WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

NFTA invites the public to participate in the scoping process and provide comments on the Metro Rail Expansion project.

Comments must be received by March 10, 2019 to be considered during the scoping process of the project.

Next Steps
Comments received by March 10 will be considered and summarized in the Project Scoping Document, which will be posted on the project website (http://nftametrorailexpansion.com/).

Interested stakeholders, including the general public, will have further opportunity for participation and comment during the development of the Draft EIS. Check the project website regularly for updates on formal meetings and pop-up engagement.

Comment during the scoping meeting:
Attend the February 12 scoping meeting and record your comment with a stenographer and/or fill out a comment card.

Submit comments online or by email:
www.NFTAMetroRailExpansion.com
railx@nfta.com

Mail comments to:
Metro Rail Expansion Project
Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
181 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

The purpose of the project is to provide a fast, reliable, safe, and convenient transit ride in the Metro Rail Expansion corridor. The need for improved transit service has three main components:

Serve increased travel demand
Provide high-quality service to key activity centers
Improve service for transit-dependent populations

METRO RAIL EXPANSION ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING

Project Overview
The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) is proposing to expand the existing light rail transit (LRT) (Metro Rail) from University Station for approximately 7 miles.

SCOPING MEETING
February 12, 2019 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Formal Presentation at 5:30 PM
Sweet Home Middle School
4150 Maple Road, Amherst, NY
An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EIS will document the potential effects of the Locally Preferred Alternative (Proposed Action) and mitigation measures for any adverse effects. As the lead agency, NFTA will provide meaningful opportunities for public participation during the environmental review process. Scoping is the first opportunity to seek input from the public on the scope of issues to be addressed by the project.

**Social, Economic, and Environmental Considerations**

NFTA will evaluate the potential effects of the Metro Rail Expansion in the following subject areas:

- Land Use, Zoning, and Community Character
- Socioeconomic and Environmental Justice
- Historic, Cultural, and Recreational Resources
- Visual Resources
- Surface Water and Wetlands
- General Ecology and Endangered Species
- Air Quality, Noise, and Vibration
- Construction Effects

**KEY FEATURES:**

- 7 miles
- 9 proposed stations
- Serves key activity centers
- Connects UB campuses

From University Station, the Locally Preferred Alternative would travel underground along Kenmore Avenue and onto Niagara Falls Boulevard where it would surface through a portal just north of Kenilworth Avenue and continue along Niagara Falls Boulevard to Maple Road to Sweet Home Road, onto and through the UB North Campus to Audubon Parkway, and terminate near the I-990 interchange. A light maintenance/storage facility is proposed at the end of the line.