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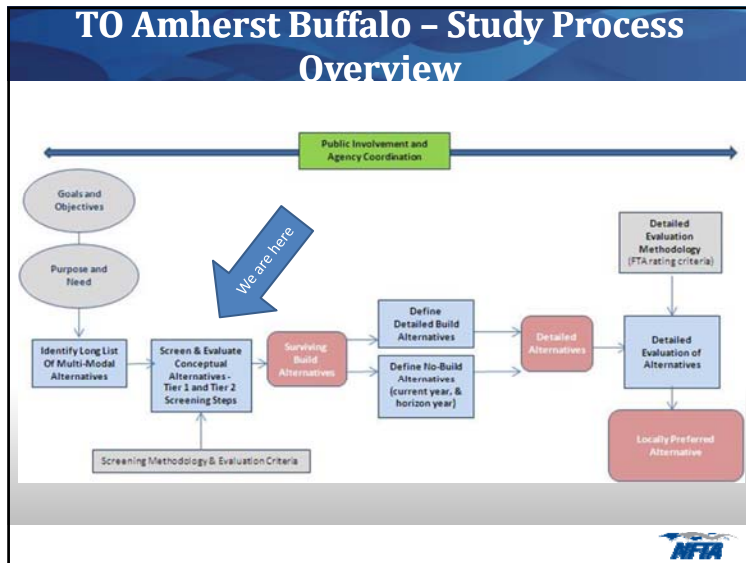
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TRANSIT OPTIONS
NFTA-Metro Amherst-Buffalo

Public transportation opportunities for the
Amherst-Buffalo Corridor

Transit Options – Amherst Buffalo

- Purpose and Need
 - Provide a fast, reliable, safe, and convenient transit ride in the Amherst-Buffalo Corridor
 - Link established and emerging activity centers
 - Serve increased travel demand
 - Support redevelopment and other economic development opportunities
 - Better serve transit-dependent population segments

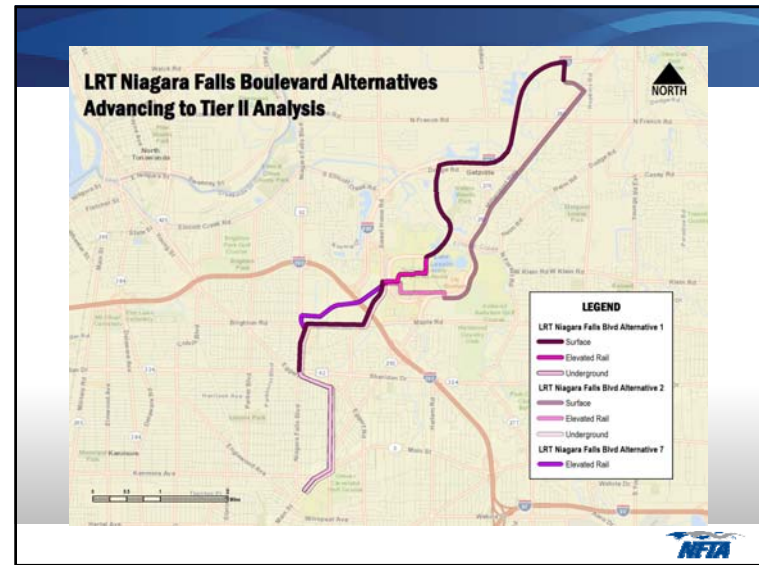
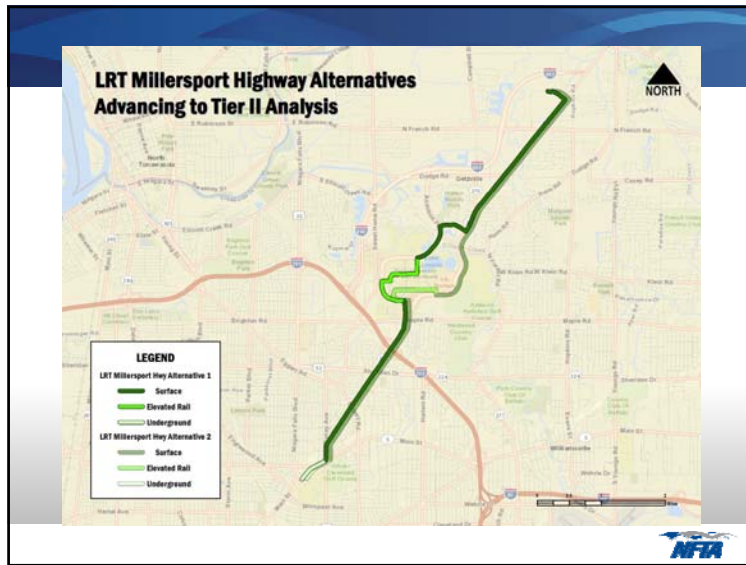
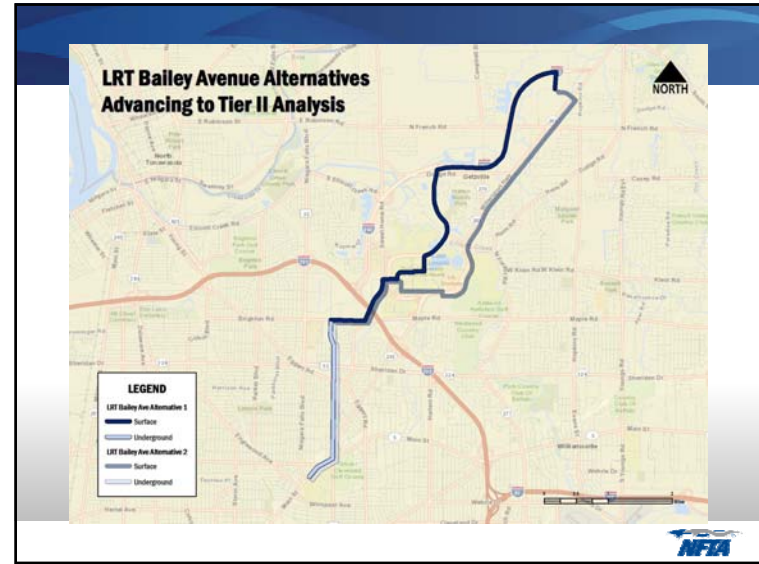


