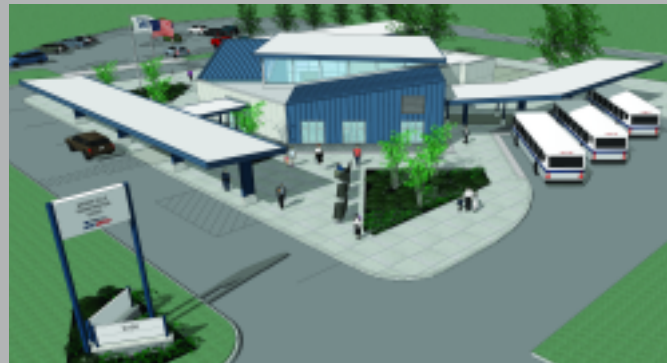


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CATCHING A BUS HAS NEVER BEEN NICER



Welcome to the Niagara Falls Transportation Center on Factory Outlet Boulevard, a state-of-the-art facility designed to make public transportation convenient, easy and your best choice for getting around Western New York.

Almost every local Niagara Falls Metro bus route serves the NFTC, facilitating connections both within Niagara County and routes running through the rest of the region. But the NFTC is more than just the best way to catch a bus. It features amenities for all aspects of your transit needs.

- Free parking
- Five information screens, keeping visitors updated about Metro and the community
- Schedule racks and posters
- The Bijou Café
- Metro Pass vending machines
- Plenty of comfortable seating
- Climate controlled

- Free Wi-Fi available
- ATM (compatible with most banks)
- 24-hour surveillance
- Emergency NFTA Police hotline
- Telephones
- Restrooms
- Vending machines and microwave
- Change machine
- Taxi service

Fully ADA compliant, with enhanced accessibility and Braille identification.

Breakfast, lunch, snacks - the Bijou Café is here to help you make the most of your commute. Open Monday through Friday, the menu includes soups, hot and cold sandwiches, breakfast specialties and treats fresh from the bakery. Their coffee selection - from mocha to cappuccino to - regular is the perfect way to start the day.



When the Bijou Café is not open, try the variety of vending machines. The NFTC is open 5 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

A week of grand opening festivities is scheduled to start January 14. Watch for details.

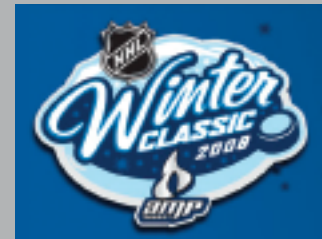
Keeping in step with New York State's Executive Order 111 - "Green and Clean" - the NFTA continues its commitment to the environment with an emphasis on energy efficiency. From windows, to climate control, to building structure, the new NFTC utilized advanced materials and techniques to reduce its carbon footprint.



The NFTC opens to the public on Sunday, Dec. 23.

WINTER CLASSIC SERVICE TO RALPH WILSON STADIUM

Take Metro Bus to the Buffalo Sabres Winter Classic, Tuesday Jan. 1 at 1 p.m., at "The Ralph."



As with Buffalo Bills home games, service will leave from seven different locations around Western New York, at 11 a.m. (10:30 a.m. from

The Summit.) \$7 per person, round-trip. (Metro monthly, 30-day, day and weekend passes are not valid.) Service from:

- Metro Transit Center on Niagara St. near Main St. in the City of Tonawanda
- Metro Rail University Station on Main St.
- Metropolitan Transportation Center at the bus station in downtown Buffalo, Ellicott St.
- Metro Transit Center on Harlem Rd. near Walden Ave.
- Main and Transit, the northeast corner of Eastern Hills Mall
- Niagara Falls Transit Center on Portage Rd.
- The Summit, in Wheatfield

GOING TO A SABRES GAME DOWNTOWN?

Metro Rail offers service to every Sabres' game at HSBC Arena. In fact, Metro has service to every Arena event, leaving Metro Rail's Event Only Station well after the end, regardless of overtimes or encores. Park free at University of Buffalo or LaSalle Station Park & Rides, skip the hassle of driving and enjoy.

