

Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 9:30am

Public Participation Live Buffalo City Hall (Room 1417) and Virtual on Facebook Live

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A glossary of transportation terms is available at https://www.gbnrtc.org/glossary-of-terms

DRAFT AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- C) Approval of Previous (1-3-24) Meeting Minutes
- D) Communications Report
- E) Public Participation

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendment #15: PIN 5826.10 Purchase of BEB Buses and Charging Infrastructure (Approve New Project)
- B) TIP AdMod #51: PIN 5268.55 NY 240; Boston-Colden Rd to Ellicott Rd (Approve Cost Change)
- C) TIP AdMod #53: Carbon Reduction Program Add Funds to Five Existing Projects
 - PINs 5268.54, 5051.18, 5308.44, 5814.66 and 5181.10
- D) American Falls Bridge Replacement Project (Approve addition to TIP and MTP Illustrative Project Lists)
- E) 2024-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (Recommend to Policy Committee)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) TPS Action Report
- B) AllRoads (ATCMTD) Demonstration
- C) 2024 RAISE Planning Grant Signal Communication & Transit Signal Priority (TSP)
- D) Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study
- E) EPA CRPG One Region for Climate Action Draft Priority Climate Action Plan

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Next PCC Meeting: March 6, 2024 (Erie County)



Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Minutes January 3, 2024

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday January 3, 2024 at 9:30am.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present (7/7):

NFTA Darren Kempner
 NYSTA Matt Latko
 NYSDOT Dave Hill
 Buffalo Nolan Skipper
 Niagara Falls Kevin Forma
 Erie County Darlene Svilokos
 Niagara County Garret Meal

Others present (8):

- John Boser NYSTA
- Bryan Roth NFTA
- Ashley Smith NFTA
- T. Richards NYSDOT
- Athena Hutchins NITTEC
- Tim Hughes C&S
- Angie Hernandez JMT
- Dennis Barr Public
- Thomas Frank Public
- GBNRTC Staff

I. PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

- Roll Call
 - All members were present
- Public Participation
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - Motion to approve the agenda (TWA/NFTA). Approved 7-0
- Communications Report
 - Communication Highlights
 - NYSDOT Section 5310 Program Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Application Solicitation
 - Community Engagement
 - PCC Meeting December 6, 2023 (GBNRTC)
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Nothing to report this month
 - Social Media Analytics
 - Facebook 5 posts, 1 new followers (total of 1,559 followers), 1,458 page likes, total reach of 511(increase of 40%), Facebook Visits 286
 - Instagram 1 post, 3 new followers (total 1,281) reach of 200
 - LinkedIn 4 posts, 2 new followers (total of 188 followers), 7 new page visitors with 10 people who viewed the page for the month.
 - Twitter 3 posts, 1,886 followers
 - Public Notices and Announcement Summary
 - Public Notice: 2023-2027 TIP Amendment # 13 and #14 New Projects December 7, 2023
 - NYSDOT Section 5310 Application Solicitation November 6, 2023
 - PCC Meeting Notice: PCC Meeting Wednesday January 3, 2024 NFTA
 - Articles and Publications (In the News) Summary
 - Presented a view of the online audience between social media and the website to better understand who we are targeting currently
 - For 2024 we are looking to be more strategic about our content as we take time to monitor our social media and website behavior goal is always to increase not just the audience but awareness across all areas we service

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the 12-6-23 meeting minutes (TWY/DOT). Approved 7-0.

II. ACTION ITEMS

- AdMod #50: PIN 5209.67 NY 78; Roll/Klein Rd to N. French Rd
- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- Additional funding is needed for signal work, asphalt price increase / nighttime paving cost and signs
- Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be increased by \$1.004M
- Fiscal constraint maintained as funding offset will be transferred from
 - PIN 5814.30 Signal Replacement; SFY 23/24 (\$0.500M)
 - PIN 5B15.55 Pavt. Maint. Block Fund (0.223M)
 - PIN 5B20.11 HSIP CARDS/Ped Signal Block Fund (0.046M) & 100% SDF (0.235M).
- Recommended by TPS on 12/19/23
- Today's action would be to approve this cost increase
 - Motion to approve (DOT/EC). Approved 7-0.

• Amendment #10: Four (4) State Rail Capital Funded transit projects

This is a NFTA request to add 4 new projects to the TIP

1. PIN 5826.06 Catenary & Insulators Replacement Phase 4

- Replace the most worn-out portions of the overhead catenary contact wire.
- Total Cost: \$2,160,288
- Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23

2. PIN 5826.07 Fastener & Pad Replacement Phase 12

- Replace deteriorated fasteners and rail and repair concrete plinth and floating slabs in in the tunnel.
- Total Cost: \$3,257,361
- Fiscal constraint offset: State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23 and State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24

3. PIN 5826.08 Station & Tunnel Standpipe Replacement

- Replace the Steel Hose Standpipe System (SHSS) in the rail tunnel, which is original to LRRT construction.
- Total Cost: \$6,700,000
- Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24

4. PIN 5826.09 NFTA-Metro Rail Yard and Shop Trainshed Roof

- Rehabilitate the existing roof over the station structure.
- Total Cost: \$6,500,000
- Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
- Two comments were received supporting the projects
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that all four projects are exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
- Today's action will be to approve as Resolution 2024-1
 - Motion to approve (NFTA/TWA). Approved 7-0.

Amendment #11: PIN 5764.98 BNY Plaza Drive @ Bergholtz Creek

- This is a DOT request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will replace the bridge to restore structural integrity and provide a 70-year service life
 and increase of the waterway opening to better match the natural flow channel and mitigate the
 buildup of debris in Bergholtz Creek
- The project will have a total cost of \$2.42M.
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as offset comes from \$2,299,817 awarded of federal funds through the BRIDGE NY program (Bridge Formula Off System) and a 5% local match (Town of Wheatfield) of \$121,043
- The scheduled let date is 10/15/25
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
- No comments were received
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that this project is exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
- Today's action would be to approve this new project via Resolution 2024-2
 - Motion to approve (NC/CNF). Approved 7-0.

Amendment #12: PIN 5764.91 BNY Marshfield Rd @ N. Branch Creek

- This is and Erie County request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- Total project cost is \$2.41M
- Final constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,288,075 Statewide Bridge Formula Off System and includes a required 5% local match of \$120,425
- The scheduled let date is 11/14/25
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
- No comments were received
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that this project is exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
- Today's action will be to approve as Resolution 2024-3
 - Motion to approve (EC/NFTA). Approved 7-0.

Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Road Bridge @ CSX

- This new project will repair the deficient substructure elements to extend the non-deficient life of the bridge
- Rehabilitation of the Portland cement concrete deck, reinforced concrete columns and pier caps due to delamination and spalling
- Localized steel repairs due to section loss and the painting of affected areas
- The bearings will be either rehabbed and/or replaced as determined upon further investigation
- Sealing of existing bridge joints
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.334M
- Final constraint is maintained as

- \$1.214M will be transferred from PIN 5764.28 Hartland Rd over Golden Hill Creek
- Remaining cost is being provided by local (Niagara County) funds
- The scheduled let date is 4/25
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
- No comments were received
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that this project is exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
- Public review ends COB on 1/6/23
- Today's action will be to conditionally recommend this project to Policy Committee for approval as Resolution 2024-4 (this new project includes reallocated regionally-targeted federal funds)
 - Motion to conditionally recommend this project to Policy Committee (CNF/NC). Approved
 7-0.

Amendment #14: Seven (7) BNY Bridge Projects

1. PIN 5764.87 Fletcher St @ Two Mile Creek

- Project will provide a structurally and hydraulically sound structure for at least 75 years using cost effective techniques to minimize the life cycle cost of maintenance and repair
- The project has a total cost of \$2.131M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,024,080 Statewide Bridge Formula Main (Bridge NY Program) and will include the required 5% local match of
- The scheduled let date is 7/25

2. PIN 5764.89 Dennis Rd @ Little Sister Creek

- Project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.923M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$1,826,850 Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$96,150
- The scheduled let date is 11/14/25

3. PIN 5764.90 Mill Rd @ Cazenovia Creek

- Project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- The Project will have a total cost of \$5M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$4,749,620 Statewide Bridge
 Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$249,980
- The scheduled let date is 12/15/25

4. PIN 5764.92 East Eden Rd @ Hampton Brook

- Project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- The project has a total cost of \$3.109M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,953,265 Statewide Bridge Formula Main (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$155,435
- The scheduled let date is 11/14/25

5. PIN 5764.93 Carmen Road @ Golden Hill Creek

- Project will replace the existing bridge with a single span bridge will be designed to meet current design loads and safety standards
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.658M
- Final constraint is maintained as the project was awarded total of \$1,575,290 from the Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program). The program uses 95% Federal Funds and 5% local funds. The required local match for the Federal Funds is \$82,910. (Niagara County)
- The scheduled let is 9/30/25

6. PIN 5764.94 Rte. 271 (Stone Road) Over Tributary to Jeddo Creek

- This project will replace the existing bridge with a new structure that is designed to current standards and a 75-year design life is warranted, ensuring a safe and reliable crossing for the public
- The project has a total cost of \$1.796M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded total of \$1,706,000 from the Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program). The required local match for the Federal Funds is \$89,789 (Niagara County).
- The scheduled let is 9/30/25

7. PIN 5764.95 Kenfield Rd over Black Creek

- Will provide a structurally and hydraulically sound bridge for at least 75 years using cost effective techniques to minimize the life cycle costs of maintenance and repair
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.507M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$1,431,935 Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$75,365
- The scheduled let date is 5/25
- Motion to approve (NC/EC). Approved 7-0.

PIN 5826.10 Purchase of BEB's & Charging Infrastructure

- This is an NFTA request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will provide for the purchase of 40-foot Battery Electric Buses and charging infrastructure that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles
- The total project cost will be \$33.7M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as offset will come from FFY23 FTA Low or No Emission Program (\$28.947M) and NFTA (\$4.737M).
- The let will be 4/1/24
- Today's action would be to initiate a 30-day public review period
 - Motion to initiate 30-day public review (NFTA/TWA). Approved 7-0.

American Falls Illustrative Project Addition to TIP and MTP

- The approved GBNRTC 2023-2027 TIP and 2050 MTP contain an optional listing of additional project proposals that may be included in a financial plan for a MTP, TIP, or STIP if reasonable additional resources were to become available
- GBNRTC is not required to select or fund any illustrative project(s)
- Air quality conformity determination is not required for illustrative projects until the project proposal is formally added to the approved TIP and MTP

- The American Falls Bridge Replacement Project consists of two individual bridges and will be added as a GBNRTC TIP and MTP illustrative project at an estimated total project cost of \$62.5M
- The project includes preservation of the existing stone façade, with replacement of the structural concrete arches and associated fill and topping surfaces
- Today's action would be to initiate a 30-day public review
 - Motion to initiate 30-day public review (NFTA/DOT). Approved 7-0.

