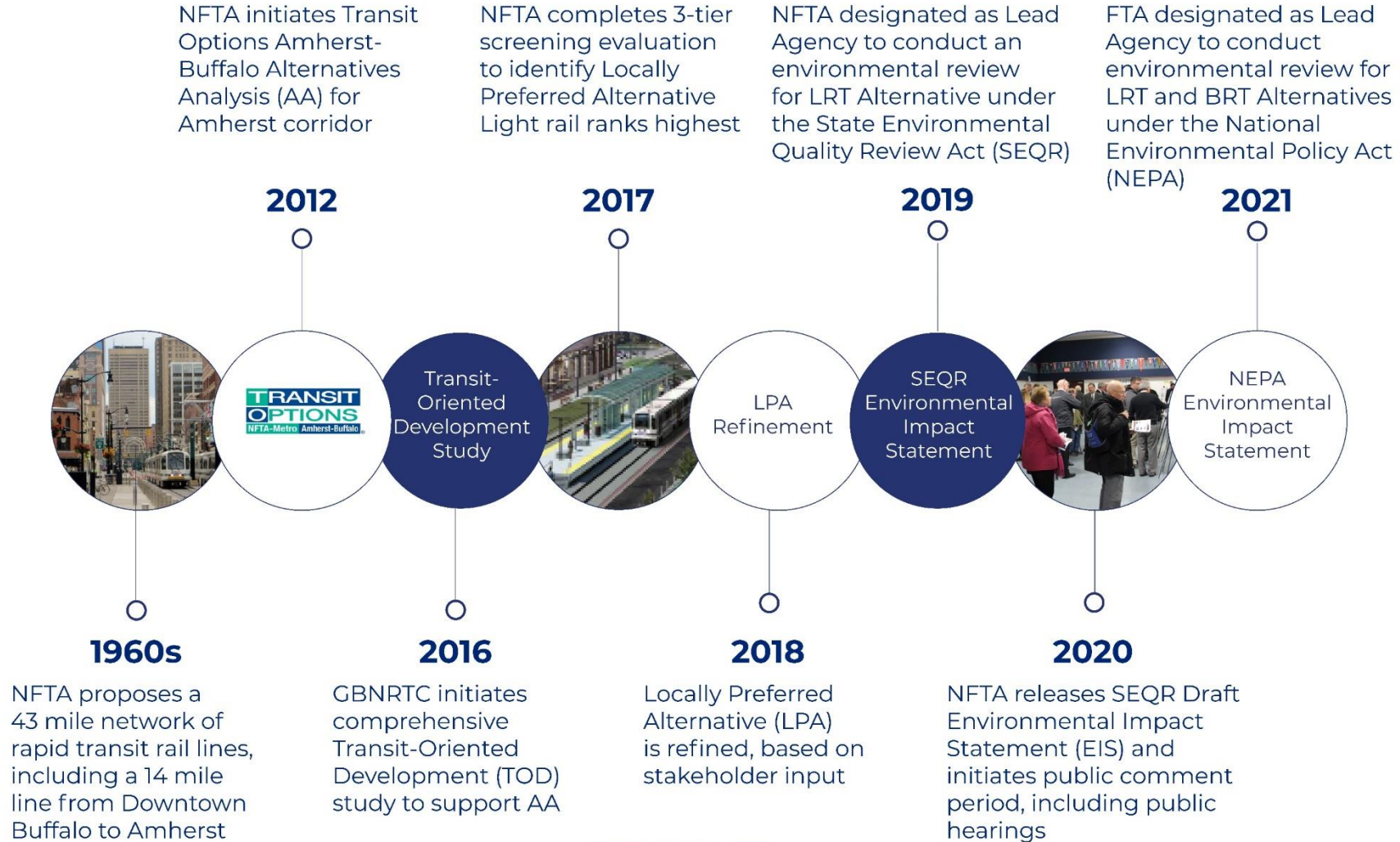


Provide high-quality regional transit service



Improve service for transit-dependent populations

