How can we move Complete Streets forward in the region?

12:55 p.m.  Participants are encouraged to log in to the event a few minutes early.

1:00 p.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Bart Roberts, Associate Director, UB Regional Institute

1:05 p.m.  Complete Streets in the 21st Century
Hear from the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) about the past, present, and future of Complete Streets, including smart cities technology and considerations for COVID-19.
Kelly Dixon, AICP, GBNRTC
Dr. Lisa Kenney, GBNRTC

1:35 p.m.  Developing, Funding, and Implementing Projects
Learn about low-cost or no-cost solutions and best practices for project implementation and inter-agency coordination from officials with first-hand experience.
James Jones, P.E., Mode Choice Engineering & GObike Buffalo
Brian Kulpa, Town of Amherst
Laura Robertson, AICP, Town of Niskayuna
Moderated by: Kelly Dixon, AICP, GBNRTC

2:55 p.m.  Closing Remarks
Bart Roberts, Associate Director, UB Regional Institute

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To learn more about the One Region Forward Plan, please visit: oneregionforward.org

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The next installment of the 2020 Learning Series will be in fall 2020 and will focus on nature-based approaches to flood mitigation. To be the first to know about this and future events in the 2020 Learning Series, please subscribe to the One Region Forward mailing list by visiting oneregionforward.org and clicking on “Subscribe to eNews” in the upper right-hand corner. Please also follow us on Twitter (@OneRegionFWD) and Facebook.
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

BART ROBERTS
Associate Director of Research and Faculty Engagement, University at Buffalo Regional Institute

Bart Roberts is an urban planner and researcher who specializes in bringing together research and practice to advance projects related to sustainability, community development, and public participation. In 2011, he led the effort to secure a $2 million grant from the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities to launch One Region Forward, a regional planning effort to build tools and strategies for advancing sustainable development across Erie and Niagara counties. He continues to support that program, with planning advisement, research, community engagement, and local capacity building.

Mr. Roberts holds a bachelor’s degree in urban studies from Vassar College, and a master’s degree in urban planning from the University at Buffalo.

COMPLETE STREETS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

KELLY DIXON, AICP
Principal Planner, Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)

With 15 years of experience, Kelly is a Principal Transportation Planner with the GBNRTC, the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Erie and Niagara Counties. At the GBNRTC, she focuses on Long Range Transportation Planning (LRP) efforts including the most recent LRP, Moving Forward 2050, Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning, and the transportation management initiative Go Buffalo Niagara that is working to expand multi-modal transportation options in the region.

Prior to her current position, Kelly served as the National Programs Coordinator for the Center for Transportation Excellence of New York, a mobility management company specializing in the coordination of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for governmental entities and Medicaid Managed Care programs. She is an Eno Transportation Fellow and holds a Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University at Buffalo.

DR. LISA KENNEY
Smart Mobility Advisor, Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)

Dr. Lisa Kenney is a Smart Mobility Advisor with the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), where she works on preparing the region for emerging technologies like connected and driverless vehicles, e-bikes and e-scooters, mobility hubs and data management. She is an America Walks Walking College Mentor to five teams across upstate New York who aim to improve walkability in their community through complete streets projects. Lisa is also an Adjunct Instructor with the University of Buffalo’s School of Architecture and Planning.

Lisa holds a PhD in Decision Science, as well as Master’s degrees in Public Policy and in International Development, and was a Fulbright Fellow in Thailand. She has worked on a range of topics, including energy planning, community development, natural resources management, and strategic planning.
TODAY’S SPEAKERS

DEVELOPING, FUNDING, AND IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS

Moderated by Kelly Dixon, AICP

JAMES JONES, P.E.
Owner, Mode Choice Engineering, PLLC, and Engineer, GObike Buffalo

James retired in June 2019 after working as a licensed civil engineer in the Town of Tonawanda for 30 years. James managed many of the Town’s planning, engineering, and public works projects totaling in the tens of millions of dollars, including the development and construction of over 23 miles of multi-use trails.

Notable projects include the hallmark Tonawanda Rail Trail and the 1.5-mile pervious pavement multi-use trail at Lincoln Park, which became the winner of the 2018 WNY APWA Project of the Year Award in the Environmental Category.

James was the 2019 NIS GIS Association GIS Champion and received the 2019 WNY and New York State APWA Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works. He has been a member of ITE since 1989 and is a founding member of the Western NY GIS User Group.

In 2020, James established Mode Choice Engineering, PLLC focusing on alternative transportation solutions and became part of the staff at GObike Buffalo as their in-house engineer assisting with alternative transportation advocacy planning and design.

BRIAN KULPA
Supervisor, Town of Amherst

Brian Kulpa is a versatile designer with Clark Patterson Lee. Brian joined the firm in 2007, and brings a lifetime of experience in visitor driven design and operational experience. Brian spent 10 years with the Six Flags Corporation in the US and Europe, designing in-park facilities and operating procedure. Brian has dual Master’s in Architecture and Urban Planning, and has participated in projects as diverse as establishing a grassroots community plan for Buffalo’s Upper Westside.

Brian’s commitment to his Williamsville Community has led to countless committee appointments and election to Municipal Office, formerly as the Mayor of the Village of Williamsville and currently as the Amherst Town Supervisor. Brian was instrumental in the creation and adoption of the Village’s Community Plan, Picture Main Street Initiative, as well as the restoration plan for the Williamsville Water Mill.

LAURA ROBERTSON, AICP
Town Planner, Town of Niskayuna

After receiving a Master’s degree in Environmental Management from Yale University, Ms. Robertson began her career in Valdez, Alaska building GIS databases, implementing costal and floodplain management programs, bringing innovative federal grants to her small City, and, of course, planning developments that could withstand large amounts of snowfalls.

As the Planner for the Town of Niskayuna, she brings a strong environmental focus to Town projects and grants and would like to continue to build on recent Complete Streets projects to make Niskayuna a more walkable, bikeable, and environmentally friendly place.