• Draft SFY 2024-26 Unified Planning Work Program

- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the scope of work that the MPO will undertake for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24-26.
- MPO staff have developed the proposed 24-26 UPWP with member input and the document is ready for 30-day public review
- There will be a public information meeting
- Wednesday January 18, 2024
- 2pm Virtual and In-person at GBNRTC's office
- 6pm Virtual only
- Today's Action is to approve the UPWP to be released for public review
 - Motion to initiate 30-day public review (NFTA/CNF). Approved 7-0

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. TPS Action Report

- AdMod # 48: PIN 5764.76 Village of Williamsville Main Street Sidewalk Gap
 - o Due to delay in the consultant procurement, let was delayed
 - Old let: 6/14/24 (FFY24)
 - o Proposed let: 2/26/25 (FFY25)
 - o Fiscal constraint was maintained as costs are unchanged

B. 2023 SS4A Implementation Grant Award Summary

- 1. CDTA Red Line BRT Pedestrian and Transit Safety Improvements
 - Capital District Transportation Authority
 - \$5,294,400
- 2. Implementation of Queens Boulevard Great Streets Transformation and Supplemental Planning for Vision Zero
 - New York City Department of Transportation
 - \$29,750,000
- 3. Broad Street/R.C. Hoag Drive Intersection Improvement Project
 - Seneca Nation of Indians
 - \$2,000,000
- The FFY24 opportunity for SS4A planning/implementation grants is expected to open for applications in February 2024
- For more info, go to https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

C. FTA 5310 Solicitation

- Section 5310 projects are intended to address needs and gaps identified in GBNRTC's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.
- NYSDOT Public Transit Division in Albany administers this program.
- GBNRTC will assist with the application evaluation process.

Eligible Applicants

- Private non-profit corporations that serve seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Public agencies where no private non-profits are readily available to provide the proposed service
- Public agencies that have been approved by the State to coordinate services
- All public agencies and operators of public transportation services
- Indian Tribal Governments

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- The program provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities, including:
- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities and with transportation.
- NYSDOT will be hosting a series of webinars and providing opportunities to review preapplications with NYSDOT staff.
- WebEx Webinar #1
 - o Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024
 - o Time: 10:00 am 11:00 am, ET
- WebEx Webinar #2
 - Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024
 - o Time: 2:00 pm 3:00 pm, ET
- WebEx Webinar #3
 - o Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024
 - o Time: 11:00 am 12:00 pm, ET

Section 5310 Project Examples Include

- Purchase of wheelchair accessible small buses and vans
- Wheelchair lifts, ramps and securement devices
- Transit-related technology information systems
- Scheduling and routing software
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract or lease
- Travel training
- Volunteer driver program
- Building an accessible path to a bus stop, including curb-cuts
- Accessible pedestrian signals or other accessible features
- Mobility management programs

ReCap of Key Information

- Section 5310 Applications are due to NYSDOT on 2/5/24.
- Solicitation details using this link: Section 5310-Application Material (ny.gov).

 Comments and questions may be submitted via email to 5310MobilityApplications@dot.ny.gov.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- Member Agency Reports
 - Thruway (Boser) reported that they will be looking at a planning grant for the Grand Island Bridges.
 - NFTA (Kempner) reported that single tracking will begin please check rail schedules.
 - All other agencies stated they had nothing to report
- Director's Report
 - Considering doing a combined PCC/Policy meeting February
 - Extended Modeling contract
 - TAP/CMAQ/Carbon Reduction Program Applications due 1/9/24
 - Bridge NY Applications due 1/26/24
 - GBNRTC will be following the States process and will send out a reminder email to local officials about the upcoming deadline and the application submission process.

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Next PCC Meeting
 - o The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday February 7th at Buffalo City Hall at 9:30 am
- Motion to Adjourn (NFTA/CNF). Approved 7-0.
- The meeting concluded at 10:45 am



Meeting will begin shortly, thank you for your patience



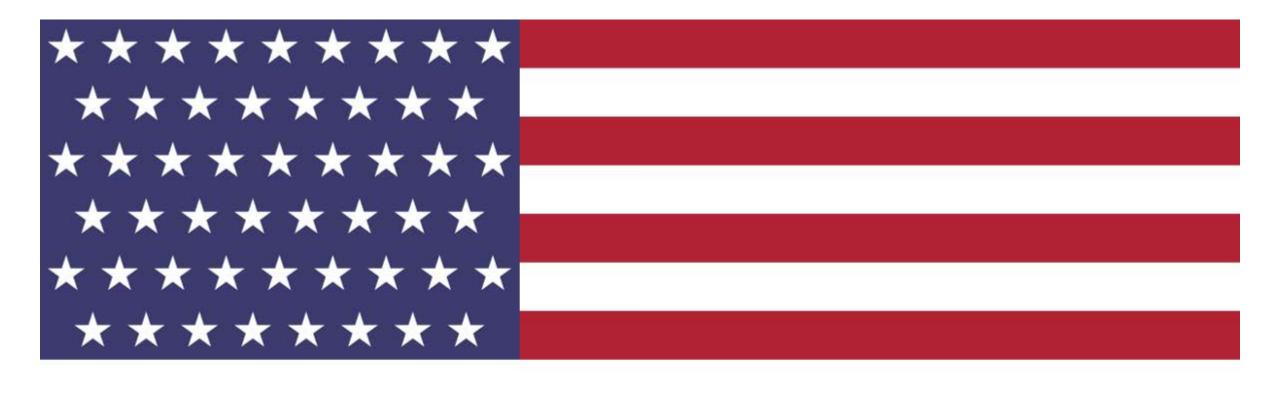


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Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council









PCC Meeting Agenda

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

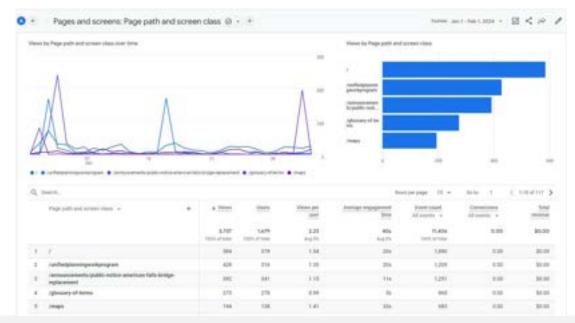
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Communications Report

Website

- Top 5 Visited pages
 - Home page
 - UPWP
 - Public Notice American Falls Bridge Replacement
 - Glossary Terms
- Most visits were driven from email blasts



Social Media

- Increased our reach by an average of 40%
- Increased followers on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter – average of 2%.
- Most engaged posts are our shared posts NFTA Listening Sessions for Metro Transit Expansion Project





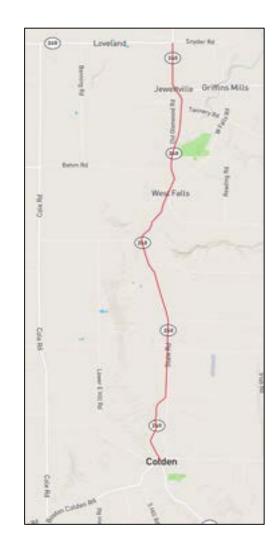
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- This is an NFTA request to add a new project to the TIP
- PIN 5826.10 will provide for the purchase of 40-foot Battery Electric Buses and charging infrastructure that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles
- The total project cost will be \$33.68M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as:
 - \$28.95M offset will come from FFY23 FTA Low or No Emission Program
 - \$4.74M will come from NFTA
- The funds will be obligated on 4/1/24
- All required public review has been completed
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) concurred that the project is exempt from Transportation Conformity determination
- Today's action would be to approve the new project via Resolution 2024-7



B. AdMod #51: PIN 5268.55 NY 240; Boston-Colden Rd to Ellicott Rd

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing TIP project
- \$3.3M of existing (state) SDF will be replaced by 3.3M of (federal) STP Flex
- Total project cost will also be increased by \$4.2M due to additional needed culvert and pavement work costs
- Fiscal constraint maintained as \$7.5M federal matched offset will be transferred from PIN 5B15.55 – Pavement Maintenance Block Fund.
- Let date is unchanged at 3/24
- Today's PCC action would be to approve this minor scope change/cost increase



C. AdMod #53: Carbon Reduction Program Funding Additions

- The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from on-road highway sources
- Each State, in consultation with any MPO designated within the Stateis required to develop a carbon reduction strategy not later than 2 years after enactment and update that strategy at least every four years
- This is a NYSDOT request to modify five existing TIP projects by adding statewide-apportioned CRP program funds
- All projects were discussed and agreed to at TPS

C. AdMod #53: Carbon Reduction Program Funding Additions

- 1. PIN 5051.18 US 62 (Niagara Falls Blvd) @ I-190 Interchange
 - Improved traffic flow, reduced emissions, better ped connectivity and safety in a disadvantaged community
 - + \$1.63M statewide CRP funds
- 2. PIN 5268.54 NY 240 (Orchard Park Rd) @ Fisher Rd. Intersection
 - Improved traffic flow, reduced emissions, encourage pedestrian trips with wider shoulder
 - + 2.18M statewide CRP funds
- 3. PIN 5308.44 US 62 (Niagara Falls Blvd); Mavis Dr Sy Rd
 - Add sidewalks to encourage pedestrian trips, reduce vehicle trips, improve traffic flow, reduce emissions
 - + \$0.65M statewide CRP funds

C. AdMod #53: Carbon Reduction Program Funding Additions

- 4. PIN 5814.66 Goodell St, Tupper & Pearl; NY 33 (Kens. Expwy) NY 5 (Main St)
 - Improved ped safety and connectivity, conversion of vehicle trips to ped or bike trips, disadv.
 community
 - + \$1.6M statewide CRP funds
- 5. PIN 5181.10 NY 270 (Campbell Blvd); N. French Rd Niagara County Line
 - Widen shoulder on NY 270 to provide bike accommodations for bicycles throughout the NY 270 corridor in Erie County, connect UB Bike path to Empire State Trail (converting vehicle trips to bike trips), add sidewalks on sections on NY 270 and North French Rd. to accommodate pedestrians and convert trips
 - + \$2.02M statewide CRP funds
- Today's PCC action would be to approve these funding additions

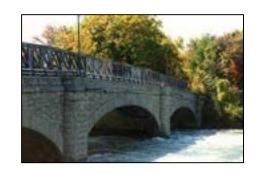
D. American Falls Bridge Replacement Project

- "Illustrative" projects are additional unfunded project proposals that may be included in a MTP or TIP if reasonable additional resources were to become available
 - The GBNRTC is not required to select or fund any illustrative project(s) for implementation
 - Federal action (FHWA and FTA) is not required until the project is formally added to the MTP and TIP
- The GBNRTC is proposing to amend the current TIP and MTP with this illustrative project
 - This project consists of two individual bridges, the first connects Mainland USA to Green Island (BIN 5522000) and the second connects Green Island to Goat Island (BIN 5522010)
 - These bridges are currently the primary pedestrian connection to Goat Island, and carry several million park patrons per year



D. American Falls Bridge Replacement Project

- Replacement will entail preservation of the existing stone façade, with replacement of the structural concrete arches and associated fill and topping surfaces
- The project has an estimated total project cost of \$62.5M
- Adding this illustrative project will strengthen future discretionary grant applications
- Public comments were received for 30 days until Close of Business (COB) on 2/5/24
- Today's PCC action would be to add this project to the TIP and MTP Illustrative Project list



- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the scope of work that the MPO will undertake for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24-26.
- Federal requirement of all MPOs
- Lays out the GBNRTC staff work plan
 - Administer all programs necessary to maintain MPO status
 - Advance Federal planning priorities
 - Advance MTP planning priorities

Development Process

- NYSDOT Issues a Call Letter
- Status update of existing projects
- Discussion with member agencies on new projects
- Draft UPWP for member agency view
- Draft UPWP for public review and comment
- Final approval by PCC & Policy Committees

Public Review

- A 30-day public comment period was initiated on Jan 3, 2026
- Virtual public presentation on 1/17
 - In-person presentation scheduled for 1/17 was canceled due to weather
- 1 public comment received supporting the plan

Planning Requirements

- Federal Planning Emphasis Areas
- Federal Planning Factors
- MTP UPWP Linkage

Complete Streets Set Aside Funds

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) created a 2.5% set aside funding to be used for Complete Streets planning
- GBNRTC has been doing Complete Streets planning for many years
 - Bike Master Plan Implementation efforts

- Main categories of UPWP tasks
 - MPO Compliance work Annually reoccurring
 - MPO Compliance work Non-reoccurring
 - LRTP Priority Implementation
 - Member Priority Work