METRO RAIL HISTORY

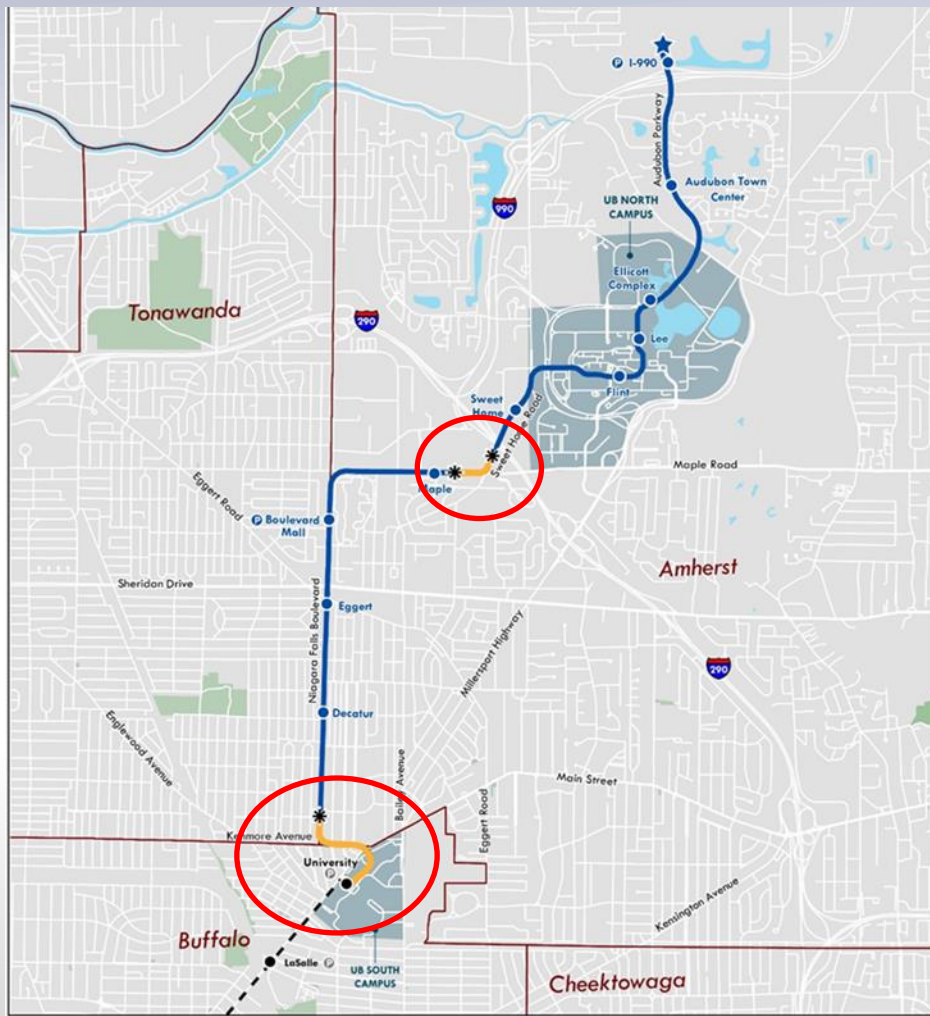


What's Changed

Building upon previous technical work and public outreach:

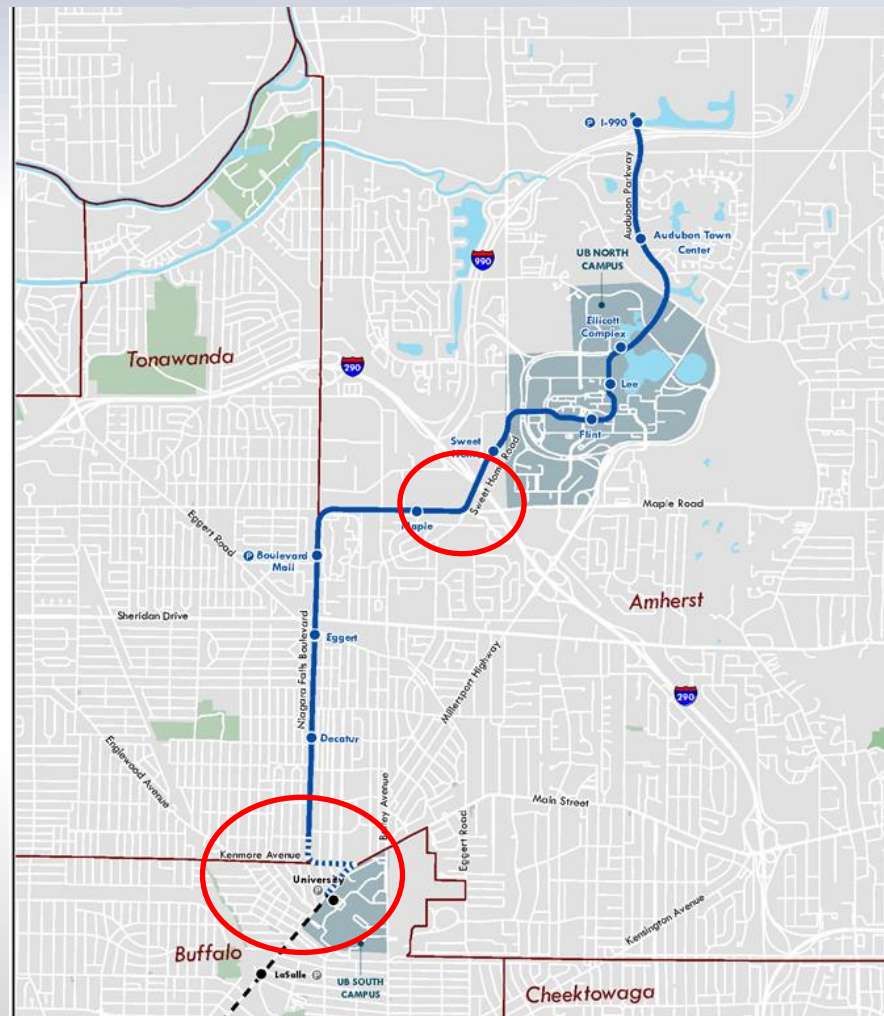
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is Lead Agency with NFTA as Co-Lead Agency
- Utilizing the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) EIS is being prepared
- An additional Build Alternative will be considered in the EIS per FTA:
 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), along with
 - Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Build Alternatives



- Metro Rail Expansion**
- At-grade
 - Tunnel
 - Proposed Station
 - ★ Proposed Storage/Light Maintenance Facility
 - ⊙ Proposed Park & Ride
 - Existing Station
 - Existing Metro Rail Line
 - City and Town Boundary
 - ⊙ Existing Park & Ride
 - ✱ Portal

LRT Alternative



- Buffalo-Amherst-Tonawanda Corridor Transit Expansion**
- At-grade
 - Mixed-traffic
 - Proposed Station
 - ⊙ Proposed Park & Ride
 - Existing Station
 - Existing Metro Rail Line
 - City and Town Boundary
 - ⊙ Existing Park & Ride

BRT Alternative



NEPA Process and Schedule

- Prepare a NEPA EIS
- Assess potential effects of the build alternative(s) and develop mitigation measures for adverse effects
- Provide meaningful opportunities for public participation during the environmental process



NEPA Scoping

- Notice of Intent (NOI) published 8/30/21 to initiate 45-day scoping period through 10/14/21
- Two virtual scoping meetings held on 9/15/21
- Comments could be submitted via email, the project website and/or mail, and verbal testimony during the virtual scoping meetings
- 82 comments received from agencies, advocacy organizations, residents, and other associations

NEPA Scoping Comments

- **Comment themes:** Project support, Project opposition, design considerations, operations, environmental impacts, transportation, and funding
 - Overall support, support for a specific mode
 - Overall opposition, or portions of the Project
 - Transportation, impacts to vehicular travel, safety
 - Property acquisition, noise and vibration
- Summary of comments received and responses to those comments available on the project website:
www.NFTAMetroTransitExpansion.com

