

PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An Advisory Committee of Main Street representatives has been assembled by the Mayor to work with the project designers on an ongoing basis.

Meetings have been held by the Advisory Committee and Design Team members to organize the design work and refine the scope of the project.

The following is a list of the Advisory Committee members:

Name	Representing
Keith Belanger	M & T Bank, Buffalo Place Inc
Steven Carmina	Carmina & Wood Architects
Stephen Fitzmaurice	Seneca Realty LLC, Buffalo Place Inc
Donna M. Gonser	Lumsden & McCormick, LLP, Working for Downtown
William Jones	City View Properties, Main St. Resident
Danielle Jacobs	Ellicott Development Corporation
Bonnie Lockwood	Rep. Brian Higgins
Sheila Lopez	Main St. Resident
Mary Martino	NFTA Board of Directors, Buffalo Place Inc
Paul Murphy	Buffalo Convention Ctr
Chuck Rosenow	Erie Canal Harbor Corp
Sue Sweet	Main Seneca Corporation
Timothy Wanamaker	City Office of Strategic Planning

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PROJECT DESIGN TEAM

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH
URS CORPORATION
FOIT-ALBERT ASSOCIATES
MATHEWS NIELSEN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

INTRODUCTION

The City of Buffalo, in conjunction with Buffalo Place and NFTA, has been working on the Preliminary Engineering Design for the Cars sharing Main Street project. The City of Buffalo Department of Public Works is the lead agency and DiDonato Associates has been retained as the lead design firm and has been working on the project since September 2005.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES & GOALS

The primary objective of the project is to reopen Main Street to two-way vehicular traffic from Scott Street to Goodell Street through the implementation of the preferred alternative identified in the Environmental Assessment (EA), the *Share the Trackbed Alternative*. This alternative will allow the cars to share the trackbed with Light Rail.

The project goals are to stimulate economic development in downtown Buffalo, increase multi-modal access options and transit ridership, and to improve the quality of life in downtown Buffalo. This will be achieved through providing an attractive, functional streetscape appropriate to a pedestrian street, adding animation and vitality during off-peak hours, supporting first floor occupancy by making Main Street buildings visible to drivers and pedestrians and by providing user friendly short-term curb parking.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Preliminary Engineering Design will determine the design and location of the Metro Rail stations and the design of an attractive pedestrian-scale streetscape. It will also determine how traffic signals and curb parking spaces will be incorporated, and will coordinate with developments on lower Main Street.



The major design elements of the project will consist of the following:

- ❖ TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
- ❖ STREETScape / URBAN DESIGN
- ❖ TRACK BED & RAIL ELEMENTS
- ❖ STATION DESIGN
- ❖ ROADWAY GEOMETRY
- ❖ ACCESSIBILITY/ADA COMPLIANCE
- ❖ SAFETY & SECURITY MEASURES



The Design Team has been gathering and reviewing existing information, documents, and studies. A topographic survey has been completed of the entire project area and base mapping has also been developed.

A Main Street usage survey/questionnaire was developed and given to property and key business owners on Main Street asking for detailed information to aid in the design effort.

PROJECT DESIGN TEAM

DiDonato Associates has formed a Design Team including URS Corporation, Foit-Albert Associates, and Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architecture. All of these companies are either located on or near Main Street or have recent experience on a Main Street project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The following is a time line and the key milestones of the project:

September 1998

Feasibility Study for Accommodating Motor Vehicles within the Pedestrian Mall on Main Street

August 2001

Cars Sharing Main Street Analysis - Issues & Goals

January 2003

City of Buffalo Main Street Multi-Modal Access and Revitalization Project, Final EA

November 2004

Federal Transportation Authority Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Design

April 2005

City of Buffalo Request for Proposals for Preliminary Design

June 2005

Selection of DiDonato Associate, P.E., P.C. Design team as Preferred Consultants for Preliminary Design

September 2005

Design Team begins Preliminary Design

December 2005

Base Mapping completed

January 2006

Scope Summary Memorandum for the project completed

February 2006

First Public Information Meeting

Spring 2006

Preliminary Design Document Anticipated

Spring 2006

Public Information Meeting for Design Concepts

Spring 2006

Finalize Design Concepts & Issues for Design Documents

Summer 2006

Preliminary Design to be completed