- MPO Compliance Reoccurring
 - General Administration Work and Costs
 - General Community Outreach
 - TIP Monitoring and Maintenance
 - Tribal Nation Coordination
 - Regional Housing Coordination Support
 - Performance Measure Monitoring
 - Air Quality Compliance

- MPO Compliance Non-Recurring
 - 2024 Recertification Process
 - 2026-2030 TIP Update
 - 26-28 UPWP Development

- LRTP Priority Implementation
 - Smartly Enhanced Multimodal Arterial (SEMA) Planning
 - TOD Planning Support
 - Regional Active Transportation Plan

- Member Agency Priority Work
 - Regional Travel Demand Modeling & Data Management
 - Asset Management
 - Safe Streets for All Action Plan
 - Major Planning Project Support
 - Metro Rail Expansion
 - Twin Cities Memorial Highway Analysis
 - Bailey Ave Improvements/BRT
- Planning and Environmental Linkage Study I-90 Exit 50 Corridor
- NFTA On-Board Survey

Financing

- Revenue Core Funds
 - FHWA 24-25 Funding 2.6M
 - FTA 24-25 Funding 0.6M

3.2M

- Expenses Core Funds
 - 3.0M for salaries, benefits, staff support and consultants

•	Revenue –	Other	Sources
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•	TMIP/EMAT Grant	300k
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- SS4A Grant 560k
- FHWA Complete Streets 195k
- EPA CCAP Grant 1,000k
- Total Grant/Other 2.05M



E. 2024-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Action

 Comments were received from NYSDOT Main Office and all necessary revisions were made to the final document

• Today's Action is to recommend to the Policy Committee that the 24-26 be approved



A. January 2024 TPS Action Report

AdMod # 52

- This was a Niagara County request to modify two existing projects.
- Both projects will advance their let dates from FFY25 to FFY24.
 - PIN 5764.25 Ewings Rd @ 18 Mile Creek (3329080) let date changed from 11/15/24 to 2/29/24
 - PIN 5764.37 Quaker Rd @ Golden Hill Creek (3360430) let date changed from 11/15/24 to 2/29/24
- Fiscal constraint is maintained and there were no funding changes
- Approved as AdMod #52 (Niagara County/City of Niagara Falls)

AllRoads System Overview

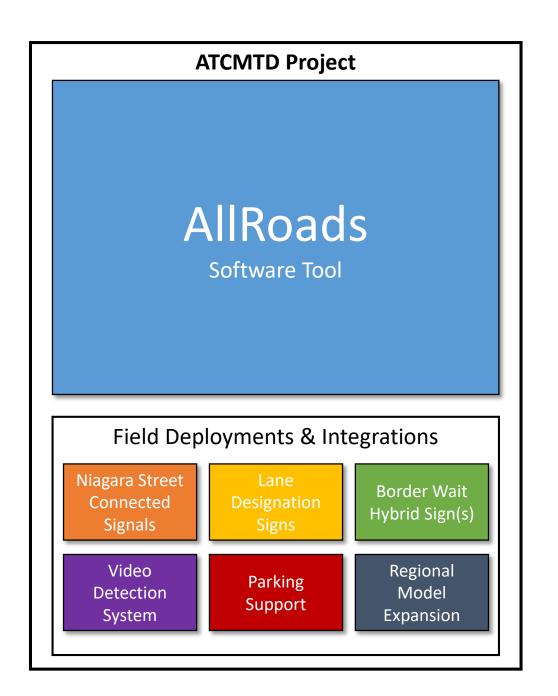
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Niagara International Transportation Technology Coalition February 2024

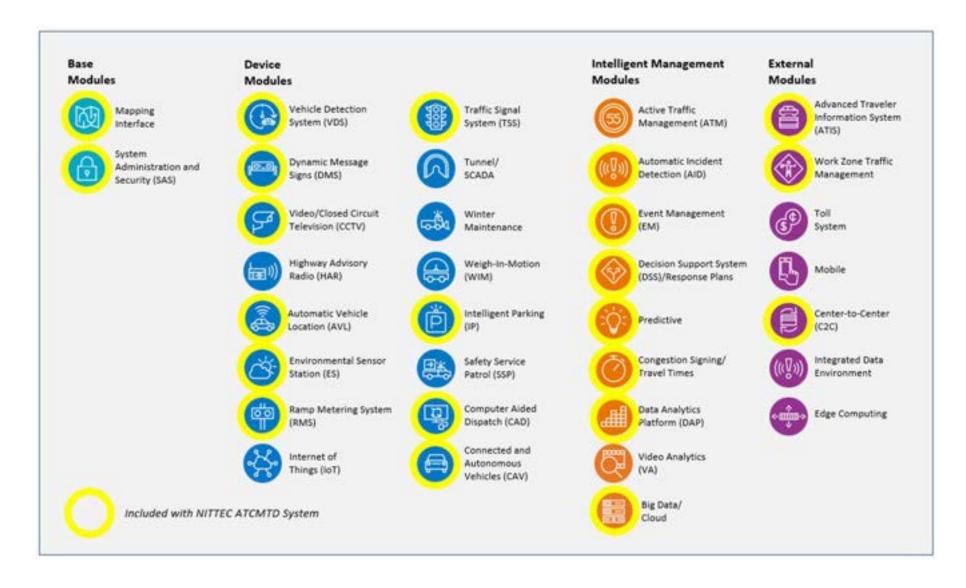


ATCMTD Project

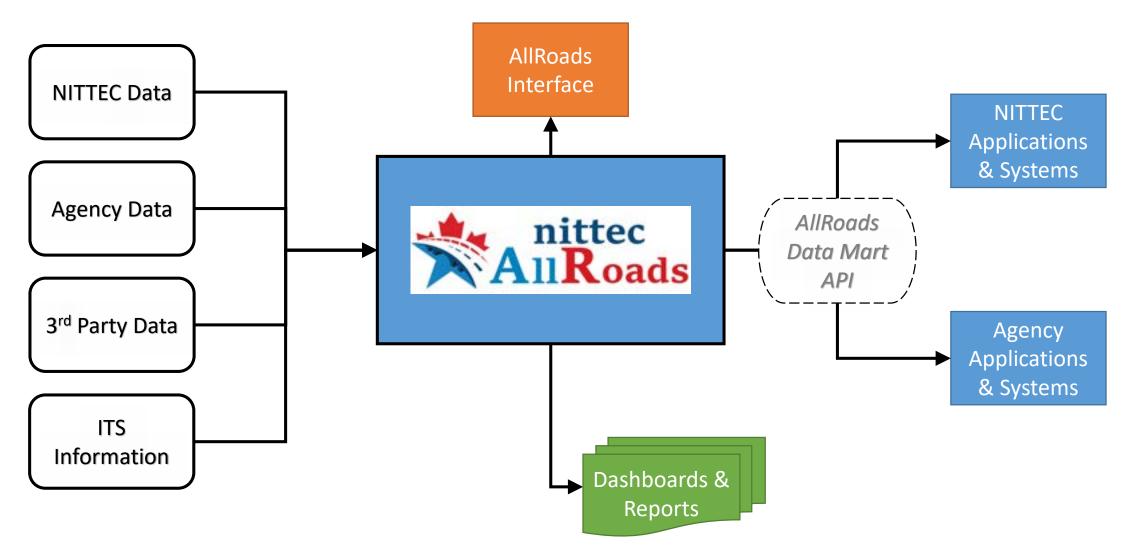
- Advanced Transportation
 Congestion Management
 Technology Deployment Grant
- \$7.8 million awarded by FHWA in 2016
- Focus on Border Crossing,
 Systems Integration, & Inter-Agency Collaboration



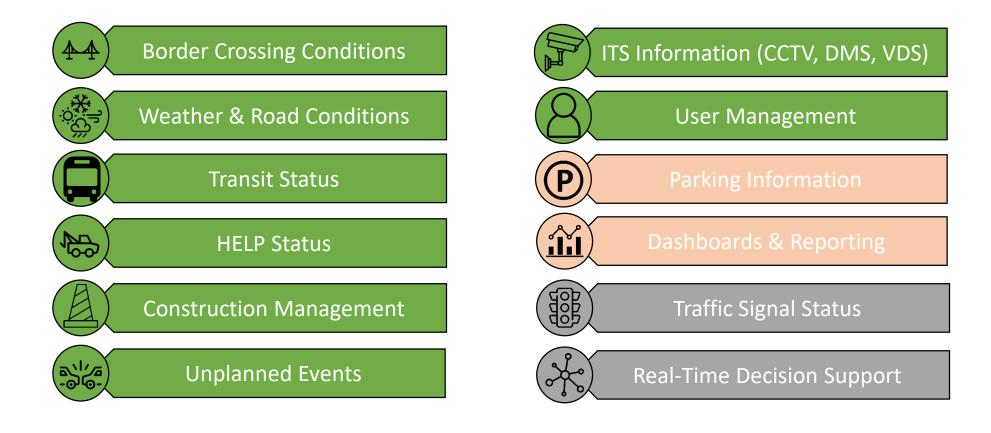
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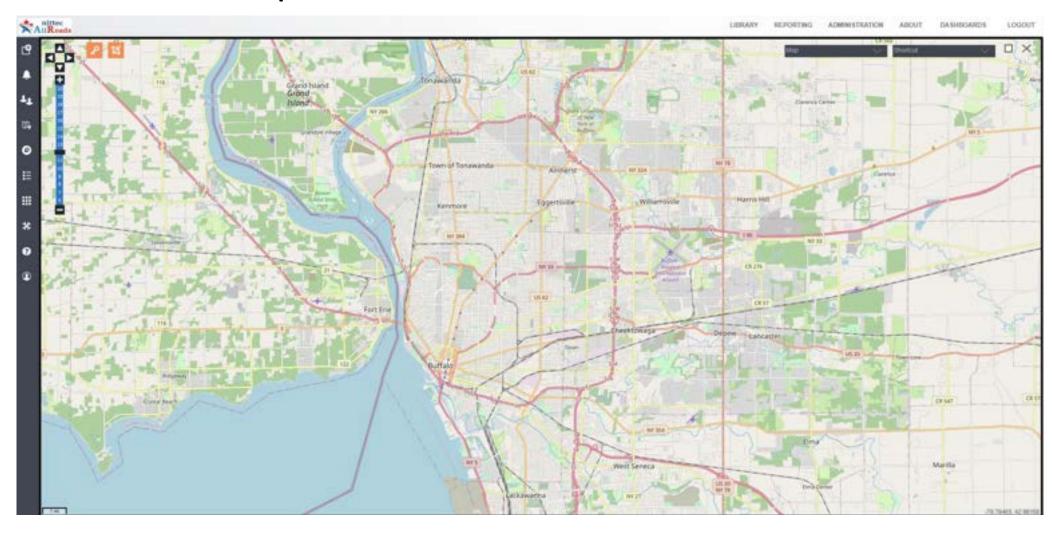
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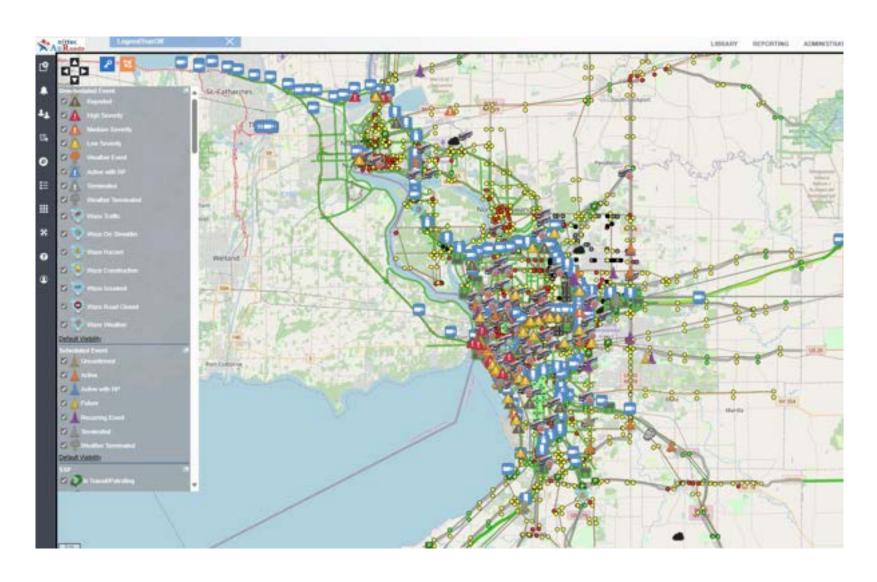
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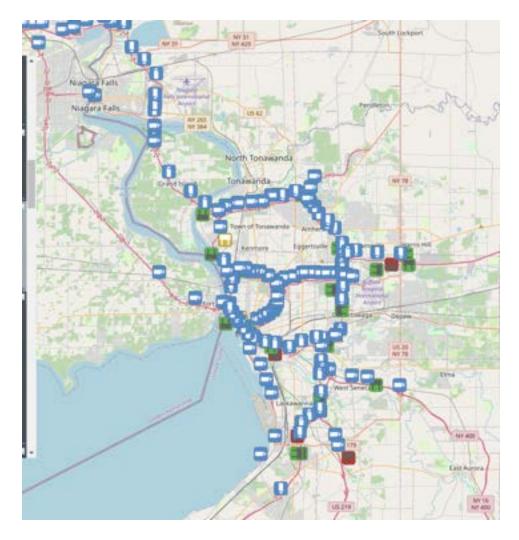
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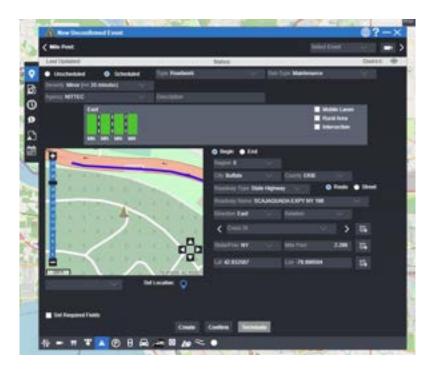