Next Steps



- *May 2023 – Project approval in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update*
- *Ongoing – Preliminary engineering and design*



Questions/Comments



Regional Bicycle Master Plan



Scope of Work

- GObike awarded contract to support GBNRTC Regional Bicycle Master Plan implementation
- Public outreach and stakeholder coordination
- Technical assistance, design guidance, modeling, temporary installations
- Funding package development and grant assistance



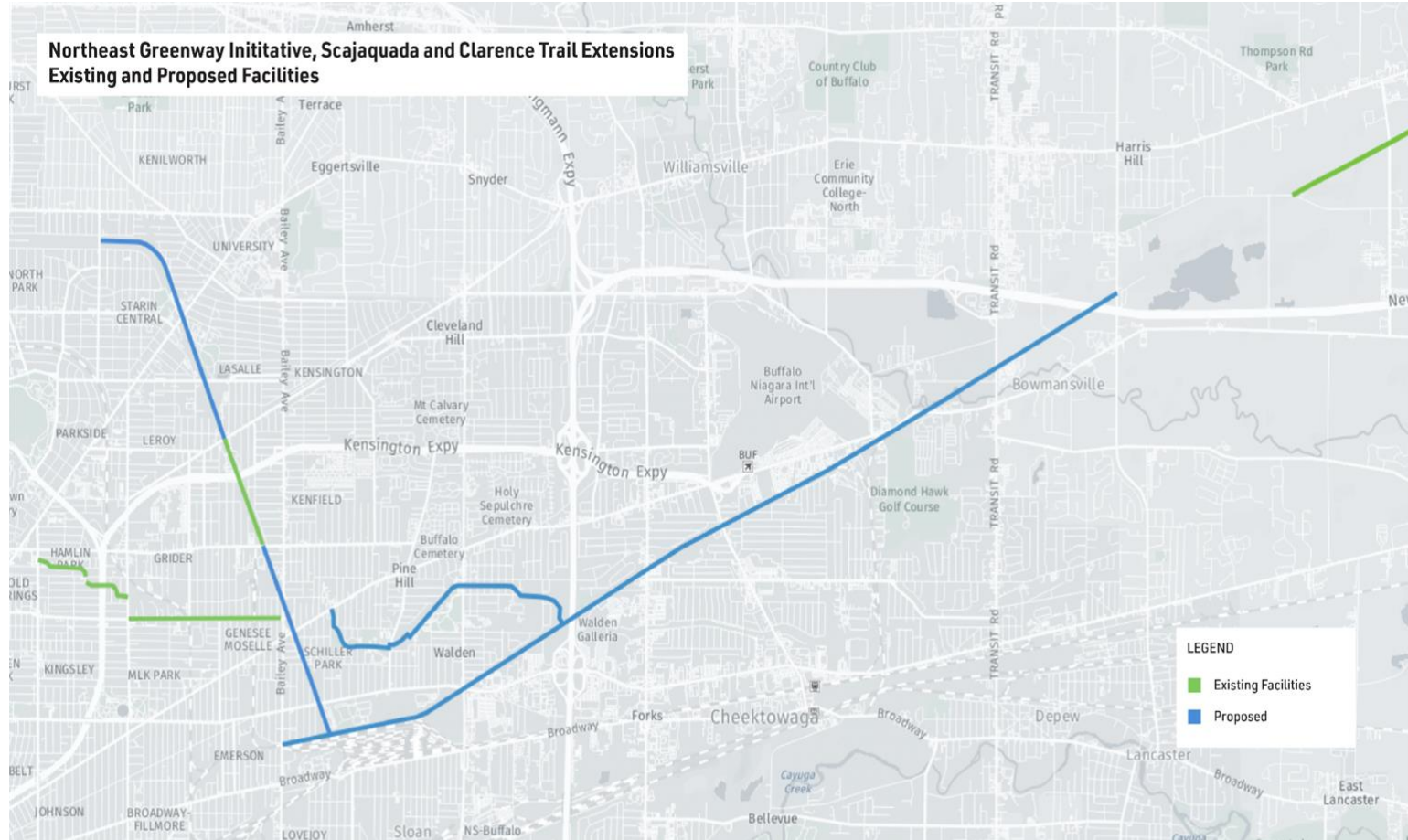
Regional Trails Coalition Summary

The WNY Regional Trails Coalition is a collaboration of non-profit organizations, foundations, and agencies working to advance completion of a connected network of trails throughout WNY.

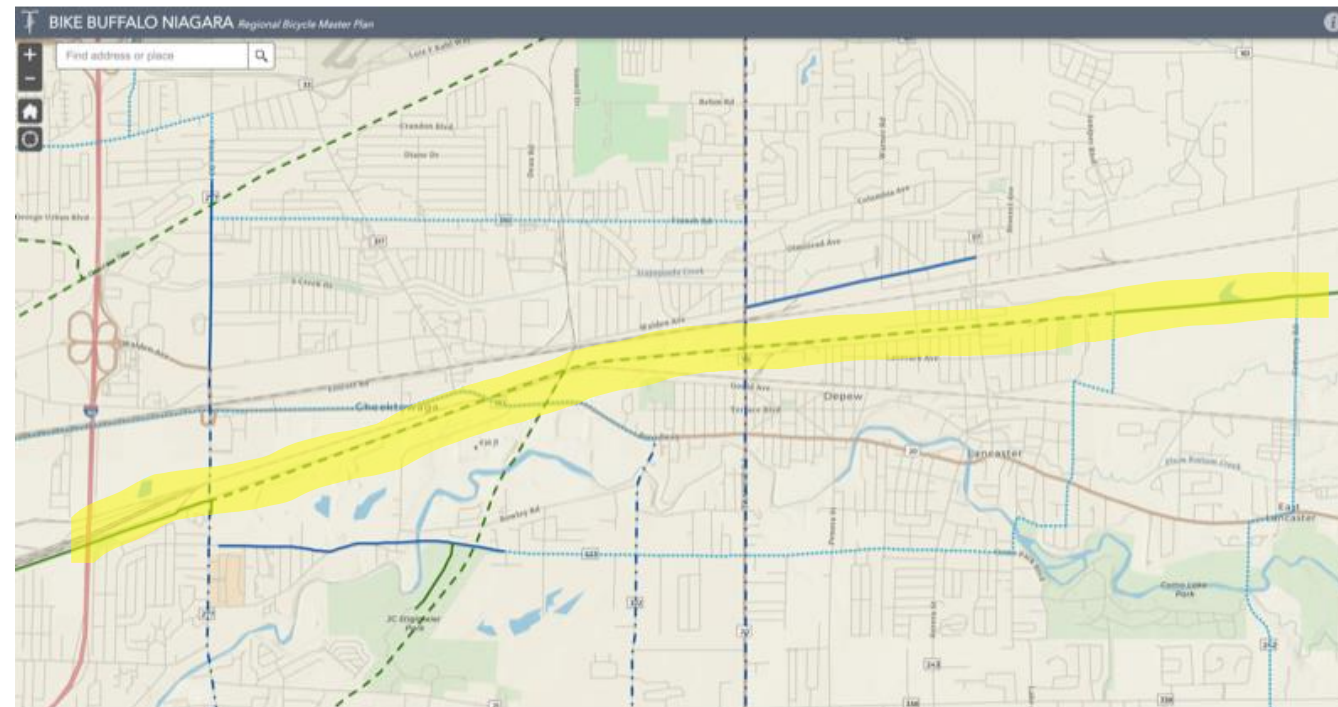
Our goal is to raise the profile of regionally significant bicycle and pedestrian trails and their public benefits, so that building these becomes a priority.



