

WNY Regional Economic Development Council

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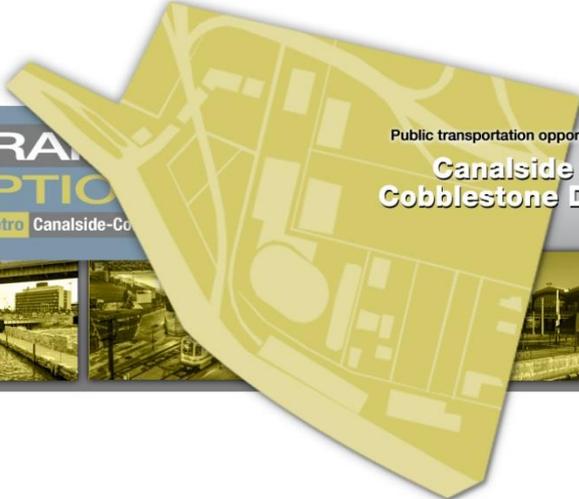


Regional Transit Improvement Projects



**TRANSIT
OPTIONS**
NFTA-Metro Amherst-Buffalo

Public transportation opportunities for the
**Amherst-Buffalo
Corridor**



**TRANSIT
OPTIONS**
NFTA-Metro Canalside-Co

Public transportation opportunities for the
**Canalside and
Cobblestone Districts**