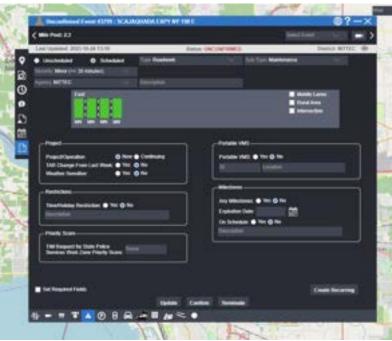
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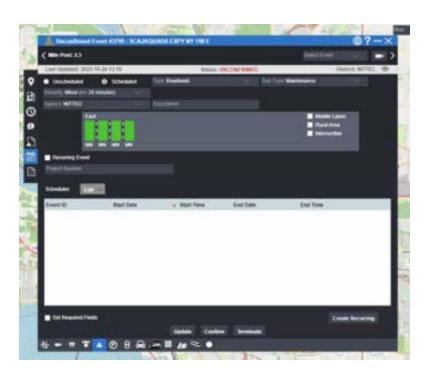




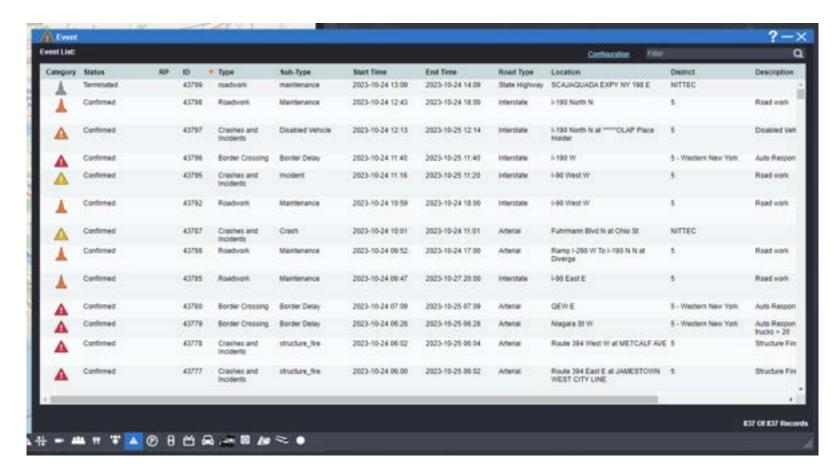
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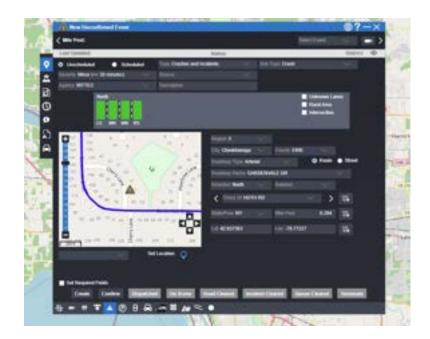




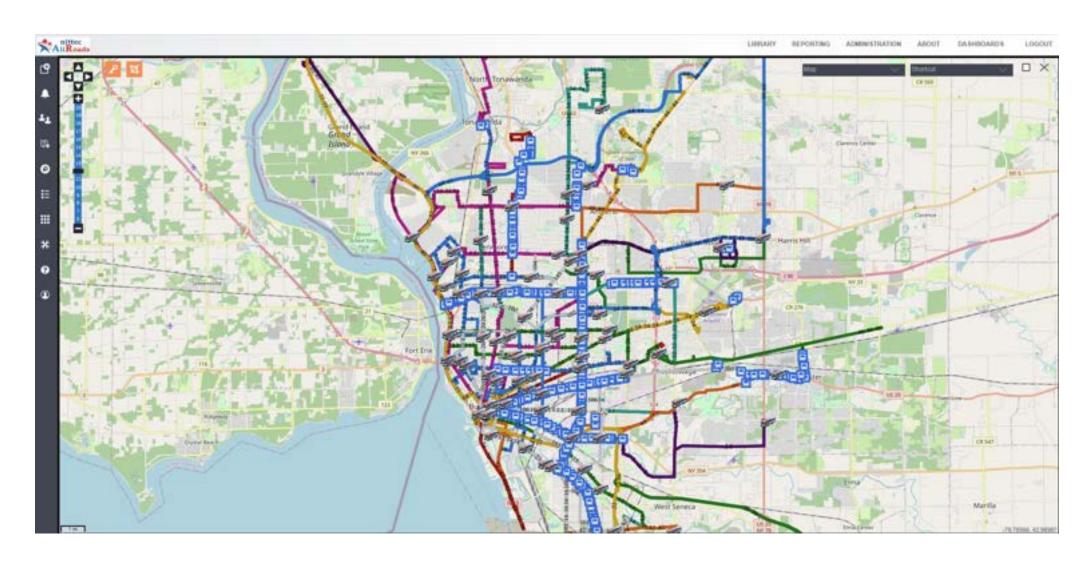


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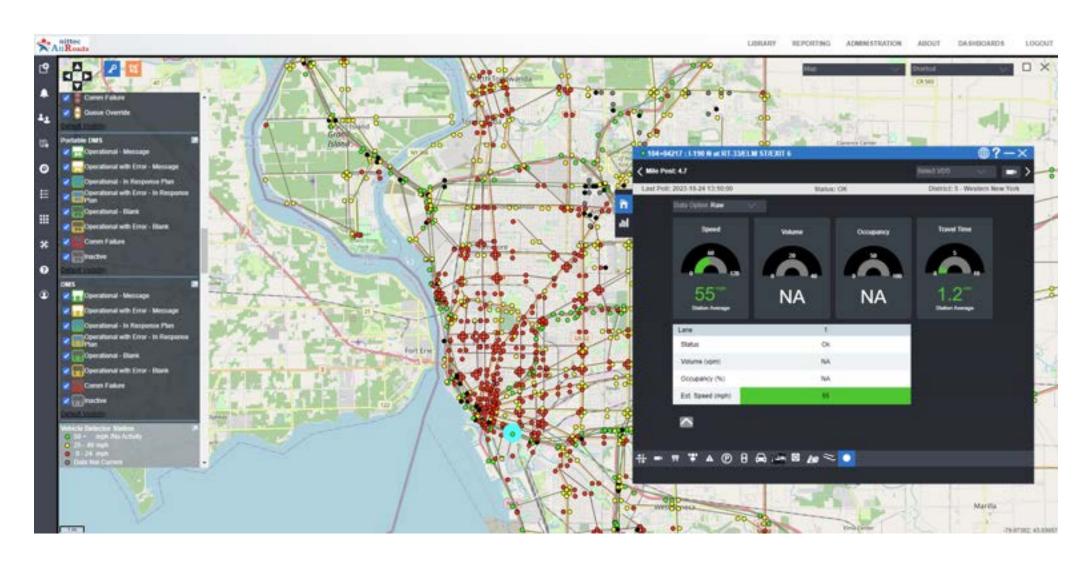




