

NFTA-Metro Citizens Advisory Committee for Public Transportation



Initiatives

January 24, 2013

Community and Service

- Enhanced Express Bus Service Development
 - Enhanced Express Bus Service was implemented in September. Service will continue to be monitored and additional express service could be identified moving forward.

Operational Efficiency

- Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fleet and Facilities
 - 14 new PAL vehicles have been placed on order with CNG conversion, increasing the total of CNG compatible PAL vehicles to 31.
 - 4 fixed route CNG buses included in Niagara Street Livability grant.
 - Recommendation for modification of Frontier Station for CNG operation.
- Facility Consolidation
 - Study has been initiated and is anticipated to be complete by July 2013.
Stakeholder workshops will be initiated in January to review condition assessments and establish consolidation alternatives for evaluation.

Projects

- Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Rebuild
 - Two vehicles have been rebuilt, 4 are remaining.
- Cars on Main Street
 - NFTA is coordinating future operations requirements of the 600 Block of Main Street with the City of Buffalo.
 - Design associated with the 500 Block of Main Street has begun along with initial coordination. **Preliminary Fountain Plaza Station design alternatives have been reviewed and comments have been forwarded to the COB for response.**

- Alternatives Analysis
 - Consultant contract award is anticipated before the end of the year at which time the study will commence.
- Niagara Street Corridor
 - This is a collaborative project with the City of Buffalo, GBNRTC, and NITEC.
 - Design and site selection for the transit facility is proceeding.
 - Project will incorporate signal prioritization, solar powered bus shelters, and a transit center.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

- Fare Collection System Replacement
 - Fare Collection study is complete, replacement to begin 2013 – 2014 fiscal year. Consultant selection received board approval in December. Design work will begin upon award of contract.
- Technology
 - Staff is currently developing a Transit ITS Strategic Plan to guide the implementation of ITS projects over the next three to five years.