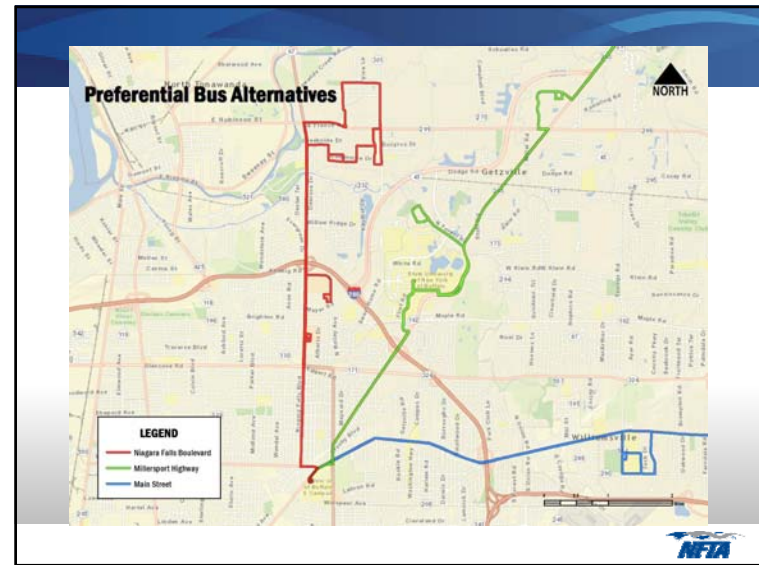
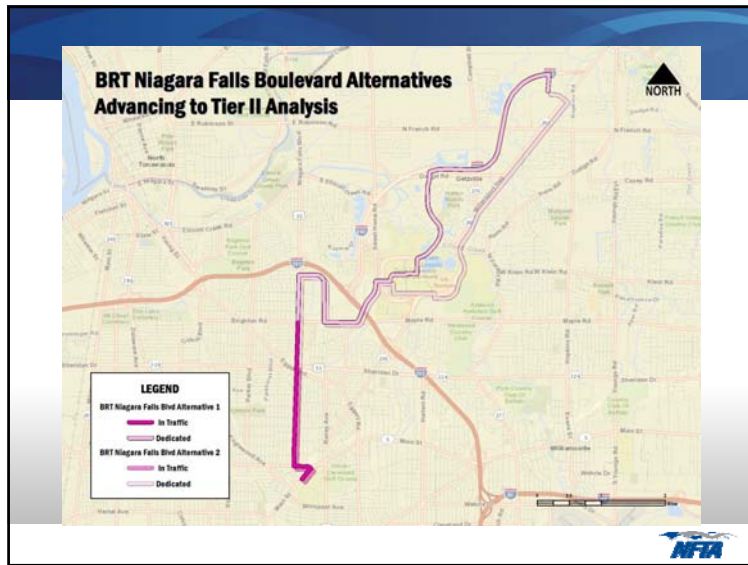
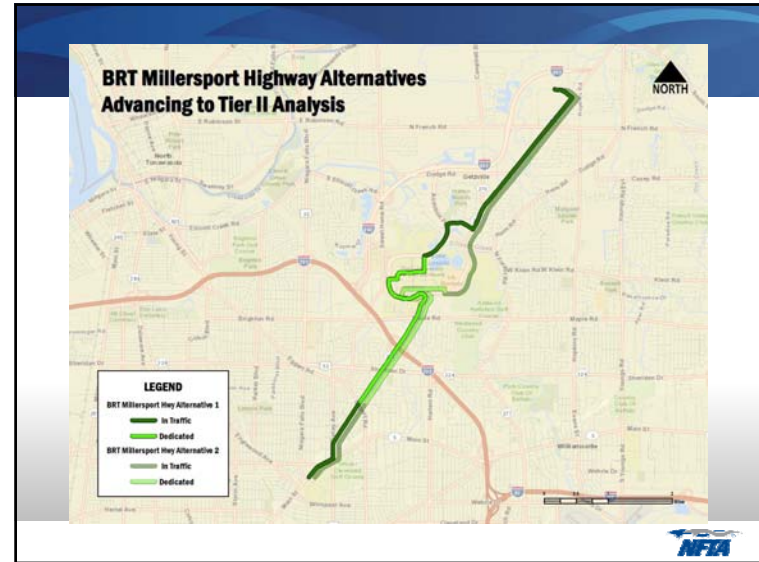
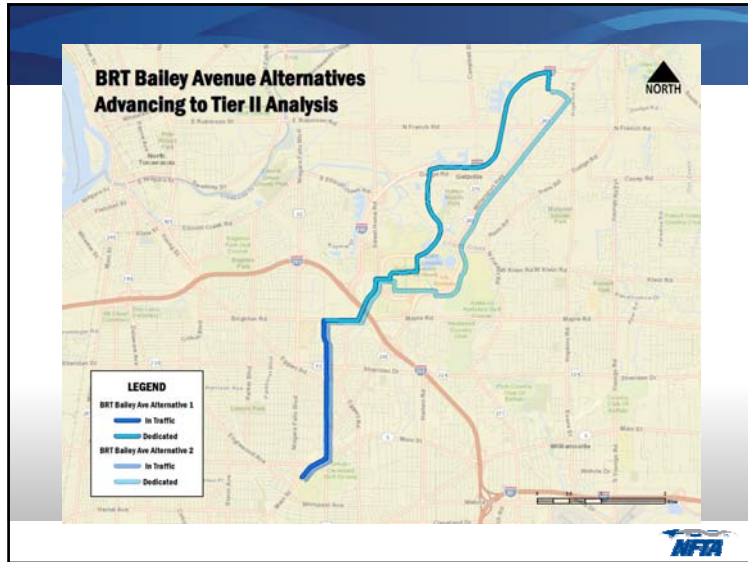
Transit Options – Progress to Date