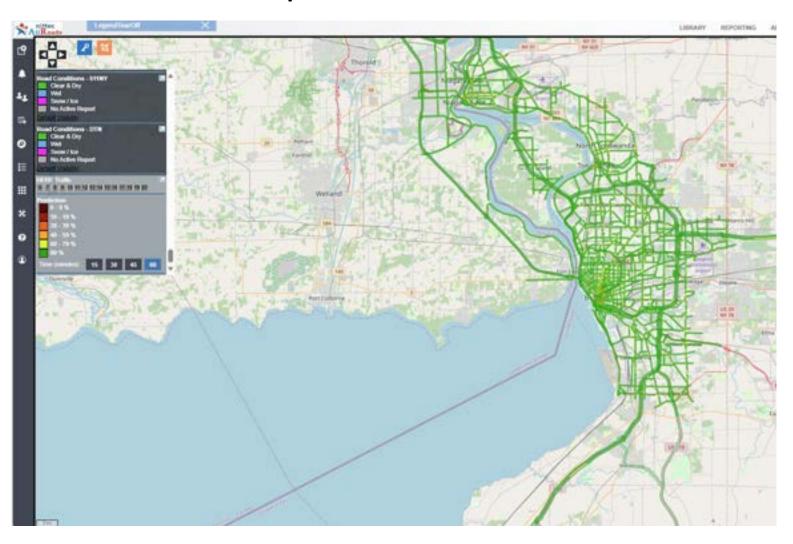
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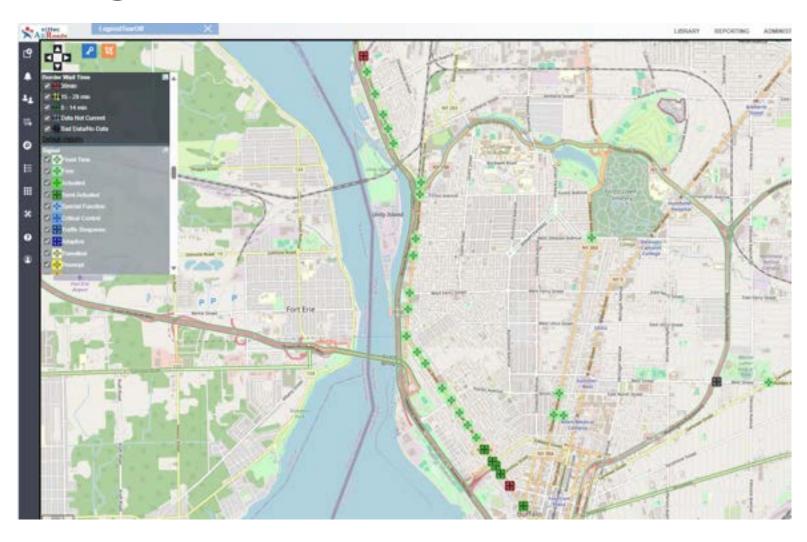
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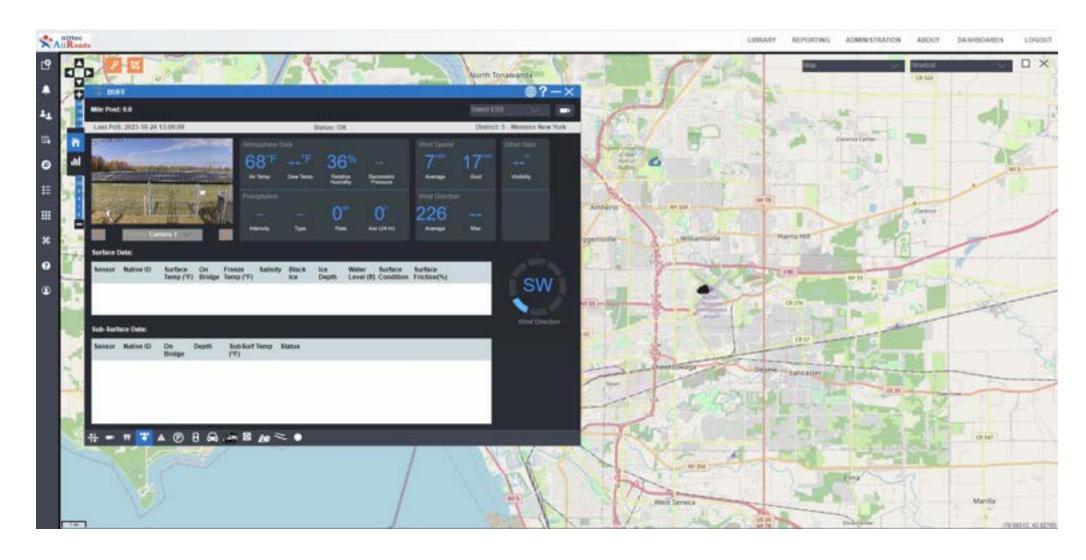
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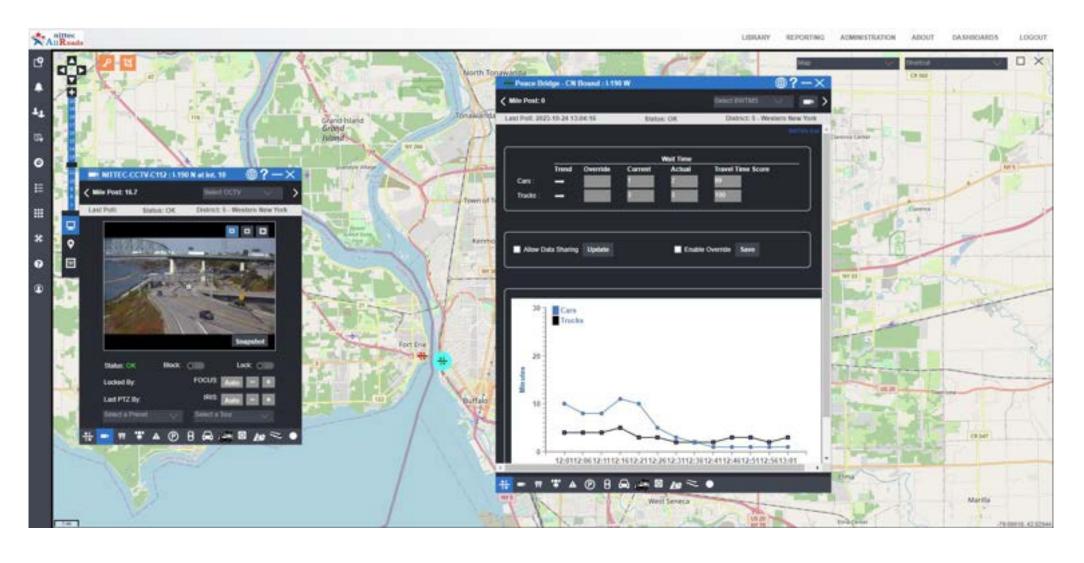
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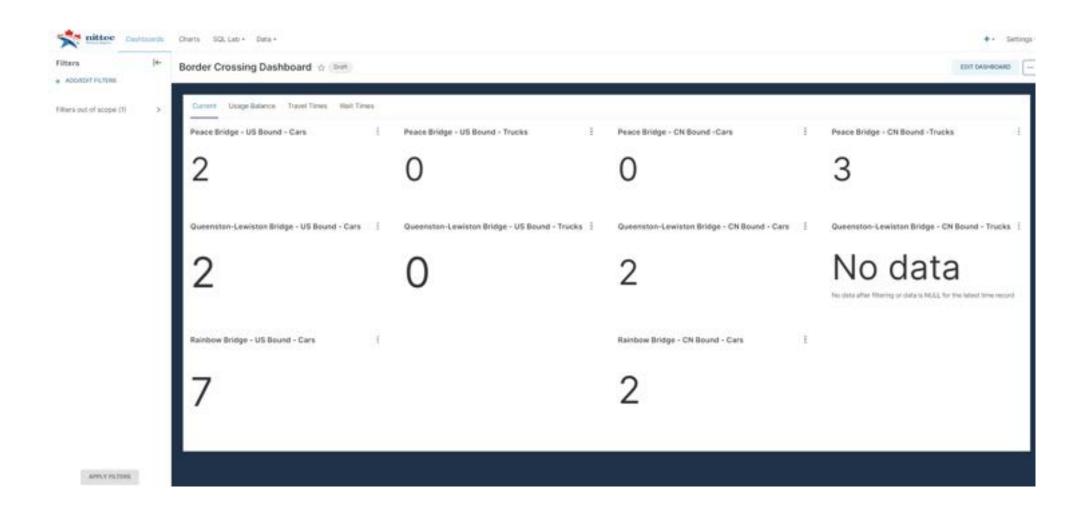
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Border Crossing Information



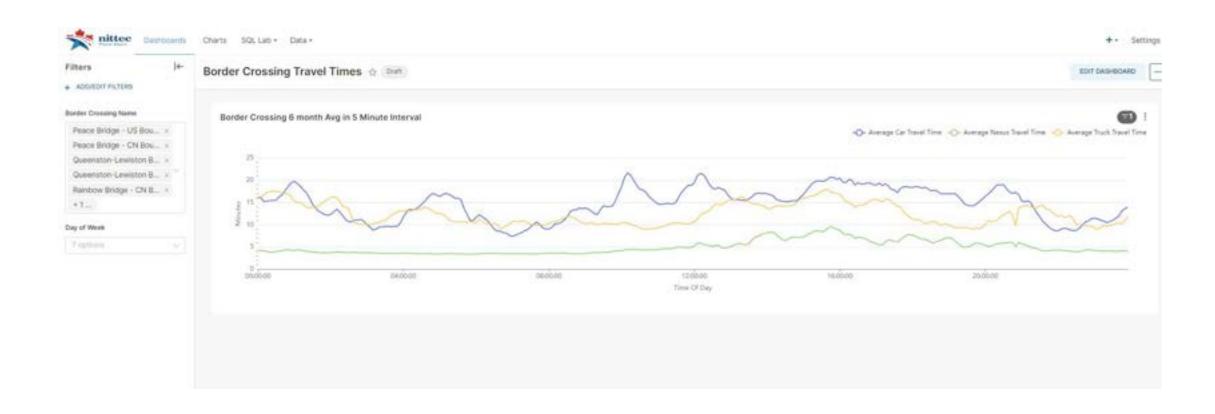
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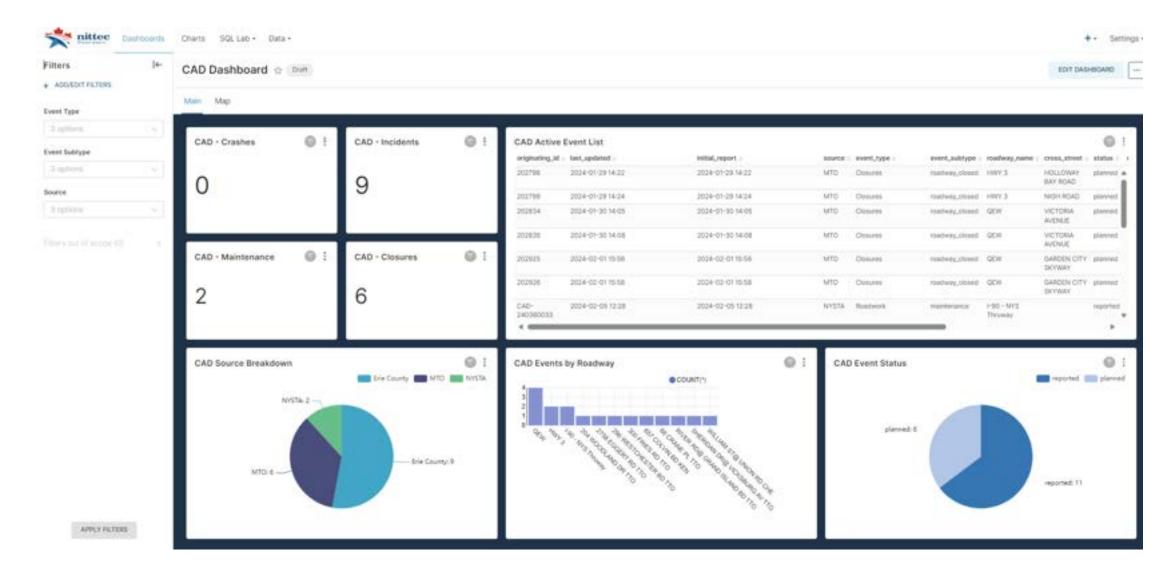
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Border Crossing Dashboards



CAD Data Dashboards



Additional Items to be Integrated

- Snow Plow Location Information
- Truck Parking Availability
- Dashboards
- Reporting

Schedule

- Development / Integration: May 2024
- Member Agency Training: June August 2024
- Evaluation Period: June December 2024

Questions

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Problem

Stuck at red: Buffalo's unsynced signals

2 On Your Side travels to Pittsburgh to see what Buffalo can learn from a city that's investing in new technology to improve citizens' commutes.



https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/stuck-at-red-buffalos-unsynced-signals/71-8e071c5f-fa8f-4b8f-a350-1eeec301b415

- Problem: Arterials traffic signals lack comprehensive coordination
 - Legacy of over 50 traffic signal owners in the MPO area has made comprehensive signal coordination elusive
 - Lack of coordination pushes drivers onto expressways given shorter travel times despite longer distance
 - Transit on the arterials is delayed

Solution

Possible solutions

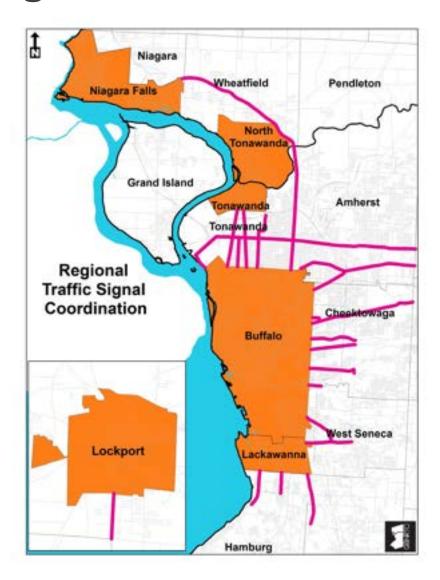
- Communications to traffic signals
 - Monitor performance proactively and remotely
 - Make adjustments remotely
- Transit signal priority technology
 - Enhance transit on-time performance
 - Communications allows impacts of priority to be tracked and reported
- Emergency vehicle preemption technology
 - Enhances community safety by providing right-of-way to emergency response vehicles
 - Communications allows impacts of preemption to be tracked and reported