**TRANSIT
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NFTA-Metro Erie-Niagara

Public transportation opportunities for
**Erie and
Niagara Counties**



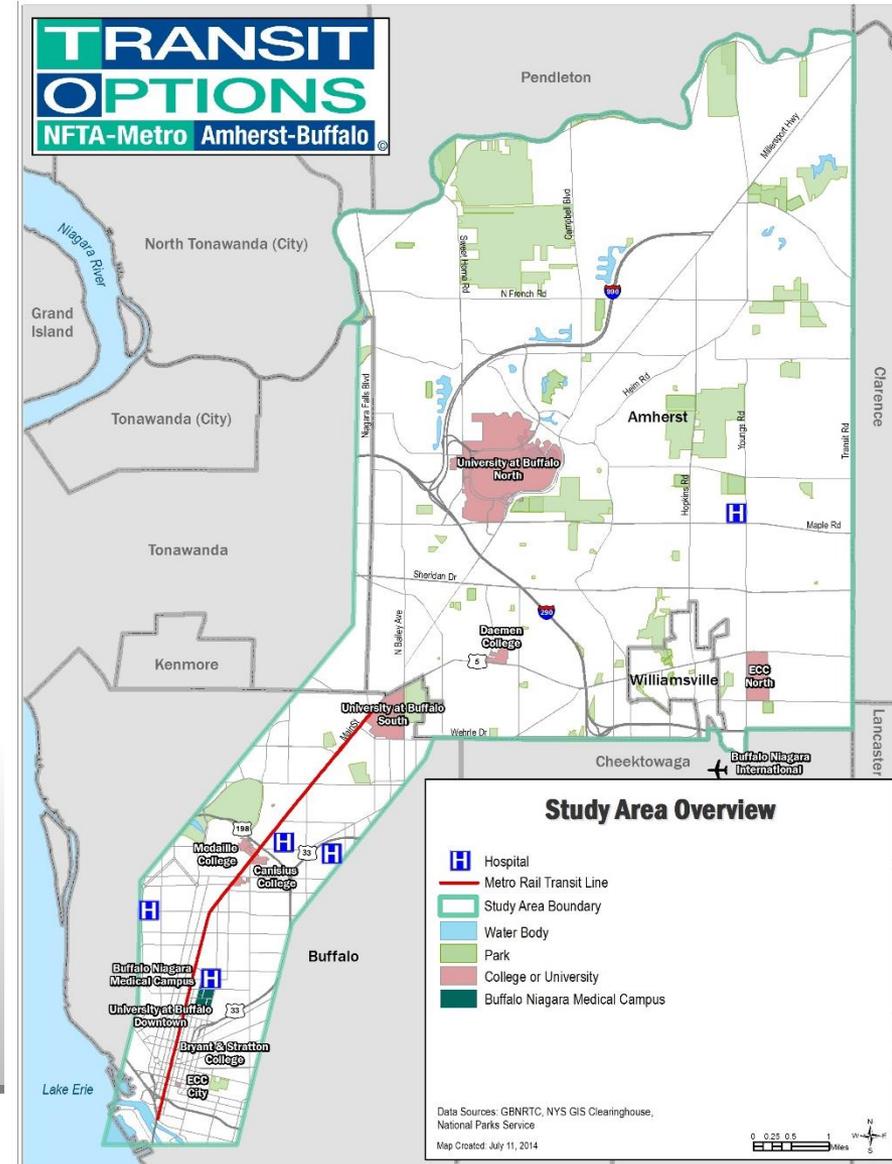
The Engine Behind Development



Transit Options Amherst-Buffalo

Project Purpose and Need

- Provide a fast, reliable, safe, and convenient transit ride
- Link established and emerging activity centers
- Serve increased travel demand
- Support redevelopment and transit-oriented development
- Better serve transit-dependent population segments



Transit Options Amherst-Buffalo

Tier 1 – Fatal Flaw

- Step 1: Establish Long List of Alternatives
- Step 2: Apply Purpose and Need Test and Market Assessment
- Step 3: Reasonable Test #1 and Test #2
- Step 4: Fatal Flaw (Tier 1 Results)

Tier 2 – Conceptual

- Step 1: Identify Alternatives that Advance to Tier 2
- Step 2: Provide High Level Conceptual Engineering & Apply Evaluation Criteria to Screen Alternatives
- Step 3: Conceptual Analysis (Tier 2 Results)

