**Complete Streets Meeting**

**9/20/2013 10:00 am**

**In attendance:** Justin, Doug F., John L., Mark M., Allie, Jim L., Jordan M., Tivona R., Jamie B., Phil H., Gary W., Mark F., Brian D., Alan

| Bicycle Master Plan | - Implementing infrastructure: by the seat of their pants—so why not implement a master plan that will be consistent with One Region Forward, Green Code, etc  
- Awarded grant from NYSERDA to do this; drafting RFQ to get this going, hopefully have it out “this fall”  
- [Jamie] GBNRTC grant: looking at traffic calming measures and various development projects that are happening between Genesee, Jefferson, Best, and Main. BNMC, GBNRTC, city, BETC reps working on this | - Keep Phil and Walking Wednesdays in the loop about GBNRTC grant to help gather resources  
- If anyone on this committee wants to help |

| Scajaquada Expressway – Advocacy Plank | - Developing white paper (draft provided at meeting)  
- [Brian] DOT is having stakeholder process trying to gain support; don’t feel it is comprehensive. Working with Sean Ryan to get advocacy rolling with those who aren’t satisfied with DOT’s current plan, trying to make a unified voice so DOT will listen and make a case against their current plan  
- [Phil] Is there a health component to this?  
- [Brian] Not currently but would probably be helpful to have that  
- [Phil] Air pollution and heart failure studies (Justin will send it out to the group)  
- [Justin] DOT is required to do environmental assessment but not a health assessment so they haven’t dealt with. Any local orgs that are supporting development of health assessment on certain projects that could help to fund it?  
- [Phil] Elements from Tonawanda Coke case could be coming to a head. Ask colleges for resources. If Scajaquada project addresses reduction in air pollution this could be easily studied and not be a “hard science” research | - Brian will be organizing walk through with all of the stakeholders and getting them on board with the white paper and unified; engaging the stakeholders and building the coalition  
- Send out current list of stakeholders to group to ensure no one is missing (please look at list and add folks if you believe they should be included); |
project. Not as much of a health impact that we’re talking about but an economic impact - the cost of diseases are not sustainable
- [Justin] Late 2014 finishing up plan; construction could begin in 2016. Trying to finalize white paper and that community voices are all consistent and supported
- [Brian] Polish up white paper, send it out ~2 weeks out and walk to the corridor just to experience it. Want to make sure everyone who is invited should be invited. Float out list to group in case someone needs to be included
- [Justin] Mayor Brown spoke in support of Sean Ryan’s plan (although his plan isn’t flushed out yet) “Should keep this corridor going fast it will reduce emissions, etc” That is a bit debunked, you make it easy to drive and more people will. Need to make sure public is aware of these statements and that they don’t get confused
- [Alan] Various issues that are “hot” in the community; lots of groups that are on board with Scajaquada Expswy and could have interest in other issues, i.e. Peace Bridge issues, potential development of Outer Harbor, etc. Have lots of groups united behind these issues on the same side, forming a formal coalition between all of these folks in regards to all of these issues could be stronger. Each issue has different timeline, etc and by the time it takes to organize folks behind it it’s a bit too late
- [Justin] Want this group (WNYEA Transportation) to be the ad-hoc group behind this project, we have some weight
- [Alan] Good to have WNYEA on board because of the extensive ‘list of names’ that carry weight, but when it comes to acting in the community there has to be element of an actual campaign that rallies the troops
- [Mark] Do we know where OSP and DPW sit with this issue? Supportive of DOT? Supportive of alternative?
| - [Gary] Informal discussions, but no official statement of their position  
| - [Brian] Not to put words in their mouths... but Pete Merlow is generally supporting of DOT, concerned of getting too radical with changes and unattended consequences (gridlock, where traffic would go in neighborhoods, etc)  
| - [Mark] Think we all are, but need to think it through etc.  
| - [Phil] Is there any sort of end date for decision making?  
| - [Justin] Record of decision in late 2014 and construction potentially beginning in 2016. Our goal is to influence the draft plans that are happening now so when they are looking for funding and community support. Good example! Removing inner loop in Rochester  
| - [Brian] Public hearing for draft environmental study is in February. DOT hasn’t issued final report and when they do they have to announce it to public  
| - [Justin] But NOW is the time to influence them, when they come out with these types of things they usually have reasons why they can’t change their plan  

| Buffalo Green Fund  
| - [Mark] Just starting to develop strategic initiatives for 2014- would like to present to the board coordinating other initiatives (downtown planning, etc) focusing on pocket parks, trying to plant trees where needed... want to coordinate with other groups to see how we can help  
| - Is there anything you think we can do to include in our plan to help the WYNEA Transportation cause?  
| - Next meeting will have a better report for 2014  
| - [Justin] Green Fund has done good job maintaining green spaces downtown but there are lots of opportunities to provide better maintenance on those things. How to we engage people in the process so its not
just weeding, planting etc but to pull in community buy in and make them places for people to utilize