Scope

Feasibility study

- Providing communications to arterial traffic signals
- Establish a protocol for transit priority technology
- Establish a protocol for emergency preemption technology

Scope

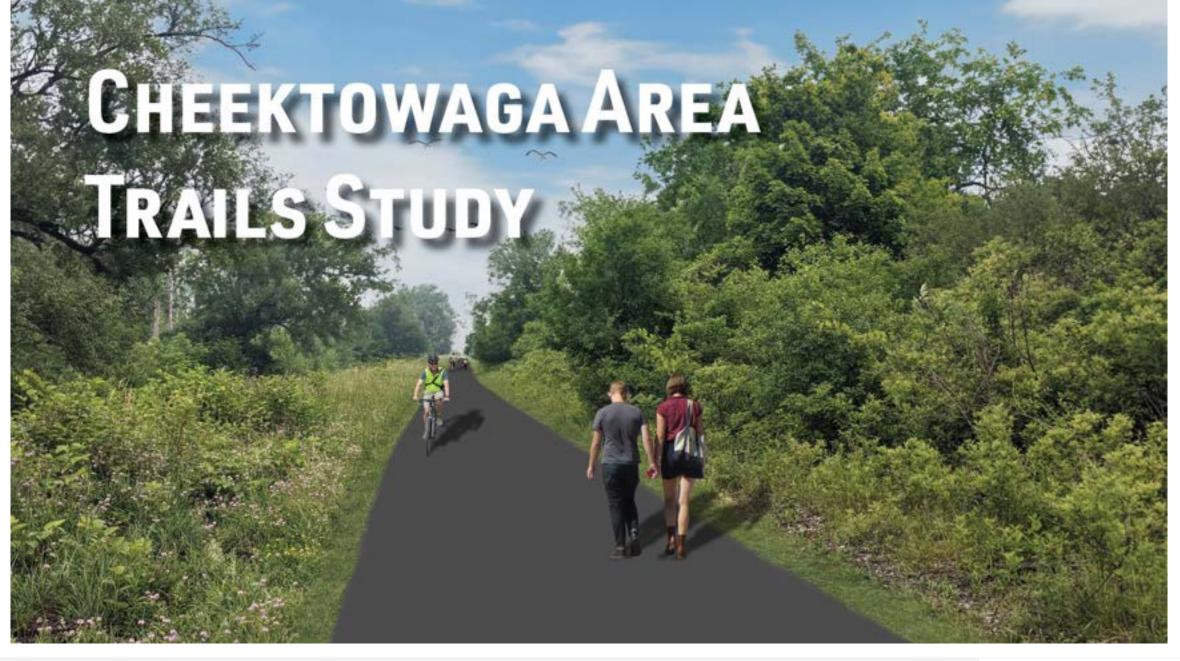


Partners

- Core partners
 - NYSDOT
 - City of Buffalo
 - NFTA
 - NITTEC
- Additional partners
 - Cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, Lackawanna, Tonawanda
 - Towns of Tonawanda, Amherst, Cheektowaga, West Seneca, Hamburg
 - First ring villages as applicable

Desired Outcomes

- Feasibility study that lays the groundwork for building out a communications system
 - Traffic Signal <-> NITTEC <-> Agency
 - Layout, Costs, Draft Con-Ops between agency and NITTEC
- Foundational Con-Ops for transit signal priority for NFTA and agencies
- Foundational Con-Ops for emergency preemption for EMS agencies and signal owners
- Benefit Cost Analysis for future grant applications





C. Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study

Background

The Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study is an analysis of three sections of trail located in the Buffalo Niagara region.

The trail segments, initially scoped out in the GBNRTC's Regional Bicycle Master Plan (2020), include:

- Scajaquada Creek Extension to Cheektowaga
- Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension
- Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension

C. Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study

Stakeholder Committee

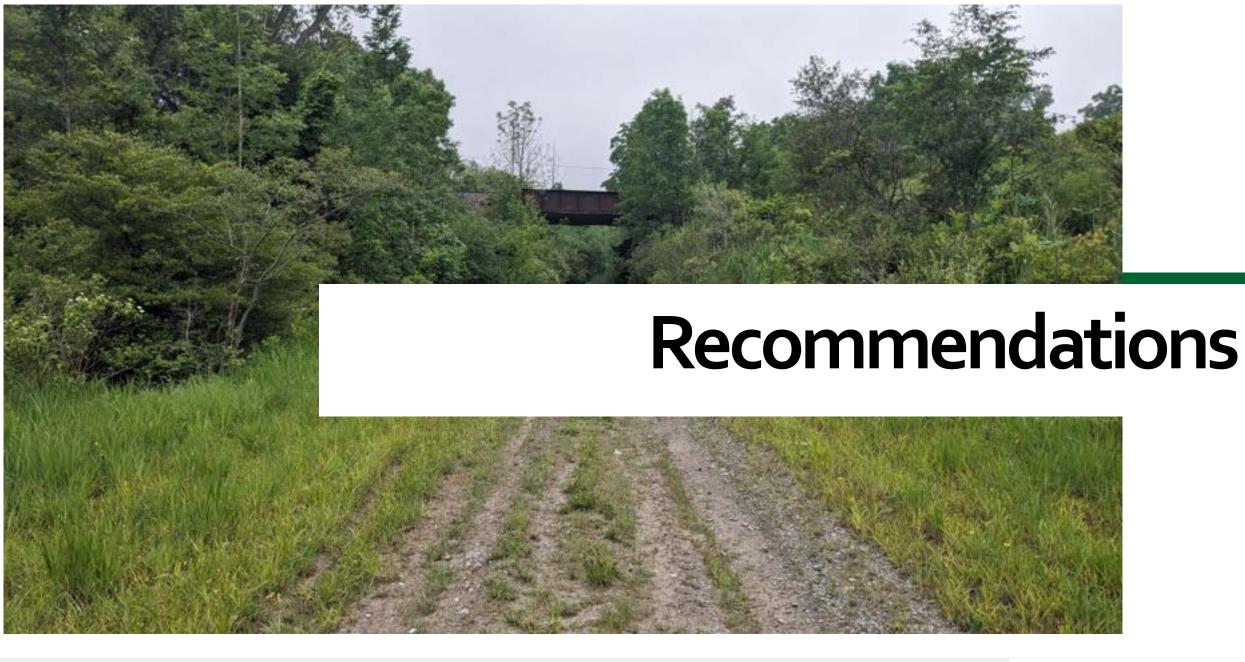
Representatives from the following entities participated in the stakeholder committee for this process

- Town of Cheektowaga
- Town of Clarence
- Town of Lancaster
- Village of Depew
- Village of Lancaster
- Assembly Member Monica Wallace's Office
- City of Buffalo
- Erie County
- NYSDOT

C. Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study

Feasibility Study

- Existing conditions analysis
- Identified opportunities and challenges within each corridor
- Community engagement
 - Project team visited 70 businesses along proposed routes
 - Survey and interactive map
 - Public meeting at Cheektowaga Senior Center (9/27)
 - 2 tabling sessions:
 - Lancaster Fall Festival (9/24)
 - Erie County Fall Festival (9/30)
- Alternatives analysis
- Recommendations
- Implementation plan





C. Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study

Scajaquada Creek Extension to Cheektowaga

- This corridor is a 2.5 mile off-road trail will begin at Genesee Street and end at the proposed Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension Corridor near Galleria Drive.
- Connects several small existing green spaces and campus-like land uses including Schiller Park, Villa Maria College and Cheektowaga Town Park.
- The recommended alternative includes primarily off-road improvements.

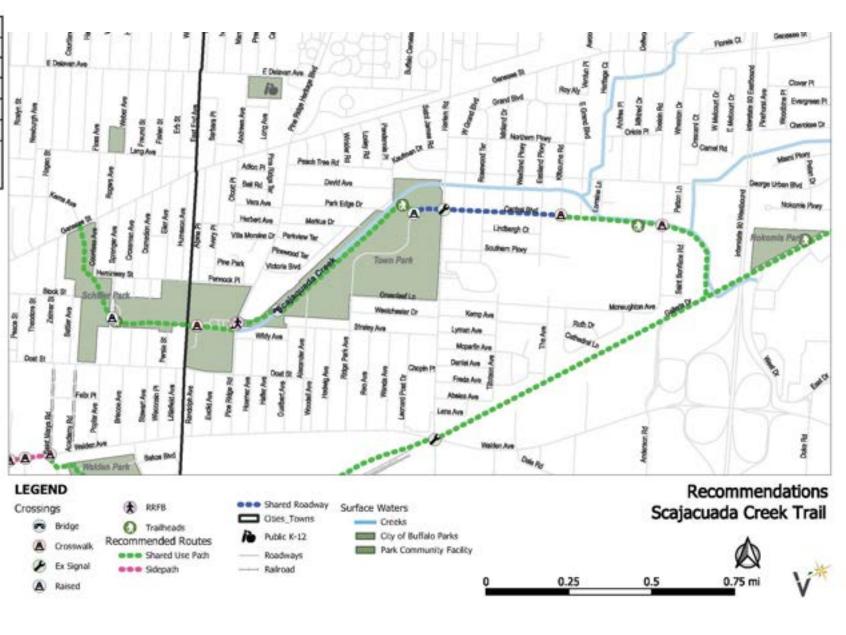
SCAJAQUADA CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION

LENGTH	2.5 miles		
FACILITY TYPES	Shared Use Path 2.1 miles		
-224/12/2002	Shared Roadway	0.35 miles	
COST ESTIMATE	\$4.8 million		
# OF ROAD CROSSINGS	5		
# OF BRIDGES	1		

^{*}Cost estimates are included in Appendix A. These costs are inclusive of contingency, engineering, and construction inspection. Atternatives are accounted for in the estimate.



Central Boulevard - Progrand Shared Roadway



C. Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study

Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension

- At 8.6 miles, this corridor is the longest segment in the Feasibility Study, spanning from Walden Ave to Harris Hill Road in Lancaster.
- Connects the existing Clarence Pathway to the future Northeast Greenway.
- Recommendations for this corridor include on-road enhancements along Harris Hill Road and Wehrle Drive with the majority of the trail experience off-road using a former rail corridor and utility right-of-ways.