Tier 3 – Detailed

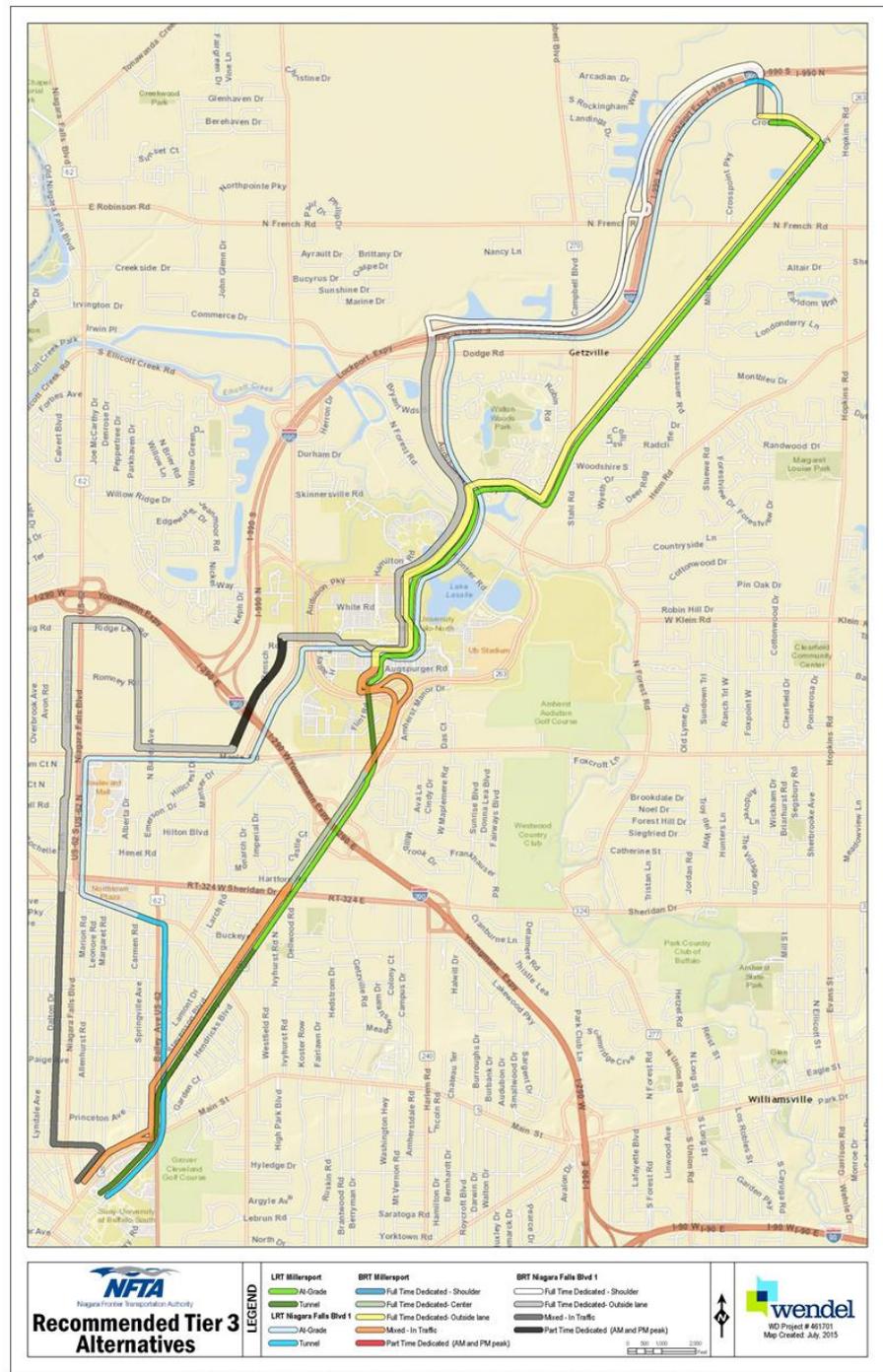
- Step 1: Identify Reasonable Range of Alternatives that Advance to Detailed Level Analysis
- Step 2: Conduct Detailed Definition of Alternatives
- Step 3: Apply Evaluation Criteria to Alternatives
- Step 4: Alternatives Analysis Results (Tier 3 Results)
- Step 5: Recommendation of a Locally Preferred Alternative

We Are Here

Tier 2 Analysis Recommendation

Alternatives that Advanced to Tier 3 Analysis

- Light Rail Transit:
 - Niagara Falls Boulevard
 - Millersport Highway
- Bus Rapid Transit:
 - Niagara Falls Boulevard
 - Millersport Highway
- Enhanced Bus
- Preferential Bus



Transit Options Canalside-Cobblestone

Project Purpose and Need

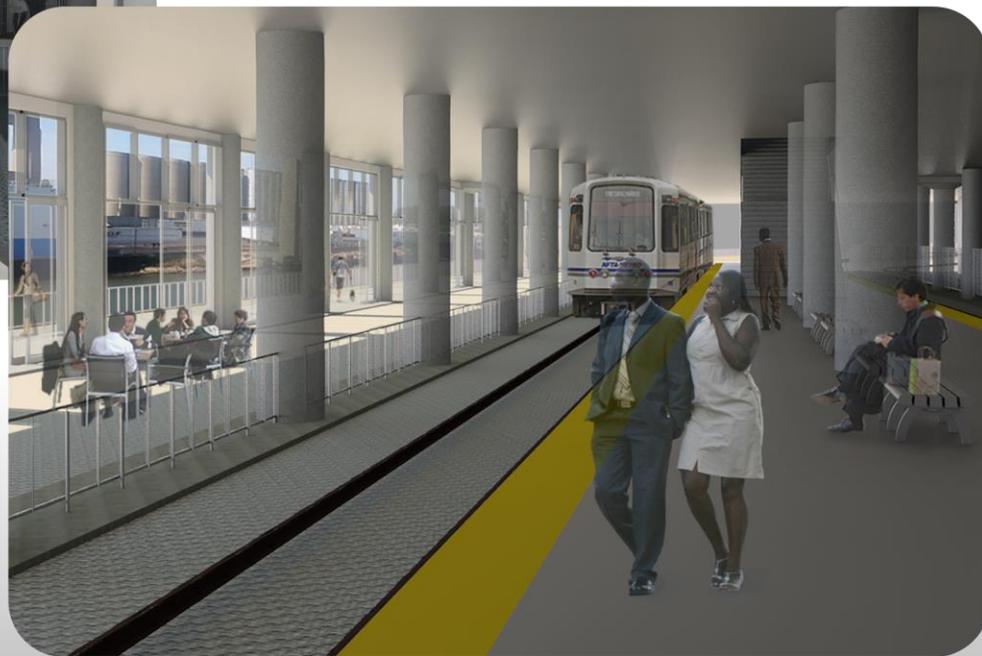
- Serve existing and proposed development in the Canalside and Cobblestone Districts
- Support reuse of the DL&W Terminal
- Expand opportunities for increased revenue that support public transit
- Create opportunities for future light rail transit extension to the East and South



