towards a more sustainable Buffalo Niagara

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Agenda

Introductions

Review of Process and the working team’s scope and charge

Review of key transportation issues

Goal Setting Discussion

Next Steps
we are creating a regional plan for sustainable development with a core regional strategy for our transportation...

- Centerpiece of Federal policy shift aimed at coordinated planning for how regions use Federal dollars
we are creating a regional plan for sustainable development with a core regional strategy for our transportation...

• Our aging transportation infrastructure is one of our biggest regional challenges

• We lack long-term, sustainable funding sources and strategies to maintain, operate and modernize both roadway and transit systems.

• Forecasts predict that regional freight volume will more than double by 2035. Old rail bridges, bottlenecks, and lines in poor condition result in lost time and fuel, decreased productivity, inefficient freight movements, and pollution.
Data Gaps to work on

*Major areas of research inquiry based on meeting #1 discussion*

- More comprehensive data on regional demographic trends for today and the future
- More detail on transportation financing and funding sources
- More detail on cross border/bi-national passenger and freight travel today and the future
Draft Goals: Transportation and Mobility

Provide safe, affordable and healthy transportation options to enhance mobility, promote access to jobs, and increase quality of life for all.

Develop a multi-modal transportation system that is energy efficient, promotes energy conservation and reduces vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Foster “Complete Streets,” by maintaining existing infrastructure and investing in new infrastructure to make walking and bicycling a safe and comfortable mode of transport.

Invest in infrastructure to facilitate efficient national and bi-national freight and passenger rail service that will provide both economic and environmental benefits to the region.

Increase collaboration and cooperation between the federal government, State of New York, local governments and authorities to develop innovative finance mechanisms, consider life cycle costs, and develop long-term decision making criteria to deliver an efficient and sustainable transportation system.
One Region Forward challenges us to decide what kind of change we desire

What will life in Buffalo Niagara look like in forty years?
Brainstorming strategies for action for long-term sustainability in Buffalo Niagara

What might our region look like in 2050 if our region’s population...

...continues to shrink

...sees moderate growth?

...grows significantly?
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Under alternative futures, what might our region look like in 40 years depending on future development patterns?

Who will be living in Buffalo Niagara in 2050?

Where would we want to see them live?

Where would we want to see them work?

How do we want them to get around?

How will goods be transported?

How will our vehicles be fueled?
What should we, as a region, do today and in the future, to prepare our region’s transportation system for sustainability?

A reminder on our distributed implementation model:

- Local municipalities, county governments, state or regional agencies
- Private sector actors or businesses (developers, business decision-makers)
- Community Based Organizations and private citizens
- Collaborative partnerships across these groups
Get Started as a Working Team Member at www.oneregionforward.org

Transportation and Mobility Working Team

Recruit a Working Team Contributor

Provide Online Feedback on Our Regional Vision and Values
Help tell the story of how we’re defining sustainability in Buffalo Niagara
TeamWork Site: https://oneregionforward.teamworkpm.net
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#### Project Dates
- **Starts:** Mar 13 2013
- **Ends:** Dec 31 2013
- **Due to finish in 9 months**

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