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WINTER 2007 METRO SERVICE
CHANGE SUMMARY

New bus schedules go into effect Dec. 23. The most significant changes are in Niagara Falls and Niagara County where Metro has restructured service in conjunction with the opening of the new Niagara Falls Transportation Center on Factory Outlet Blvd. near Military Rd. Details of route changes are described below.

Several trips were adjusted throughout the system to improve transfer connections, passenger convenience and access to jobs. Check individual route schedules to see if your trips are changed.

Adjustments in scheduled running times were made on Routes 1-William, 2-Clinton, 4-Broadway, 5-Niagara, 6-Sycamore and 25-Delaware to improve service reliability.

The routing of buses operating between Thruway Mall and Walden Galleria, Routes 4-Broadway, 6-Sycamore and 32-Amherst have been changed to use Galleria Drive to reduce the impact of traffic congestion on Walden Ave.

Several late afternoon and early evening trips on Route 34-Niagara Falls Blvd. were adjusted to provide better connections with Metro Rail trips from downtown.

A late night round trip has been added on Route 203-Erie County Home Express leaving ECMC at 10:09 p.m. and returning from the Erie County Home at 11:15 p.m. Park & Ride spaces are available for Metro customers at ECMC.

Route 103-East Suburban will now begin and end at The Shops in West Seneca and operate over Abbott and Bailey to Clinton.

NIAGARA COUNTY

50 - Main-Niagara. A combination of former Routes 50 and 53, the Main-Niagara provides direct service between Lewiston and the NFTC through the Portage Rd. Transportation Center and downtown Niagara Falls.

51 - Military-Summit. Previously called Military-North, this route serves the LaSalle neighborhood, and Summit Business Park, operating between Niagara University and The Summit with all trips going through the NFTC.

52 - Hyde Park. This route serves the Center Court neighborhood, extending over Niagara Falls Blvd., to the NFTC. It also serves the Portage Rd. Transportation Center, retail along Military Rd., the Our Lady of Peace and Mount St. Mary's Hospital.

53 - Niagara. This route is now part of Route 50 Main-Niagara.

54 - Military. All trips operate through the NFTC, including Sunday service.

55 - Pine Avenue. All trips operate through the NFTC, with service to the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, NCCC, BOCES, the Niagara Falls International Airport, downtown Niagara Falls and additional trips to Lockport.

56 - River Road. This route operates between North Tonawanda and the NFTC, over Payne Ave. and River Rd., with stops at the Summit.

60 - Niagara Falls Express. This route provides service between the Portage Rd. Transportation Center and downtown Buffalo, via Grand Island. One trip in the morning and one in the evening also serve the NFTC.

NFTA.COM LAUNCHES NEW
INSTANT UPDATES SERVICE

Visitors to NFTA.com are now able to sign up to receive e-mail or text messages about

Metro bus and rail service, flights at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport, and other useful NFTA information.

A free service, the Instant Update program lets users choose exactly what information they want, and how they want to receive it. Information includes status changes of departing or arriving flights at the BNIA, changes in the status of airport parking lots, route-specific Metro Bus and Rail rider alerts, general Metro news, employment postings, Paratransit information, EEO announcements and NFTA press releases and just some of the subscriptions available. Any update can be sent by e-mail or as a text message right to a phone or PDA.

Gregory Stamm, NFTA Chairman said, "Utilizing today's cutting-edge technology, we are now able to provide our customers the most current information possible. With our new e-mail and text-messaging program, our customers have the ability to receive information important to them in a matter of minutes."

Users of the system have the ability to select a category of interest and designate when and for how long they want to be notified. They also have the ability to receive messages at multiple locations. There is no cost to register to receive the messages from the NFTA, but wireless providers may charge for each text message that a user receives.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The first class of female IRC bus operators graduated in 1942. Brought in as substitutes for men off fighting in the war, women stayed behind the wheel through the present and will into the future.