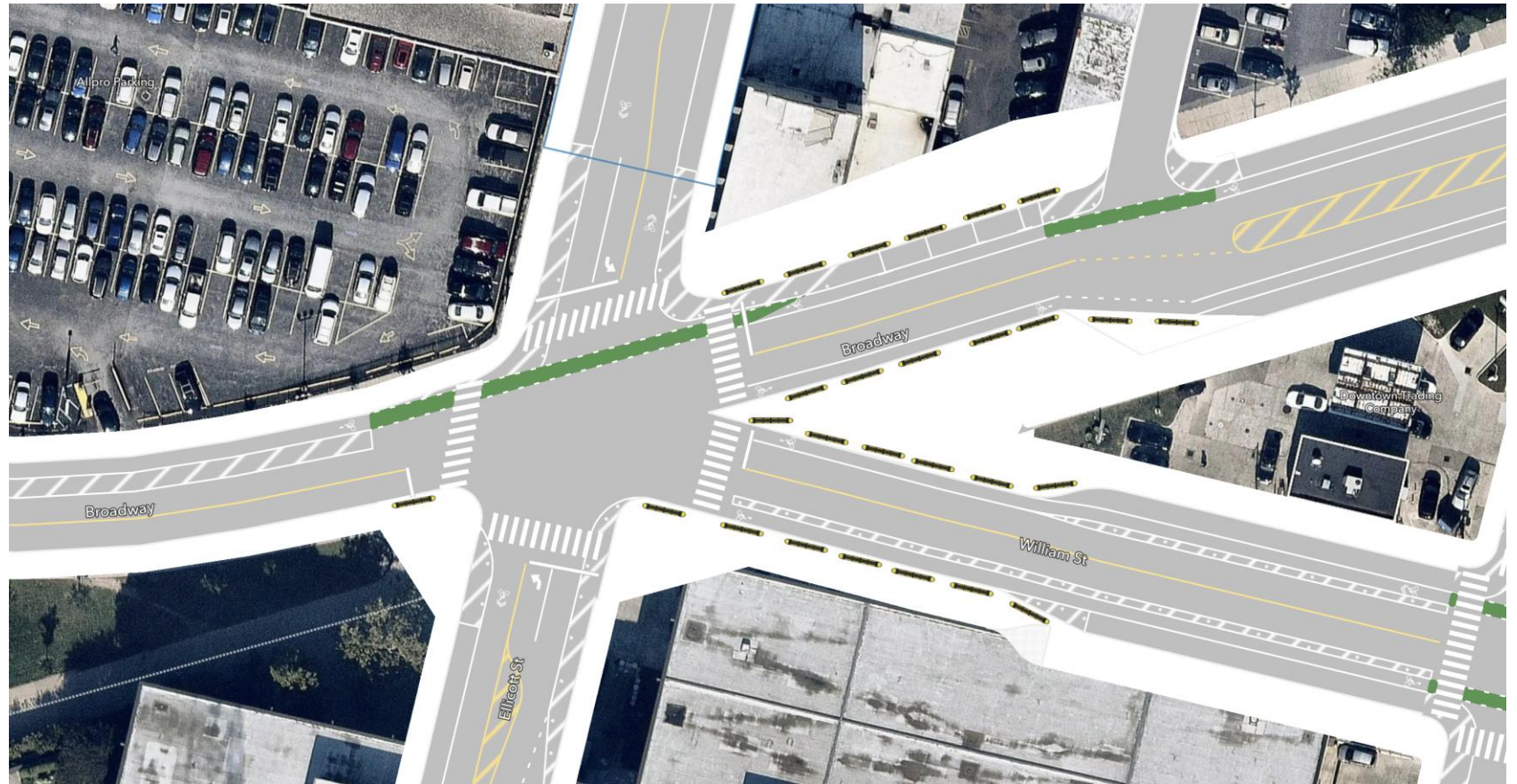
Priority Trail Projects



Lancaster Heritage Trail



Ellicott/ William/ Broadway



d. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Update

- \$350 billion for Federal highway programs over a five-year period (fiscal years 2022 through 2026)
- New formula programs
 - Bridge Investment Program
 - National EV Charging Program (NEVI)
 - Carbon Reduction Program
 - PROTECT (Resiliency)
- 40+ Discretionary Programs
 - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)
 - INFRA - multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance
 - MEGA - major projects over \$500M
 - Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program
 - RAISE - make transportation more affordable, increase safety and strengthen supply chains
 - Safe Streets & Roads for All - Vision Zero planning and implementation
 - Reconnecting Communities - Removing or Retrofitting Highways to Restore Community Connectivity
 - SMART Grants - Utilizing Innovative Technology to Improve Transportation Efficiency and Safety
 - Healthy Streets Program - Reduce the Urban Heat Island and/or increase air quality

d. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Update

August	Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Project Program	Federal Highway Administration
August	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program	Federal Railroad Administration
September	Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	Federal Transit Administration
September	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program	Office of the Secretary
October	Fiscal year 2022 Federal-state Partnership (National)	Federal Railroad Administration
December	Fiscal year 2022 Federal-state Partnership (Northeast Corridor)	Federal Railroad Administration

e. 2021 TAP/CMAQ Award Announcement

- Projects that promote environmentally friendly modes of travel and make it easier and safer to walk, bike or hike.
- The funding provides up to 80 percent of total project costs, is made available through the Federal Highway Administration and administered by the New York State Department of Transportation.
- Projects were selected through a competitive solicitation process that required awardees to demonstrate how proposed activities would contribute to increasing the use of non-vehicular transportation alternatives, reduce vehicle emissions and/or mitigate traffic congestion.
- Combined with project sponsor contributions, these awards will leverage nearly \$550 million in additional community investments.