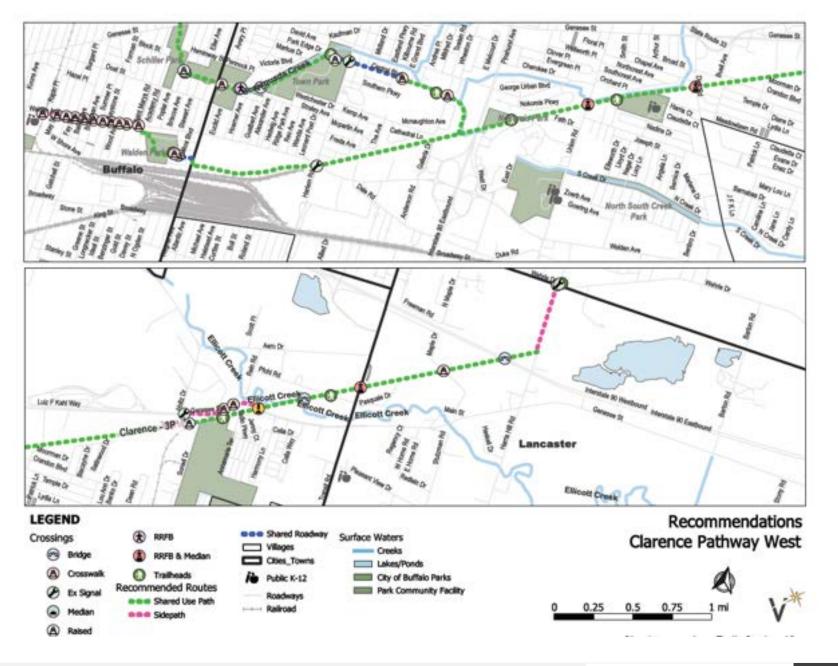
CLARENCE PATHWAY BUFFALO EXTENSION

LENGTH	8.6 miles		
FACILITY TYPES	Shared Use Path	7.3 miles	
	Shared Roadway	0.1 miles	
	Sidepath	1.2 miles	
COST ESTIMATE	\$14.9 million		
# OF ROAD CROSSINGS	22		
# OF BRIDGES	1		

^{*}Cost estimates are included in Appendix A. These costs are inclusive of contingency, engineering, and construction inspection. Alternatives are accounted for in the estimate.

Shared Use Path between Neighborhoods and Commercial Developments





C. Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study

Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension

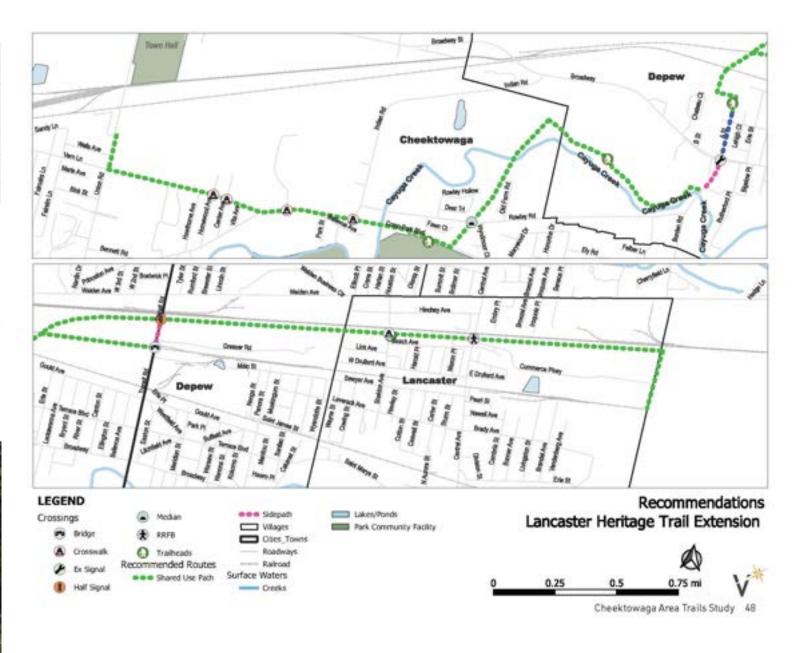
- This corridor is a 6.6 mile segment that would connect the existing Lehigh Valley Railroad Rail Trail to the Lancaster Heritage Trail.
- Provides a key east-west connection between the south end of Cheektowaga, the Village of Depew, and Lancaster.
- The proposed trail will rely primarily on a mix of right-of-ways side paths and utility corridors.

LANCASTER HERITAGE TRAIL WEST EXTENSION

LENGTH	6.6 miles		
FACILITY TYPES	Shared Use Path 6.1 miles		
	Shared Roadway	0.2 miles	
	Sidepath	0.3 miles	
COST ESTIMATE	\$12.6 million		
# OF ROAD CROSSINGS	8		
# OF BRIDGES	2		







PHASING

The total cost to construct the three trails described within this study is \$32.3 million. In addition to the cost, there are property easements or acquistions that need to be addressed. To allow portions of these trails to move forward, the following segments could be constructed independently if needed and still provide local termini:

SCAJAQUADA CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION

Total Distance: 2.5 miles
 Total Cost: \$4.8 Million

LIMITS	DISTANCE	Cost (M)	MUNICIPALITY 1	MUNICIPALITY 2
Genesee Street / Pine Ridge Road	0.7 miles	\$1.3	Buffalo (0.55 miles)	Cheektowaga (0.15 miles)
Pine Ridge Road / Harlem Road	0.8 miles	\$1.8	Cheektowaga	
Harlem Road / Galleria Drive	1.0 miles	\$1.7	Cheektowaga	

CLARENCE PATHWAY BUFFALO EXTENSION

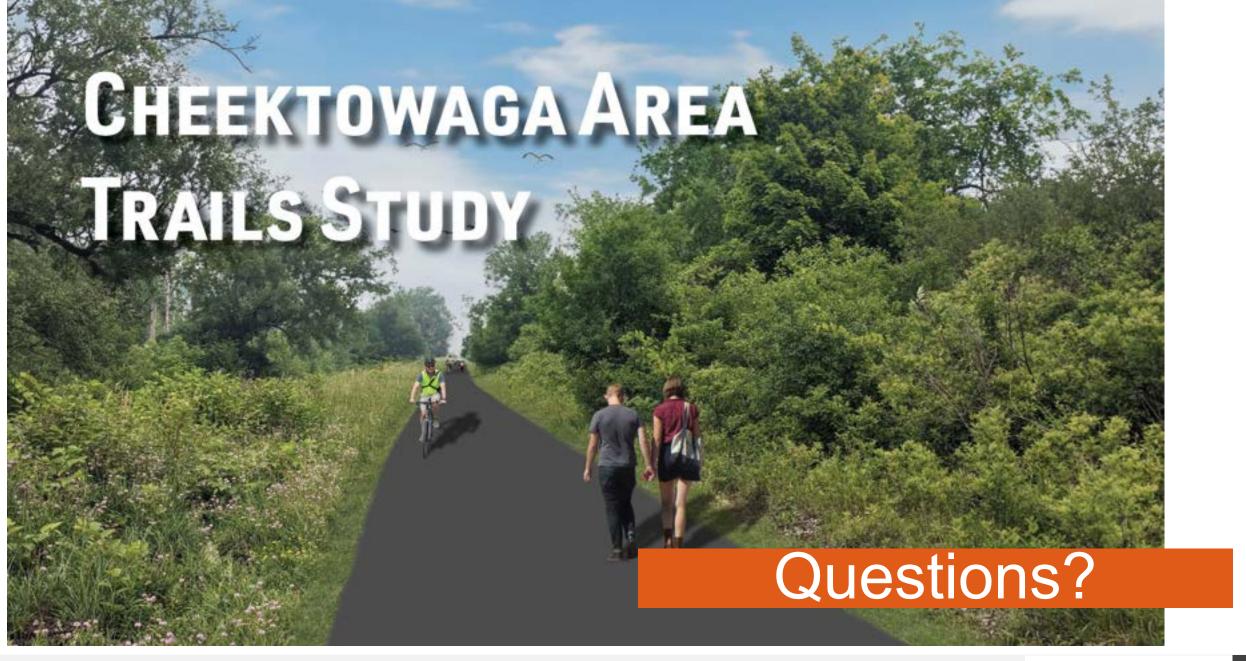
Total Distance: 8.6 miles
 Total Cost: \$14.9 Million

LIMITS	DISTANCE	Cost (M)	MUNICIPALITY 1	MUNICIPALITY 2
Walden-Sycamore St / Harlem Road	2.0 miles	\$3.5	Buffalo (1.17 miles)	Cheektowaga (0.83 miles)
Harlem Road / Nokomis Park	1.3 miles	\$2.2	Cheektowaga	46
Nokomis Park / Moorman Drive Park	1.7 miles	\$2.9	Cheektowaga	
Moorman Drive Park / Pfohl Road	1.8 miles	\$3,3	Cheektowaga	A. A. C.
Pfohl Road / Harris Hill Park	1.8 miles	\$3.0	Cheektowaga (0.21 miles)	Lancaster (T) (1.59 miles)

LANCASTER HERITAGE TRAIL WEST EXTENSION

Total Distance: 6.6 miles
 Total Cost: \$12.6 Million

LIMITS	DISTANCE	Cost (M)	MUNICIPALITY 1	MUNICIPALITY 2
Lehigh Valley Rail Trail / Como Park Blvd	1.6 miles	\$2.9	Cheektowaga	
Como Park Blvd / Village of Depew Property	1.0 miles	\$2.1	Cheektowaga (0.73 miles)	Depew (0.27 miles)
Village of Depew Property / Firemen's Park	0.8 miles	\$1.4	Depew	
Firemen's Park / Sheldon Ave	1.8 miles	\$3.7	Depew (1.62 miles)	Lancaster (V) (0.18 miles)
Sheldon Ave / Lancaster Trailhead	1.4 miles	\$2.5	Lancaster (V) (1.15 miles)	Lancaster (T) (0.25 miles)



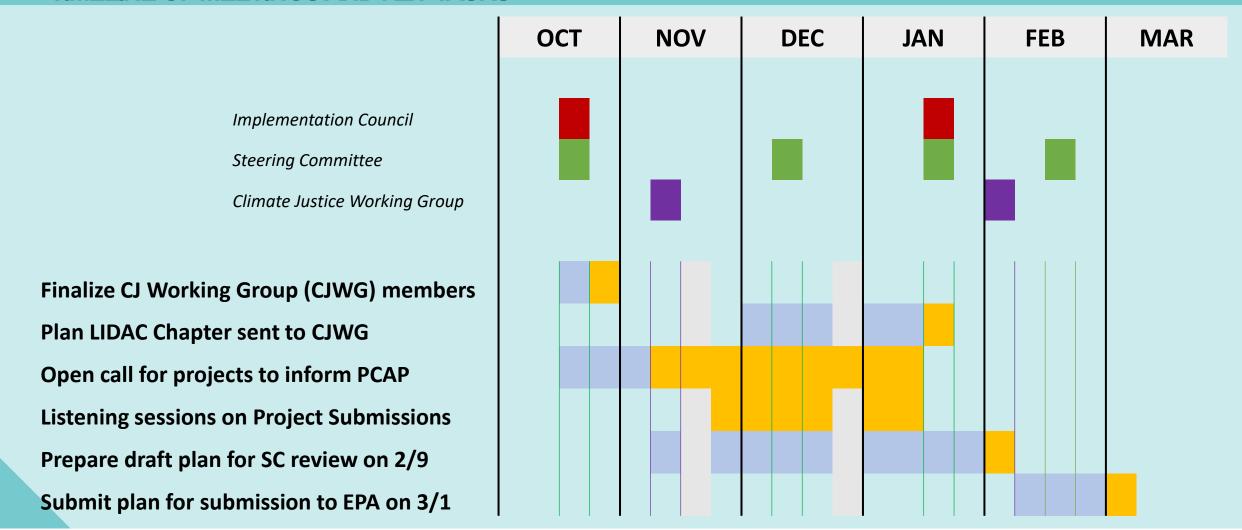
ONE REGION FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Draft Plan Update



PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

TIMELINE OF MEETINGS AND KEY TASKS





One Region for Climate Action

Partners involved in One Region Forward are working together to launch a new <u>Federally funded planning initiative</u> to <u>reduce our region's greenhouse</u> gas emissions. This multi-year program will build on existing planning, promote collaboration, and prepare our region to take action on the climate challenges of today and tomorrow.

Step 1 of this process is focused on identifying the landscape of climate action projects that exist in our region. This information will be synthesized in a document that will position communities within our region to take advantage of current and future funding opportunities. That plan is due to the US Environmental Protection Agency on March 1, 2024, so we are working quickly to identify projects to reference.



WHAT IS THE REGIONAL LANDSCAPE FOR CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING?