South Park Avenue Alignment



Buffalo River Alignment



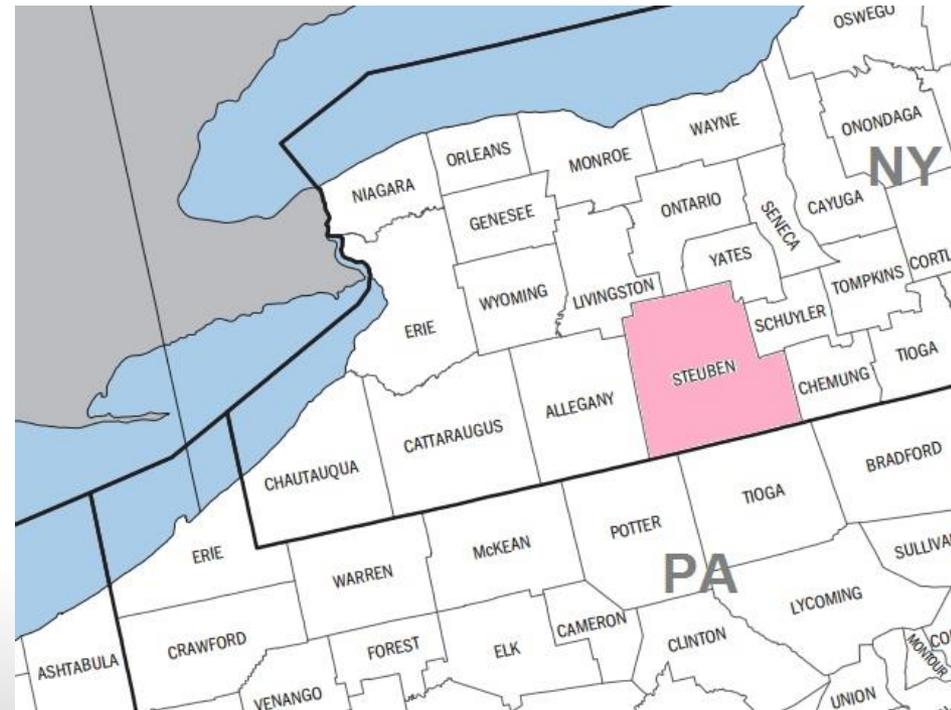
Railcar Rebuild

- 11 rebuilt railcars are in revenue service
- 1 rebuilt railcar is in testing
- 3 railcars are in the rebuild process



Regional Economic Impact

- All primary reconstruction activities take place in the Dansville and Hornell, NY transportation industry corridor
- The project employs private sector employees in the Southern Tier region as well as prime and subcontractors throughout NYS
- Public transportation investments reverberate throughout the upstate economy





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