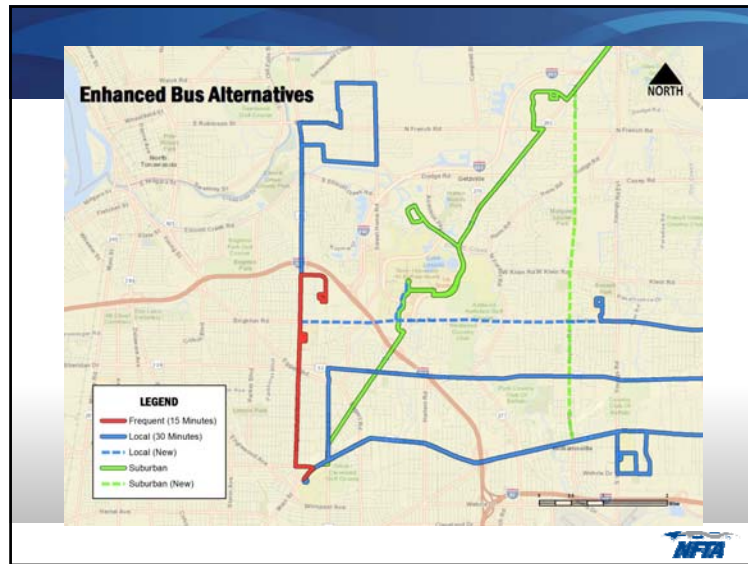
- Continuous collaboration with local committees and stakeholders and participation in community events
- Public Open Houses – November 2013
- Developed draft Purpose and Need Statement
- Developed Screening and Evaluation Methodology
- Identified Long List of Alternatives
- Conducted Tier I Analysis
- Reviewed and identified ridership forecasting approach then met with FTA to discuss (STOPS model)
- Developed Criteria for and Preliminary Station and Stop Locations
- Developed Existing and Future Conditions No Build Report

Tier I Analysis

- Began with Long List of Alternatives (36)
- Tier I Analysis results - 15 Alternatives
 - Mode Alternatives:
 - Light Rail Transit (LRT), Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Preferential Bus Service and Enhanced Bus Service
 - Alignment Alternatives:
 - Bailey Avenue, Millersport Highway, and Niagara Falls Blvd.







Transit Options – Immediate Next Steps

- Hold Public Outreach Meeting – September 30th
- University at Buffalo On-Board Bus Survey – October
- Develop Tier II Alternatives
 - Develop conceptual service plan, running times, station locations, parking
- Conduct Tier II Screening of Alternatives
 - Develop ridership estimates using STOPS
 - Develop order of magnitude capital cost
 - Develop impact assessment