WHAT ARE THE SOURCES
OF GHG IN BUFFALO
NIAGARA?



HOW DOES CLIMATE
POLLUTION CONTRIBUTE
TO INJUSTICE IN THE
REGION?





WHAT ARE SOME
REGIONAL CLIMATE
ACTION PRIORITIES FOR
THE NEXT SIX YEARS?

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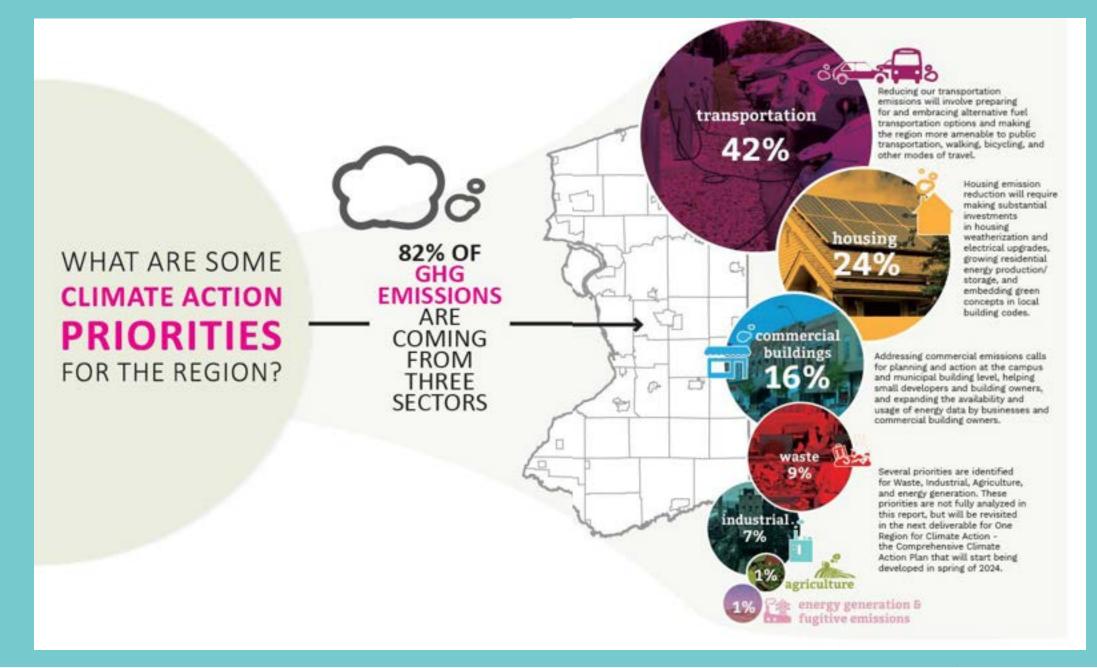
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Other Sectors 52

HOW CAN WE BUILD CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT?





WE ARE HERE

NOV. 2023 TO FEB. 2024

are ready today to reduce climate impacts for tomorrow?



We'll get started by identifying the climate action projects brewing in the region. This will allow the region to map out what we're doing today and the funding opportunities that can move these projects forward.

MAR. 2024 TO OCT. 2025

What climate actions do we need to set in motion for the next 25 years?



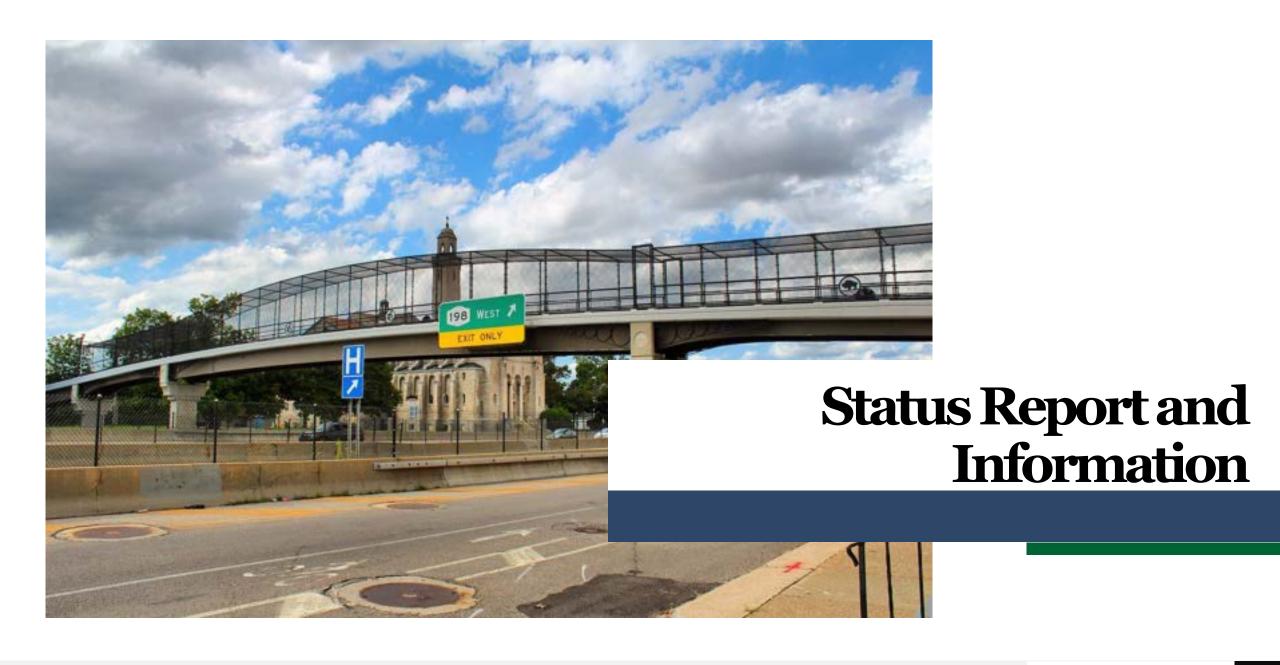
We'll plan together with stakeholders and community members from across the two-county region to identify the big climate actions we need to take over the next few decades. We'll build off existing regional and local climate planning, and drill down on how we get the work done.

NOV. **2025** ТО ост. **2027**

How do we prepare our region to implement the work we set out to do?



With an aim toward advancing projects and initiatives, we'll work to create tools and resources that can help sustain local implementation and regional collaboration to reduce climate emissions over the long haul.

















Member Agency Report

- TAP/CMAQ/CRP
 - 16 applications for Region 5
- BRIDGE NY
 - Niagara County 3 applications
 - Erie County 6 applications





Adjournment

NEXT PCC MEETING: March 6, 2024 (Erie County) Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council

ThankYou!





Policy Meeting will begin shortly, thank you for your patience





Policy Committee Meeting

February 7, 2024

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council



Policy Meeting Agenda

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Public Comment on Action Items
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- 5) Action Items (Approve)
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Next Meeting/Adjournment of Policy Meeting



A. TIP Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Rd @ CSX

- This is an Niagara County request to add a new project to the TIP
- PIN 5765.17 will repair the deficient substructure elements to extend the non-deficient life of the bridge
- The total project cost will be \$1.33M
- Final constraint is maintained as
 - \$1.21M will be transferred from PIN 5764.28 Hartland Rd over Golden Hill Creek which received new federal RURAL discretionary grant funding
 - Remaining cost (\$0.12M) is being provided by local (Niagara County) funds
- The scheduled let is 4/25
- All required public review has been completed



A. TIP Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Rd @ CSX

- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that this project is exempt from Transportation Conformity determination (A19)
- This projects was recommended for approval by PCC on 1/3/24
- Today's action would be to approve the new project via Resolution 2024-4



- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the scope of work that the MPO will undertake for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24-26.
- Federal requirement of all MPOs
- Lays out the GBNRTC staff work plan
 - Administer all programs necessary to maintain MPO status
 - Advance Federal planning priorities
 - Advance MTP planning priorities

Development Process

- Develop in accordance with requirements of NYSDOT Call Letter
- Conducted member agency and public review period
- UPWP Addresses:
 - Federal Planning Emphasis Areas
 - Federal Planning Factors
 - MTP UPWP Linkage
- Utilizes Complete Streets set-aside funds to advance Regional Bike Master Plan Implementation

Financing

- Revenue Core Funds
 - FHWA 24-25 Funding 2.6M
 - FTA 24-25 Funding 0.6M

3.2M

- Expenses Core Funds
 - 3.0M for salaries, benefits, staff support and consultants

•	Revenue –	Other	Sources
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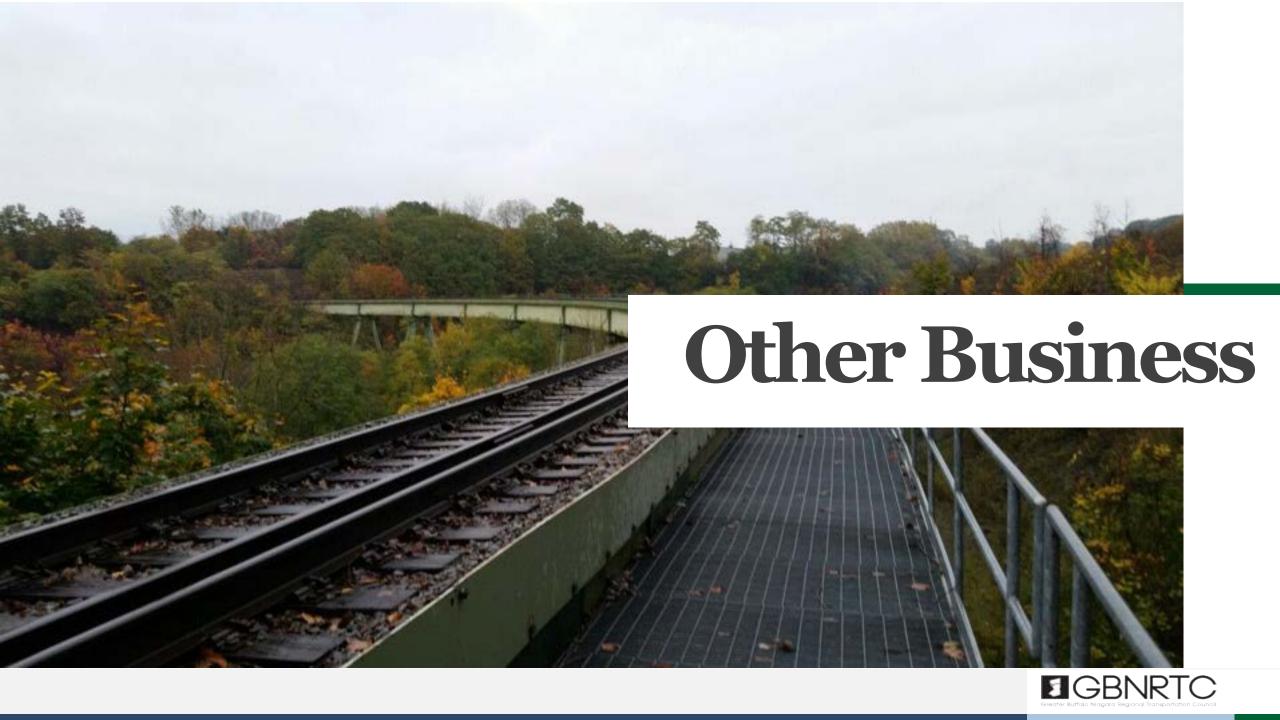
•	TMIP/EMAT Grant	300k

- SS4A Grant 560k
- FHWA Complete Streets 195k
- EPA CCAP Grant 1,000k
- Total Grant/Other
 2.05M



Action

- PCC Committee recommended approval on 2/7/24
- Today's Action is to approve the 24-26 UPWP





Adjournment

Thank you!

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council

