



Initiatives

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Community and Service

- Enhanced Express Bus Service Development
 - An outreach program is ongoing to advance a grant funded free program targeting Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus employees to familiarize and develop potential riders.
- Community Circulator Service Development
 - Staff is initiating evaluation of potential areas for development of a pilot community circulator route(s) to include Tonawanda and Niagara Falls. Evaluation will include potential ridership, transit dependent service areas and operational efficiencies.

Operational Efficiency

- Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fleet and Facilities
 - A notice of grant award in the amount of \$1.96M has been received for constructing a fueling facility and making modifications to existing buildings to accommodate CNG vehicle operations and maintenance.
 - A strategy for implementation of CNG fueling, facilities, and vehicles has been drafted and will be the basis for development of design and environmental analysis. Project environmental review has been initiated in conjunction with preliminary design and final grant approval.
- Facility Consolidation
 - Analysis of alternatives is underway to determine feasibility and consistency with project objectives. Draft consolidation recommendations will be provided for review based on the results of the analysis. Presentation of preliminary study results is anticipated in July 2013.

Projects

- Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Rebuild
 - Two vehicles have been rebuilt, 4 are remaining.
 - Two are scheduled for delivery within the next few months, commissioning will be completed prior to revenue service.
- Cars on Main Street
 - Construction is ongoing for the 600 block of Main Street. Construction activities within the track bed that will require single track operations will commence in June 2013. The

project will include new trackbed and track upon completion pending authorization of Board Resolution.

- Design work for the 500 block has been reviewed by the NFTA and is ready for agency review and bidding. Project bidding will commence upon final agency approval and is construction is scheduled to commence in the fall of 2013. Construction activities impacting rail operations will not commence until spring of 2013 and will require six months of single track operations.
- Staff continues to work on developing an operational agreement with the City of Buffalo (COB) to address all future operations requirements. Alternatives Analysis
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 - Consultant will be developing their Project Management and Public Involvement plans for approval within the next sixty (30) days. Consultant is also be initiating work on developing problem statement, purpose and need, goals and objectives and screening criteria as well as reviewing and establishing project approach for modeling and cost estimating. Project outreach activities have been initiated through a project familiarization presentation to the Amherst Town Board followed by questions.
- Niagara Street Corridor
 - Site selection for transit facility is proceeding with a shortlist of acceptable parcels being advanced for the final transit center location. Project environmental review is being completed in conjunction with final grant approval. Final design for the corridor aspects of the project (stops, shelters, signals and traveler information systems) will proceed upon environmental approval.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

- Fare Collection System Replacement
 - Project design criteria establishment is ongoing through development of fare policies and system architecture. Request for Information (RFI) from fare collection manufacturers will be developed to identify current state of the industry and available system features.
- Technology
 - Transit ITS Strategic Plan has been initiated. Plan is anticipated to be complete in early 2013. Project is being developed concurrently with other technology based initiatives to address interoperability, integration and data sharing issues.