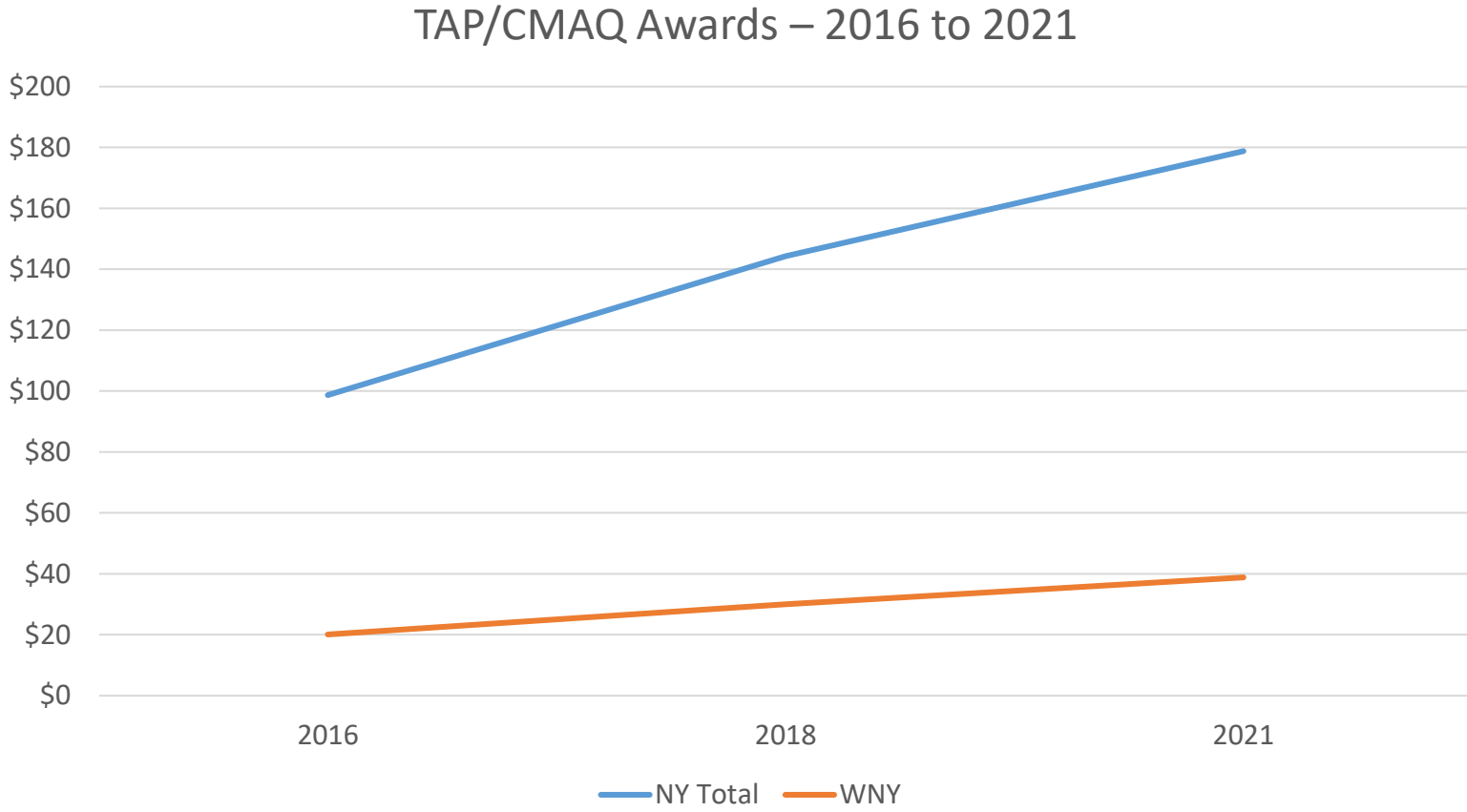


2021 TAP/CMAQ Award Announcement

- \$178.8 million has been awarded to 75 communities across New York State
 - Capital Region - \$27.2M
 - Central NY - \$14.1M
 - Finger Lakes - \$23.7M
 - Long Island - \$6.8M
 - Mid Hudson - \$38.8M
 - Mohawk Valley - \$8.6M
 - NYC - \$7.7M
 - North Country - \$5.1M
 - Southern Tier - \$8.0M
 - **Western NY - \$38.8M**



2021 TAP/CMAQ Award Announcement



2021 TAP/CMAQ Award Announcement

- GBNRTC Member Agencies
 - \$2,985,600 to the City of Buffalo for **rehabilitation to the Scajaquada Trail** from Main Street to Fillmore Avenue.
 - \$791,680 to the City of Buffalo for the **continuation of the Forest Avenue Multi-Use Pathway**.
 - \$3,861,362 to Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to **construct bus stop canopies and pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure improvements** along North Division Street in the City of Buffalo.
 - \$5,000,000 to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority for the **purchase of Battery Electric Buses (BEB)** to serve populations across Western New York.
 - \$5,000,000 to the Western New York Region to **construct a diverging diamond interchange at the I-190 and Niagara Falls Boulevard** intersections in Niagara Falls.
 - \$2,368,000 to the Western New York Region to **construct a new through lane, approaches, traffic signal and pedestrian crossing at Route 33-Genesee Street at Harris Hill Intersection** in the Town of Lancaster, Erie County.
- Locals in GBNRTC Planning Area (MISC)
 - \$1,490,400 to the Town of Amherst to **construct sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements to Carey Road** from Paradise Park to Transit Road.
 - \$2,354,887 to the Town of Evans for the **construction of a segment of the Shoreline Trail** along Lake Shore Road.
 - \$1,600,000 to the Town of Orchard Park to **construct sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks** to improve safe routes to schools.
 - \$1,696,000 to the Town of Tonawanda to **construct a Riverwalk multi-use pedestrian trail** connecting River Road to Two Mile Creek Road.
 - \$1,050,000 to the City of North Tonawanda to **construct an extension to the Erie Canal Bike Path** between Mayor's Park and North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens.
 - \$3,448,028 to the Town of Clarence to **construct sidewalk and pedestrian improvements** from Main Street to Transit Road.
 - \$802,707 to the Village of Williamsville to **construct sidewalk and curb ramps** along Main Street.