- [Alan] Place-making exercises would be effective; could develop expertise in Buffalo to do these activities ourselves
- [Gary] BUDC (Buffalo Urban Development Corporation) was talking about coming up with design treatment plan for downtown; want to make sure this effort complements their effort

| Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC) | [Jamie] Development study going on, important to make sure all the development studies in the city are coordinating as they do overlap
- Mobility Hub: JARC grant is supposed to come into effect next month, will create a mobility hub on Washington St. First level bicycle complex where members of the community can come and find out about transportation options (should start in October and hear about NYSERDA money in December)
- Want to create green commons area to reinvent and reinvigorate that space
- No design plan yet, but time frame 6 months design and 6 months implementation
- Not only meant for BNMC and surrounding neighborhoods but for metro station as well |

| Riverkeeper | [Mark] Partnering with SUNY ESF on Scajaquada Creek
- Students are looking at evoking creek on surface level through public art; grad students came yesterday (working with Professor Carter and LA students!)
- Tying up two construction projects: Broderick Park and Riverbend
- Revitalization for Riverwalk/shoreline trail is on hold for now (until next year he believes)
- [Mark] Footnote: shoreline trail is official name—prefer to call it Shoreline Trail to brand the whole thing—ties in the two counties, river, lake, and waterfront
- [Alan] Would be great to have group that is |

Submissions from public have been cut off, but if track leaders have ideas of where gaps are, email directly. There is no guarantee it will be fit in but

October 3: Kick off for CNU Conference 6pm at Central Library, all are welcome to be there and shmooze, etc; cast bar at
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| **Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)** | - [Ally] Narrowing down tracks and sessions, figuring out what we want to see for them. Another face-to-face meeting in beginning of October and kick off- CNU kick off is the same night of Environmental Conference kick off (will lose some attendance).  
- Don’t have many sessions that tie in issues with Great Lakes and water issues; mostly received sessions for Green Infrastructure but need something that looks at local issues and impacts on Great Lakes  
- [Justin] Challenge is there are so many good topics how do you weed them out? | Dedicated to implementing a shoreline trail following Lafayette |
| **Alan**                      | - [Alan] Working with professors from looking for potential greenway that would link Larkin District and Red Jacket Park (looking at abandoned railroad corridors)  
- Many groups will have opportunity to be involved with reviewing students work, etc  
- On Sunday morning (meet at 9am at Niagara and Lafayette) doing about 2 hour walk to look at potential heritage loop |  |
| **Gary**                      | - [Gary] City is in middle of capital budgeting process; told they’ll be allowed to bond $19.5 million, the Niagara St. Gateway local match for whole project and will go forward, not sure of timeline for when it is supposed to go forward |  |
| **Citizens for Regional Transit** | - [Doug] Had conference last week, didn’t get many legislators or media but it went well  
- Teaming with Energy and Climate Change working group of WYNEA. Vision is that the waterfront needs some efficient transportation and transit along the shoreline trail |  |
| **Wellness Institute**        | - [Phil] Will be in Washington D.C. beginning of October for International Walking Summit, perhaps will bring back some ideas  
- New Business: Significant growth in college programs here in WNY, in very front stages of |  |
forming WNY Collegiate Health Consortium program; would bring 5-7 colleges together to find out who is doing what and who has expertise in what, etc

| GObike Buffalo | - [Justin] Biketoberfest: Octoberfest on Wednesday October 2\textsuperscript{nd} 5-8pm at Larkinville, $5 to get in. Ten Cent Howl is playing and a 25 piece German Band  
- Re-Tree will be the weekend of November 7\textsuperscript{th} at Seneca St. parking garage—need to be taken off the truck, sorted into species, and separated for groups to pick up. November 8\textsuperscript{th} will be distribution to block clubs; November 9\textsuperscript{th} |

**Adjourn** (time = 11:00 am)

**Next Meeting:** Every third Friday 10 am, Rm 502 City Hall